# THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers o "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in

this department free. 2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. 3rd.—In Veterinary questions the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given. 4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

### Veterinary.

## RESULTS OF JOINT ILL.

Colt born in May, 1910, suffered from joint ill. Our veterinarian treated by the hypodermic injection of serum. The colt recovered, but there remained lumps on left knee and right hock. I have blistered the joints and had them treated by my veterinarian, but it is still L. F. lame.

Ans .- The articular cartilage of the bones of the joints were destroyed by the disease, and it is not probable the colt will ever go sound, or that the lumps can be removed. All that can be done is to get your veterinarian to fire and blister the affected joints.

#### FATALITY IN MARE, ETC.

1. Old mare had a cough during the summer, and became very weak and thin. She had a nasal discharge with a foul odor. She died. We have thoroughly disinfected wherever she was. What was the trouble, and is it contagious?

2. I have been told that boiled oats are harder to digest than whole oats. Is that so? We are feeding our weanlings boiled oats once daily. MRS. W. B.

Ans.-1. The trouble was probably nasal gleet, caused by a decaying tooth. It is not infectious.

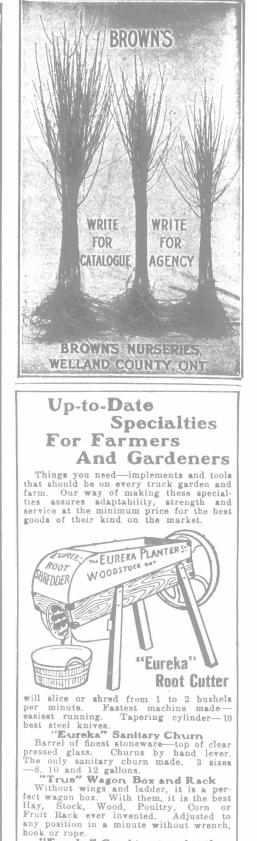
2. A constant ration of boiled oats is apt to cause digestive trouble, but one feed of them daily gives good results. especially in idle horses or youngsters

#### Miscellaneous.

#### RUSSIAN THISTLE.

Enclosed you will find a part of a plant which I am unable to name. A neighbor got a quantity of alfalfa seed last spring and it contained a great deal of the same seed as the enclosed plant, and he has been busy all season pulling it out. It somewhat resembles the Russian tumble weed in appearance, and also has a reddish veining, as the tumble weed has. I believe it to be a foreign plant, and a very formidable one

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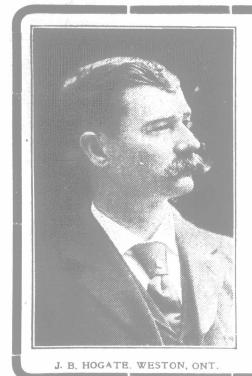


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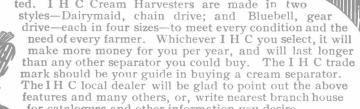
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should like to know the name and par ticulars about it. D. A. G.

Ans.-The enclosed specimen is a por tion of the weed Russian thistle (Salsola kali var. tenuifolia). It is sometimes known as Russian tumbleweed, or Russian cactus. It has been introduced from Asia, and is a bushy annual, haying a prickly appearance, due to the thin, long, prickle-tipped leaves in the young plant and the spiny bracts on the flowering branches of the older plants. The young plant is described as dark green, and the slender leaves drop off as soon as seed is formed. The older plant presents a somewhat spherical appear ance, and is often reddish streaked. is easily blown by the wind. The seed is about 1-16 of an inch in diameter, cone-shaped, and the large end is con cave, with a well-marked protuberance in the center of the cavity. It is usu ally enclosed in a papery envelope. Th coat itself is thin and transparent, show ing the grayish-brown coiled germ. It is a rank grower, and draws much moisture from the land. Where practi cable hand pulling is advisable. It i easily killed when young by harrowin the growing crop. Where winter whe is grown successfully, 'tostan 1651 presents little difficult susceptible to the action of the Rotation of crops and in accessional mer-fallowing will aid in

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