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Buying Dressed Lumber.

I bought lumber for a silo this fall. It was tongued and grooved stuff and dressed on both sides. The pieces measured exactly 5½ inches in width by 1½ inches thick. When the bill for the lumber came, the stuff was billed as 2 x 6. Do I have to pay for that extra half inch in thickness? Is that the way lumber is ordinarily sold? If it was reckoned at 1½ inches thick it would make a difference of about \$20.00 in the cost. W. A. P.

Ans.—Lumber to be dressed is usually measured before it is put through the planer. Practically one-half inch in thickness will be lost by dressing it on both sides.

Warts on Teats.

A young cow has clusters of great seedy looking warts on her teats. They have been there for two or three months. What causes them? What will remove them? M. D.

Ans.—It is not uncommon for a bunch of warts to appear without appreciable cause, and very often they disappear without treatment. They can best be removed when the cow is dry. If they have long slim necks they may be clipped off with the shears, and a little carbolic acid solution, one part of the acid to twenty of water, used on the wounds, will deaden and heal them. The large-based warts may be touched daily with a pencil of silver nitrate, or with butter or antimony, carefully applied with a feather. Always be careful not to overdo it as there is danger of making a troublesome sore.

Supply of Straw.

I live on 100 acres of land and have about 60 tons of straw. I have only enough stock to use about half of it. Would you advise me to sell the straw and buy fertilizer? The land is clay. F. W. L.

Not knowing local conditions this is a difficult question to answer owing to the numerous factors which must be considered. The price of straw, the cost of fertilizer, and the condition of the land will all have to be taken into consideration. Very few farms contain sufficient humus to produce maximum crops, and straw is one way of adding humus. However, if the soil contains a large amount of this valuable substance, but is believed to be lacking in some of the constituents which can be supplied by applying commercial fertilizer, it might be advisable to dispose of some of the surplus straw, provided the fertilizer which will furnish what the land requires can be purchased at a reasonable price. Although as a rule it is poor policy to sell straw off the farm there may be a few exceptions. It is doubtful if the average farm can get too much farm manure, or straw, applied to it. The man with his farm in good heart may be justified in selling a little straw but it is usually the best policy to use it on the farm.

Worms—Fistula.

What remedies do you recommend for worms in horses, and for fistula?

Ans.—For a horse affected with worms, take one and one-half ounces each of sulphate of iron, sulphate of copper, and tartar emetic and one ounce of calomel. Mix and make into twelve powders and give a powder night and morning in damp food, or mixed with a little water as a drench. Feed a little bran. Eight or ten hours after giving the last powder give a purgative of eight drams Barbadoes aloes and two drams of ginger. For a mare in foal give one and one-half pints of linseed oil, instead of the aloes. Feed bran only until purgation commences and do not work the horse until the bowels regain a normal condition. The horse can be worked in the usual manner while the powders are being administered.

A fistula is difficult to treat. It should be lanced at the bottom to allow the pus to escape, then all the sinuses should be probed and opened up to their whole extent. In some cases the bone is diseased and has to be scraped. It will require a veterinarian to operate. The wound must be kept clean and dressed three times daily with a good antiseptic. It frequently takes from four to twelve months to effect a permanent cure. In many cases it is necessary to have two or more operations, as fresh sinuses usually develop.



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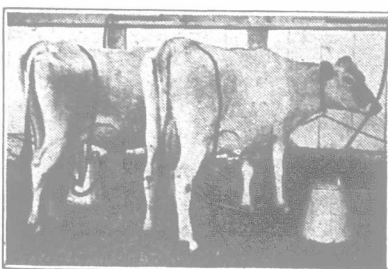
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