

actly what I do when I send an order to a mail order house,—they, wherever they can get the most for their money.

I know that this letter will sound like the argument of an advocate, rather than of one who is willing to consider two sides of the question. Then let me put in a word for the merchant. I recognize that we are apt to be carried too far in this mail order business. We need our country merchants, and if the merchant is willing to give service and is doing his best to meet mail order competition, let us keep tab on his prices and give him the best chance possible. If he is doing his best he can meet mail order competition on almost all lines of his goods. But no merchant is giving his good farmer customers a chance when he insists that they pay his bad debts, enable him to live on a scale beyond anything warranted by his business and refuses to make different prices for delivery versus for the counter trade. This letter is intended to be as much for the merchants who may read it as for the farmer readers of Farm and Dairy whom I know will see it.

Month's Furlough for Spring Work

A MISTKA order published on March 10 announces that commanding officers of expeditionary units are allowed to give non-commissioned officers and men in training in Canada one month's furlough for the purpose of enabling them to take part in the seeding, plowing, etc. The conditions attached to the furlough are that the men must be of good character, that leave will be granted only on proof that a furlough of work has actually been obtained, and that on return from work each man must produce a certificate from the person or persons for whom he has been working, confirmed under the signature of clergyman or of two responsible persons resident in the vicinity of the home in question, or else a certificate signed by himself to the effect that he has been working on his own land.

The men thus allowed off to help in the first stages of planting in this year's campaign will be provided with locally not exceeding three hundred miles from the training camp, and they must wear their working suits, leaving their military clothing and equipment with their respective units.

Conjunctive Abortion

I HAVE read with interest the articles by Dr. W. L. Williams on Conjunctive Abortion, as this is something all breeders should and already looking for a preventative. However there are some questions I would like answered, either direct or through your column. (1) What is Lugo's solution? (2) Where can it be bought? (3) What would be the proper treatment by a veterinarian in case of retained foetus or abortion occurs.—"Breeder."

Lugo's solution is the compound iodine solution of the United States Pharmacopoeia. It consists of: Six troy grains iodine crystals, one and one-half troy ounces potassium iodide, and one pint water. It can be made by any pharmacist, or for that matter any person who can have a druggist weigh out the iodine and the potassium iodide, and can then measure out a pint of water.

Your third question, "What would be the proper treatment by a veterinarian in case of retained after-birth, or when abortion occurs?" is unanswerable except by the veterinarian on the spot. There are some general rules which might be laid down, but after all the men on the spot would have to judge regarding which rule to apply.—W. L. Williams, N. Y. State Veterinary College.

Feeding for Official Records

THE article in the Feb. 24th issue of Farm and Dairy on "Feeding and Fitting for Official Records," was much appreciated. I would like to know if Mr. Cherry's answer to question

two where 15 lbs. equal parts of oat chop, bran and oil cake are mentioned, does he mean by measure or by weight. Some breeders also say oil meal while others the same thing. Are they referring to the same thing, or does oil meal mean Housed meal—V. H. Hutton Co., Ont.

The measure is never an accurate method of apportioning the different feeds in the ration of a dairy cow, and when Mr. Cherry mentions equal parts of oat chop, bran and oil cake, he means equal parts by weight. We believe that this was true of all the other feeders whose experiences were given in the article, "Feeding and Fitting for Official Records." The oil meal and oil cake meal referred to are the same thing.

Left Behind

A N Irishman got out of the car at a railroad station for refreshments, but the bell rang and the train left before he had finished. "Hould on!" cried that, as he ran like a madman after the train. "Hould on, ye murderin' old stamo engine—ye've got a passenger on board that's left behind!"

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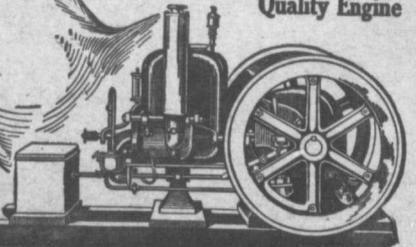
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