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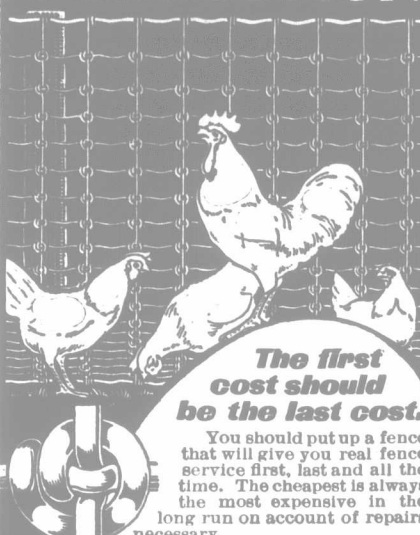
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

### BUMBLEFOOT AND GOITRE.

1. I have a fine cockerel with a badly-swollen foot. I think it is "bumble-foot." How should it be treated?
2. I have a colt with a small lump on each side of its throat. It has been so from birth. Will it go away as the colt grows, or should it be treated?

R. J. M.

Ans.—1. The swelling is likely bumble-foot. This trouble is often caused by high perches, in alighting from which the fowls injure their feet. The skin hardens, and in neglected cases an abscess forms. Unless the fowls are handled frequently, bumblefoot is not often noticed until the bird becomes lame, and by that time the abscess is usually formed. The disease, if neglected, may extend upwards in the leg, affecting the joints, and ultimately causing death. A fowl which has once had bumblefoot is of little more use, as the lameness is liable to return any time, and birds suffering from the trouble, are seldom, if ever, profitable producers. Frequent application of crude petroleum is a good remedy in the early stages. If the trouble is neglected until an abscess forms, it must be opened and thoroughly washed out with warm water containing a little carbolic acid and carbolated vaseline applied daily to the wound until a cure is effected.

2. This is likely goitre. In many cases these enlargements of glands gradually disappear without treatment. Rub well once daily with an ointment made of two drams each of iodide and iodine of potassium, mixed with two ounces of vaseline.

### LUMP ON COW—WARBLES—PREPARING ROOT LAND.

1. I have a pure-bred Holstein cow that has a lump on left side of left hind leg. This lump is about the size of your fist, and it is quite soft. It has been there for at least a month, and, as far as I can see, I think it came from a scratch from lying down. I was told by some people that they thought this lump contained joint oil. Will you kindly tell me in the next issue what is to be done for a case like this?
2. Will you kindly tell me what is good for such things as worms on the cattle's back?
3. Do you advise harrowing a piece of land in the fall, manuring it the same fall, and then in the spring disk harrowing over manure for turnips and mangels?

H. M.

Ans.—1. The lump is likely the result of injury from the cow lying down on the hock. Being soft, it likely contains pus, which could be let out by opening. If opened, the wound should be thoroughly washed out with warm water containing a little carbolic acid. If it does not contain pus, bathing with hot water twice daily and applying an absorbent liniment might remove it. If the swelling is the result of a scratch it should not be hard to treat, but if the joint is badly injured, it might be advisable to employ a veterinarian.

2. We presume warbles are meant in this question. These are the larvæ of the warble fly. It is well to squeeze them out and destroy them as soon as they can be easily removed in this way. Smearing the openings in the cattle's hides with grease, or a mixture of tar and grease prevents the grubs getting air, and destroys them.

3. Where the manure is on hand, applying it in the fall and working it lightly into the soil, gains much time with the root land in the spring, and is especially valuable for mangels, which require early planting. A better plan than harrowing the land down flat would be to ridge it up, as it dries much more quickly in the spring, and the frost also gets a better chance to act upon it. Disking, cultivating and harrowing, practiced on this in the spring, should make a good seed-bed for root crops.

### Veterinary.

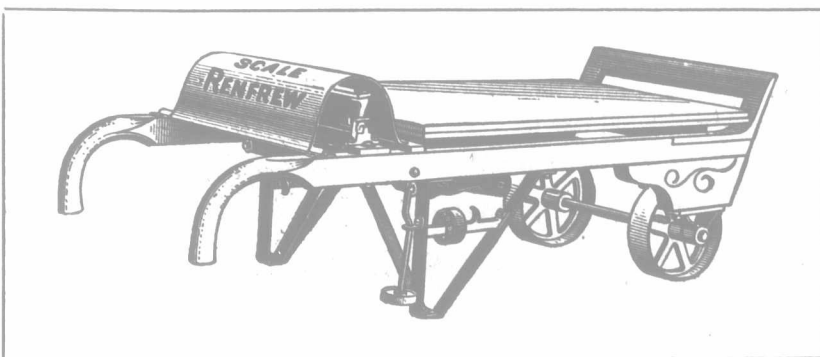
#### NERVOUS TROUBLE.

Spaniel puppy shakes and twitches. This is noticed principally in hind legs.

O. H. M.

Ans.—This nervous condition often appears as a sequel to distemper, but may occur without appreciable cause. Give him ½ ounce castor oil, and follow up with 5 grains bromide of potassium four times daily. Feed no meat.

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