

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

A WIFE'S PROPERTY.

1. Where a man and wife buy property, without either party having money to pay down, depending on their labor to pay for farm, and deed is taken out in wife's name, can wife will or sell said farm without husband's consent?

2. Has husband a life interest in wife's property?

3. Can she cut him off in his old age without any means of support?

Property is not all paid for yet, although they are doing well towards paying for it.

CALLANDER.

Ontario.

Ans.—1. Yes. 2. Not unless she should die without having disposed of it. 3. Yes.

TRESPASSING FOR BERRIES.

I have the deed of my farm, but it is not all fenced around. There is, however, a good fence between my farm and my next neighbor. Can said neighbor's family come and pick the berries off my farm the same as they would on unoccupied land? They have been doing this for the last five years. I did not mind it when they only picked for their own use; but last year they picked them from almost right under our fingers and sold them, and not only that, but invited people from the neighboring villages to come and pick. They claim that because my farm is not all fenced in I cannot forbid them to pick. Berry season will be on in another week, and I would like to know if I have a right to save them for our own family use.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.

Ontario.

Ans.—They have no right to do so. You ought to forbid them, and, preferably, under the circumstances, by a notice in writing. In the event of their disregarding such notice, you would be entitled to treat them as trespassers and to prosecute them accordingly.

ROSE BUG—GREEN APHIS.

I wish to know what is the best thing to poison rose bugs and little green lice which come on the roses.

L. C.

Ans.—1. The rose bug or rose chafer is a difficult insect to combat, no remedy in the form of poison or spray having been found entirely efficacious. The beetles fly a great distance in search of food, and may settle on a garden, vineyard or orchard where they have been scarcely known before. One trouble with measures of extermination is that new individuals may continue arriving for several weeks. Arsenical poisons are too slow in their action and contact poisons must be applied too strong for the plants in order to kill these insects. Choice rose bushes may be covered with mosquito netting, leaving no place large enough for the beetles to enter. In other cases the beetles should be gathered daily by hand, tossing them into pans or buckets containing a little coal oil. It is said that showering the plants with a mixture of carbolic acid and soap suds has been found a repellent. Destroying the breeding places by breaking up old sandy pastures is advisable where it can be done. The beetles feed not only on the rose, but on the grape, cherry, peach, plum, pear, blackberry, peony, spirea, mock orange and many other plants. They prefer to eat the petals, stamens and small fruits in flower, but will also attack the foliage. The mature insect appears about the time the grapes are in blossom, and then becomes a serious pest.

2. Syringe the plants daily with a strong decoction of tobacco. Fill a barrel or pail half full with refuse stems from a tobacco factory, and then fill the vessel with water. Macerate thoroughly and it is ready for use. For extreme cases Bailey recommends the following remedy, proposed by an English rosarian. "Take four ounces of quassia chips and boil them ten minutes in a gallon of soft water; strain, and while cooling, dissolve in it four ounces of soft soap (or whale-oil soap). To this may be added another gallon or two of water. The plants should be syringed with this and all badly-infested shoots dipped into it. Pure water should follow the next day to cleanse the shoots." If, at the first appearance of these pests, the finger and thumb are used to rub them off and destroy them, much subsequent trouble will be saved.

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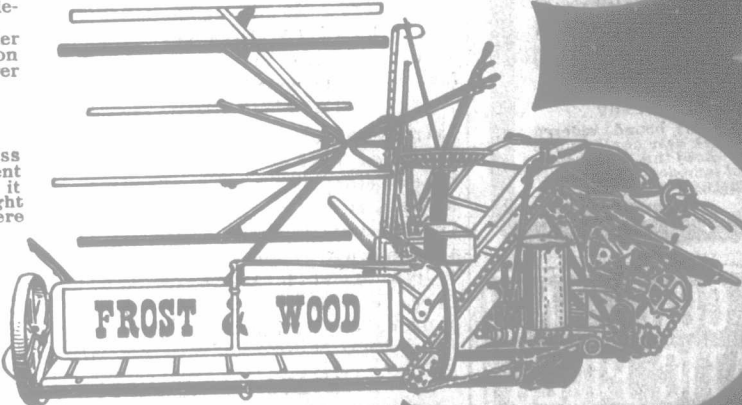
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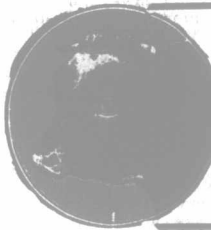
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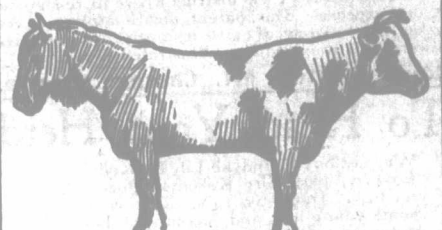
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