THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

PEOPLE SAID SHE HAD QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Miscellaneous. CONSUMPTION

MARE LOST HER COLT.

Have a mare getting up in years. Lost a colt eight months after service. bred her again, and she lost the next one at six months and 14 days gone. Would you advise breeding her again, or would you advise letting her rest a year? J. W. R.

Ans .- Better let her go a year without breeding

PINK ROT ON SPIES.

I have got into trouble with my ap ples. I never had a better crop of Spies They were very large and fairly clean although I never sprayed them. When I harvested them, I found a few of them rotten on the trees; some had a piece of rot the size of a ten-cent piece, some larger, and some were all rotten. We hand-picked them and laid them on a platform about three deep. They kept on rotting in that way, and now they are nearly all gone. It is a soft, pinkish rot. When it starts in the apple it takes it about three weeks to finish it. It doesn't hurt any kind only the Spies. I don't think it was for the want of spraying, for they were nearly ready for harvesting before the rot started, and then it would start on a clear spot. T you can tell me how to prevent it another year you will oblige a reader.

Ans .- From your account of the trouble with your apples, I would judge that the crop had been affected with the fungous disease commonly known as "Pink Rot." This fungus usually gives most trouble on fruit while in storage, although, of course, the spores from which the disease develops get a foothold upon the fruit while yet upon the trees.

P. E

The most effective remedy against this and many other ills affecting the apple crop is thorough and systematic spraying. In fact, the man who has a dozer or more trees of apples, cannot well afford to neglect spraying.

For full information regarding the preparation of spraying mixtures, and time and method of applying them, I would refer you to Bulletin 144 of the Ontario Agricultural College, on "Apple Culture, copies of which may be had upon application to the Department of Agriculture, Toronto. "The Farmer's Advocate" also publishes concise spraying directions every year. H. L. HUTT

O. A. C.

FLAXSEED, OIL CAKE, AND PÉA MEAL.

I would like to know the relative feed ing value of linseed meal and oil-cake meal, when the former is worth about twice as much as the latter, which is worth about \$33 per ton; also what are their feeding values as compared with peas at 80 cents a bushel? I am feeding a number of cattle, and would like to know what is the most profitable to buy to feed along with hay and mixed oats and barley chop, to fatten cattle. Also like to know how many pounds of mixed oats and barley chop, three to one, respectively, would be equivalent to 1 pound each linseed meal and oil cake ? J. S. Ans.-Oil cake at \$33 per ton is very much cheaper as a general food for stock than linseed or flaxseed. It is very difficult to make exact comparisons of foods as to their relative money value per ton, and therefore I find it impossible to say exactly which of the foods would be cheaper, viz.: oil cake at \$33 per ton, or peas at 80 cents per bushel, which would be \$26.66 per ton. For actual food value. I am not sure but what the peas might represent rather better value at prices quoted; but since you want something to feed with barley, I would rather prefer the oil cake, owing to its cooling and laxative character. Barley has a tendency to be heating, and the oil cake would help to counteract this objection. I would not feed more than two pounds of oil cake per day to a steer, or perhaps a safe proportion would be one pound of oil cake to about five pounds of your other meal mixture. Unless you are feeding a very heavy meal ration, this would keep the oil cake below two pounds per day. Oil cake is a very concentrated food, and is high in price, and there fore it is well to use it with care in $order \ \text{to prevent any waste of its food}$ G. E. DAY. value. O. A. C., Guelph A. A. COLWILL, NEWCASTLE, ONL

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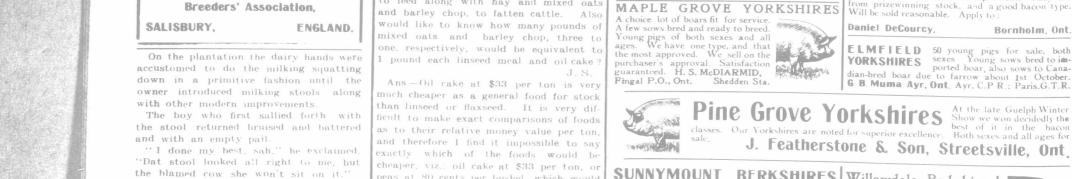
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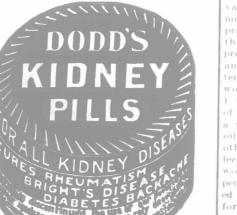
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