

## Questions & Answers

### GENERAL

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### DEHORNED ANIMALS IN RING

Are dehorned cattle shown in the prize ring at the big fairs, such as Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and New Westminster?—H. G.

Ans.—There is no rule to prevent a man from exhibiting a purebred animal from which the horns have been removed. However, this would count against the animal and it is seldom that dehorned animals of pure-breeding are found in the ring at big shows.

### BROME IN LOW PLACES

I have a river flat that can not be drained, and is useless now. It dries up during the summer, but not in time for a grain crop.—BIRTLER READER.

Ans.—When I took over the experimental farm at Brandon there were several spots similar to the one you mention; all were useless and unsightly. I plowed them up as soon as they were dry, worked the land well with the disk harrow, and sowed them to brome grass. I got a good catch, and by fall the grass was well rooted and is there still. These spots give a large yield of hay each year, and are now quite presentable instead of being an eyesore. You will understand, however, that it is almost impossible to get rid of the brome in such rich moist soil. M. A. C. S. A. BEDFORD.

### COST OF VETERINARY COURSE

1. How much would it cost a man, starting with a limited education to complete a three-year veterinary course? 2. What college would you advise? 3. Would a three-year course be sufficient to begin practicing with? Sask. J. R. H.

Ans. 1. The cost at the Ontario Veterinary College, which is the leading institution of its kind in the Dominion, is \$60 per session, which for the three-year course would amount to \$180. Add to this about \$120 for incidentals, books and dissection material, and the total, \$300, will about cover a three-year course, so far as tuition and college expenses are concerned. Board and room will cost \$4 to \$5 per week and six months constitutes a college year. 2. Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto. 3. Yes.

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### VETERINARY

Enquiries dealing with matters of a veterinary nature are answered through our columns by a competent veterinarian free of charge to bona-fide subscribers. Details and symptoms must be fully and clearly stated on only one side of the paper. Full name and address of the writer must accompany each query, as a guarantee of good faith but not necessarily for publication. When a reply is required by mail one dollar (\$1.00) must be enclosed.

### ABORTION IN MARES

I see on page 786 of your issue of May 25 a reference to contagious abortion in mares. After reading it over and noting what is said I thought I would write you a few lines, not to find any fault with what has been said, but to tell something of what I know about it in Alberta. I have been in the field with it for nearly two years, and I have seen it in all forms. At first the horses have a little cough; then distemper in all forms you can think of—swellings under the jaws and anywhere on the body. This will be seen in the younger horses and a good many older ones, and it doesn't miss all that have had the distemper before, for I have seen all ages have it. Some have the cough and no swelling, and then influenza sets in and temperatures go up, and away

goes the colt, ranch mares or work mares just the same. I have seen a bunch have it in the spring and some aborted and some foaled to their time, and the colt would live from one hour to forty-eight hours, and die. Some colts would be all right till they took this distemper and they die. It depends on the stage it strikes them. The mare will carry her foal all right the next year, and it is safe to breed her a month after she aborts. I have seen colts this spring. More than that, it doesn't strike that same bunch a second time. The young mares are all right the next year, same as older ones. I mean two-year-olds and three-year-olds that are bred after they have had it.

This trouble is going south and west from here. I do not think the stallion will spread the disease. I would like to know how to prevent this in a bunch of say from 50 to 100 head on the range. How am I to know if I buy one or a small bunch of mares if any of them have aborted? If I ask if any of them aborted I am told no; they missed this year. The man may be telling the truth, as far as he knows, for there are many dead fetuses dropped on the open range, and I never saw the man that owned one of them. Is he going to burn any if he does find one or twenty? No! Then, if he knows it is his, what is he going to do with the disinfection on 10 or 50 wild mares? I would like to see it done. This I will say, if a storm strikes your bunch at this time you may lose one or two.—B. HIBBERT, ALBERTA.

Ans.—Abortion will be discussed in full in our issue of June 29.

### HEN HAS RHEUMATISM

I have a sick hen. She seems unable to stand and she sets or lies down with her toes turned under. She seems to be in pain; is very thin, but comb is still red. Eats very little. Can you tell me what is wrong with her, or what to do for her?—C. H.

Ans.—Your hen seems to be suffering from rheumatism. Probably now that the weather has become warm she may get well. Give her 5 grains of salicylate of soda, mixed with damp oatmeal three times a day. Keep her in a nice airy place, and not exposed to the sun. Attend to your poultry house. There may be something wrong there.

### GARGET

Cow, seven years old, has become very sore in her udder. It seems to affect one of her teats, which gives thick, dark colored milk, but the other three teats are all right. Several people in this district have the same trouble with several of their cows. Cow was in good shape until the grass came. Then she had the scours and went down in flesh, and went lame in the hind-quarters. I bathed her udder with salt and water, and after that tried white oil, but the swelling doesn't seem to come down. What is the best treatment? What was the cause?—W. S.

Ans.—The cow has eaten some irritating plant while on pasture, which has set up an inflammatory condition of the quarter. Give her a physic of Epsom salts, from 1 to 2 pounds, according to size and age of the animal; a pint of molasses, and 1 ounce of powdered ginger. Dissolve all the ingredients in three pints of warm water. Give slowly as a drench at one dose. Bathe the quarter well with warm water three times a day for an hour at a time. Then gently rub the affected quarter with camphorated oil. It may be necessary to use a milk syphon to drain the quarter.

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Publican—"And how do you like being married, John?"

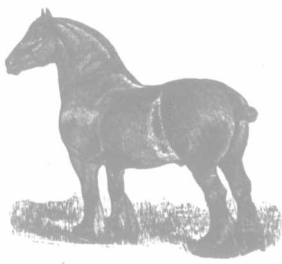
John—"Don't like it at all."

Publican—"Why, what's the matter with you, John?"

John—"Well, first thing in the morning it's money; when I goes 'ome to my dinner it's money again, and at supper it's the same. Nothing but money, money, money!"

Publican—"Well, I never! What do she do with all that money?"

John—"I dunno. I ain't given her any yet."



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ARY GILMOUR.

### ADDLING

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### BIRDS

thy:—My sister -day from your ould like one; it he letters in the the Boys' Club. e improving. It ce I wrote. l if any member rs. I do. The here are crocus, marigold, shoot- ld iris, daisy, sun- don't know the

a lot of wild fruit, came when the and killed them. Is' nests. There round. A tomtit n an old buffalo e wall of our shed. e to build, Cousin

There is no school own in the winter are on the ranch three sisters and ve a colt we call read the book Cousin Dorothy? making my letter with two riddles: n rolling down a n duty? Ans.— g. wear a white cap? ad warm.

SUNSHINE.

3en-Hur. It is a funny place for a I hope you do not sts you find, or e birds are such f the farmer that ed not destroyed. crow eats more he does grain.—