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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Milking Machines

Kindly let me know if there is a milking machine on the market, also the price, and what work it will do.—S.S.C.

For a number of years scientists and others have been working on the production of a satisfactory milking machine. In the majority of cases failure has resulted. Within the past few years, however, a machine has been perfected in Scotland that, according to reports and tests made, seems to do the work of milking very well. It is known as the Lawrence Kennedy machine. This machine has lately been introduced into America, and arrangements, we learn, are under way to push its sale in Canada. D. H. Burrell & Co., Little Falls, N. Y., are the American agents, from whom the price and full particulars may be obtained. Another milking machine that is said to do satisfactory work is made by P. M. Sharples, West Chester, Penn.

Sick Horse

I have a mare to years old. She has panting spells and a white, frothy discharge at the nostrils. Is there any cure? She don't act in the least as if she had the heaves.—G.S. Uxbridge, Ont.

From the symptoms given, the mare is probably suffering from an obstruction in the upper air passages,

probably some tumor-like growth. It is not a case of heaves as the lungs are not affected. The remedy is to remove the cause. If allowed to remain it may become chronic and produce something more serious. Keep the mare from exposure, feed on soft feeds, give a teaspoonful of saltpetre night and morning in a bran mash. It will be better also to give the mare a rest. Unless the animal has sufficient strength to throw off the trouble, it might be necessary to remove the growth, in which case a competent veterinary surgeon should be called in.

String-Halt

I have a horse about ten years old slightly affected with string-halt. Do you know of anything that would help him?—B.S.R., York Co., Ont.

String or spring-halt as it is sometimes called is generally considered incurable. It is a purely nervous affection in which the cause cannot be definitely located. If the spring-halt is only of recent origin treatment might be advisable looking to the general health of the animal. See that the hygienic conditions of the stable are good; give regular exercise and laxative food. Surgical operations have been successfully performed to cure string-halt of late years, which, however, would have to be done by some skilled veterinarian.

ABOUT RURAL LAW

In this column will be answered for subscribers, free of charge, questions of law. Make your questions brief and to the point. This column is in charge of a competent lawyer, who will, from time to time, publish herein notes on current legal matters of interest to farmers. Address your communications to "Legal Column," The Farming World, Toronto.

Payment for Bush Sold

Q. I sold A a bush. He paid one-twelfth of the money down, the balance to be paid in 30 days. A took possession of the bush, and cut some wood and drew some away, and he failed to pay the balance when it came due. I then gave him longer time, and when it came due the second time he produced a written agreement for me to sign different from our original bargain, which was a verbal one, and I would not sign it because it was not in accordance with the original bargain. He now refuses to pay the balance and threatens to sue me for the money already paid me. 1. Can I keep the money that has been paid and obtain possession of the bush again? 2. How long will a verbal agreement stand good?—R. A. R.

A. 1. We assume that the land as well as the timber was sold. A verbal agreement for the sale of land is invalid. But if anything is done under it, the courts sometimes construe this as part performance, and hold

that that is sufficient proof of the contract which they will then enforce. We think what was done here would constitute part performance, and you could sue A for the balance of the price. If, however, you want your bush back, and can get possession of it, do so and retain the money which you hold as damages for the wood which A has taken. If he sues you for it, counterclaim for damages for the wood taken. A cannot then justify his action unless he admits the contract. 2. As already stated a verbal contract for the sale of land is invalid. A verbal contract of valid as all is as valid and lasting as a written one, but no verbal contract which is not to be performed within a year from the making thereof is valid.

A Hired Man's Complaint

A correspondent writes as follows: Dear Editor.—Will you please allow me to ask you a question. I am a farm hand, and publish answers in next month's paper? Upon looking over the pages of your valuable paper I find lines therein announcing that there are no holidays for a poor laboring man. I wish to ask if this, our beloved Canada has got the poor working man down so low that he is not allowed to hold Dominion Day as a holiday if he wishes? Also please answer another fool's question, if you will. What necessary hours does a man have to put in for a day's work in this beautiful country of ours? Is a man obliged to get up at five o'clock in the morning and continue work until nine o'clock at night in order to earn \$20 a month? or is there any special time mentioned in our land of the free and home of the brave? Again, if a poor working man that works every day as before mentioned, and takes a holiday on the first of July, can his employer charge him \$1 or \$2, just as he pleases for his lost time?—N.A.S.

A. 1. As stated in a former issue, the question of holidays or no holidays is all a matter of contract or usage. If a man when entering on an employment contracts for holidays, he is entitled to them, otherwise, not; unless there is some well-established usage in his particular trade which could be construed as an implied term in the contract. Possibly he might take Dominion Day, but in the absence of some custom to that effect we think the employer would be entitled to dock him for it. How, say, would you think anyone would be so mean as to do so?

The same rule applies as to the number of hours a day he will have to work. If he contracts to work from five a.m. till nine p.m. for \$20 per month he will have to do it or he will not have become entitled to his \$20. The number of hours of work should be arranged at the time of entering on the employment.

The employer is entitled to dock him at the same rate per day as he has agreed to pay him. For instance, if he pays him \$1 a day, and he is absent five days, he can dock him \$5.

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