

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

MARE COUGHS.

My four-year-old mare has had a cough for some little time. I have been giving her oil of tar each night for a week, but it does no good. What should I give her to cure the cough? I'm afraid it will end in heaves if I don't get it cured.

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Ans.—Take 3 ozs. pulverized gum opium, 1 oz. powdered digitalis, 4 drams arsenic acid, 4 ozs. powdered liquorice root. Mix and make into 24 powders. Give a powder every night in damp food. Repeat the prescription if necessary.

SMALL-SEEDED FALSE FLAX.

Please let me know the name of enclosed weed. Is it dangerous? Also other information will be thankfully received.

M. M.

Ans.—The sample sent appears to be that of small-seeded false flax, resembling common false flax, but is more slender and with smaller pods. The pest does not long give serious trouble where a short rotation of crops is practiced, and where thorough cultivation and seeding to grasses is done with spring grain instead of fall wheat. The seeds often occur in alsike clover and timothy seeds. The first cutting of red clover containing the weed should be taken only. The first crop of alsike should not be taken for seeds, unless the weeds have been hand-pulled and destroyed.

MANGE IN CATTLE.

Please give a cure for mange in cattle. We have a valuable young bull in good condition and thrifty, which has symptoms of mange as was described in your paper some time ago. How should he be treated to cure him? Is it contagious?

W. D. B.

Ans.—Mange is a parasitic disease, and is very contagious. Treatment consists in removal of the scabs by warm soap-suds, and, if necessary, a brush, and a thorough application of tobacco—1½ ounces, and water 2 pints, prepared by boiling. It is more probable that your bull has eczema, which is less serious and more easily cured. For this wash thoroughly with warm soap suds, using a brush if necessary, then blanket and dress once daily with a warm solution of corrosive sublimate, 25 grains to a quart of water.

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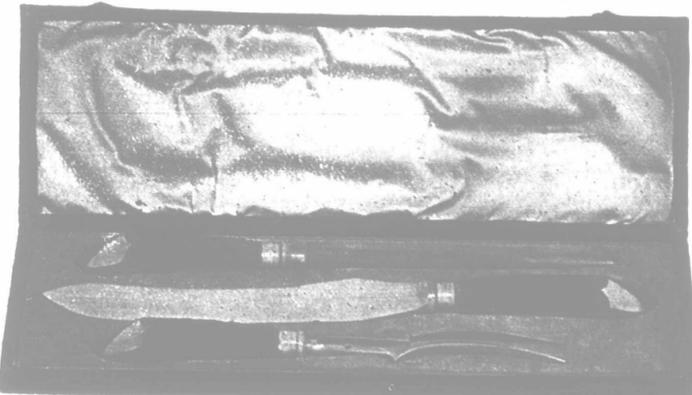
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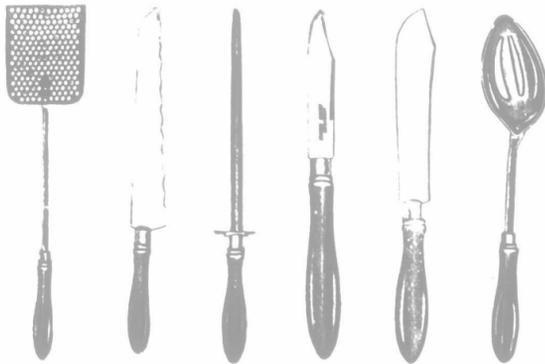
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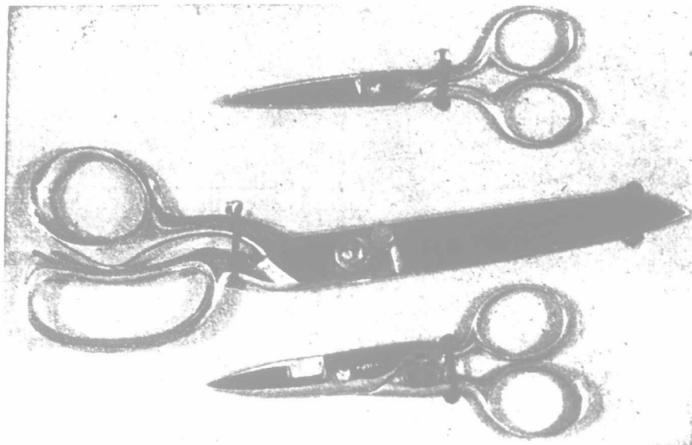
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