

Questions and Answers.

8. Miscellaneous.

Pruning Cherry Trees.

Should cherry trees, Early Richmond and Montmorency, be pruned, and is it right time now to do them?

D. F. M.

Ans.—Sour cherries require little pruning. All that is necessary is to cut out dead limbs, or those crossing one another.

Likely Ringbone.

I have a two-year-old colt that has been lame for about a year. It has what I think are ringbones on both hind feet. Can anything be done for it? The colt does not do very well. The ringbones first appeared when the colt was very young.

R. B. M.

Ans.—This is likely ringbone. See answer to "Farmer" in this issue.

Treating Cotton to Retain Heat.

What preparation is used on cotton so it will prevent the radiation of heat and serve the same purpose as glass in a greenhouse?

R. S.

Ans.—For this purpose a heavy unbleached cotton is used, and one material for dressing it may be made of three parts pale linseed oil, one ounce acetate of lead, and four ounces of white resin. Grind the acetate in a little oil, then add the resin and the rest of the oil. Melt in an iron kettle over a gentle fire until well mixed and apply warm to the cloth.

Spraying Dandelions.

Will you please let me know what will kill dandelions, as I want to seed down a new lawn this fall, and it is just a solid mass of them. Could I kill them now for good before I seed down? Please give me your advice, along with the stuff which you spray them with.

WM. H. M.

Ans.—According to tests made at the Ontario Agricultural College, spraying will kill the dandelions. It requires six sprayings a season, commencing just after the first few dandelions come into flower, and repeating promptly enough to prevent dandelion leaves forming. Three or four days after each spraying rake off the dead dandelion leaves and water well. The solution consists of two pounds of iron sulphate dissolved in each gallon of water.

Ringbone.

Have a four-year-old Percheron colt which has a ringbone on front foot, and is very lame. She has never been worked or driven very much. Has been lame about six months. Can I do anything to help her?

FARMER.

Ans.—The proper treatment is to get your veterinarian to fire and blister. Repeated blistering sometimes helps. Take two drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides and mix with two ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts; tie so she cannot bite them; rub well once daily for two days, and the third day wash off and apply sweet oil. Let loose now and oil daily until scale comes off, then tie up and blister again. Blister monthly as long as necessary. However, you had better get your veterinarian to fire and blister.

Flour Mill—Holidays and Wages.

1. Could you give me the name of any firm that manufactures a small hand-mill that will grind whole wheat fine enough for making into bread?

2. In your issue of Sept. 9 you gave the holidays that a hired man is entitled to during the year. If the hired man is engaged for a year at a monthly wage, can he claim his wages for those days?

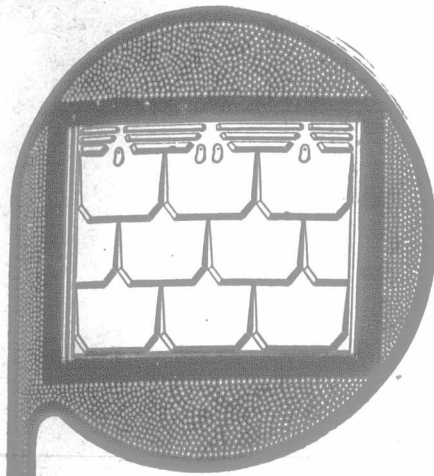
3. Can a hired man take every second Sunday off, from chores of any kind, and claim his board in the bargain?

W. J. B.

Ans.—1. Manufacturers should advertise in these columns.

2. Yes.

3. The hired man is supposed to do necessary chores on all Sundays, but agreements generally allow the man every other Sunday off. Of course, if he stays about the place on Sunday he should help with the chores.



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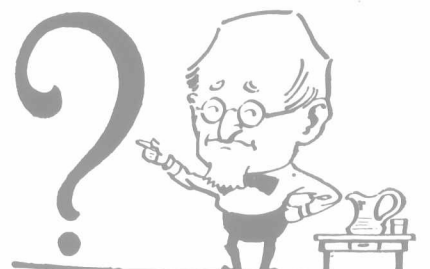
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Open Season for Beaver.

1. What is the open season for beaver in Ontario?

2. Also, what is the law for moose?

J. B.

Ans.—1. From Nov. 1 to April 1.
2. A license to hunt moose is required. Cow moose, fawns, etc., must not be killed at any time. No moose can be taken under one year. Only one bull moose may be taken by a hunter in one year.

Contagious Abortion.

Having seen in your last issue of "The Farmer's Advocate" a few questions and answers about methylene blue for abortion in cows, would like to know more about it, and would like you to answer the following questions:

1. How much methylene blue could I feed in a gallon of salt regularly to cows and heifers, in all stages of pregnancy?

2. Would this be a good way to use it as a preventive against abortion?

3. Would it work satisfactorily with cows that have aborted?

4. Would you advise feeding any of this to the stock bull?

R. G. R.

Ans.—1, 2 and 3. We would not advise feeding methylene blue in salt. Better feed each animal one heaping teaspoonful in a little grain once daily for five weeks. Feed it to all females of breeding age. It may do good. We are not sure as yet whether it will cure in all cases.

4. Yes.

Feed for Horses.

What do you consider the best feeds to put plenty of flesh on my three horses? Each weigh about 1,200 pounds. I can buy corn, oat chop, bran, oil cake, etc., as I will not have many oats to feed them this winter. I have plenty of timothy, oat hay, etc. Kindly say how much of each feed per meal to give them to put flesh on in the shortest time.

C. S. F.

Ans.—The amount that each horse will eat will depend largely on the horse. About 1 lb. for each 100 lbs. of horse is considered by some good feeding of roughage, and many consider a like weight of grain feed plenty. Some horses require more. If you use oil cake you will need little bran. Corn and oats, half and half, might be a good grain mixture to use. Start the horses on a moderate ration and increase to the maximum gradually. Three gallons of grain feed to each daily, and the hay as cleaned up, with perhaps a pound of oil cake added, should do the trick.

Rape for Pigs and Lambs—Silage and Straw for Horses.

1. I have a small field which I sowed to rape last spring for my pigs, but they simply will not eat it at all. What is the reason? My pigs are Tamworths, farrowed in April. Some tell me that "red" pigs will not eat rape, which I don't believe. Others tell me that I did not turn them into the rape early enough.

2. Would the rape be good to fatten lambs for market this fall, and should the change be made from their grass pasture gradually? Or would it be all right to turn them into it and shut them in?

3. Have very little hay this season, and would like to save it for spring's work. Could I winter my horses to advantage on cut straw and silage, or should the corn and straw be uncut? Horses will not be working any more than enough for exercise through the winter.

C. L. S.

Ans.—1. There should be nothing in the color of the pigs to influence their appetites for or against rape. It is more than likely that you did not turn in soon enough. If the rape is still green and fresh, try fatten the pigs.

2. It would be fine for the lambs. Make all changes gradually. As soon as the sheep are accustomed to the feed, shut them on it. Turn them on at first for an hour or so when the rape is dry.

3. If the silage is well preserved and fed in limited quantity, cut straw and silage would be all right. You had better add a few oats if they start to go down in condition. Do not attempt to feed musty silage or you may lose your horses.

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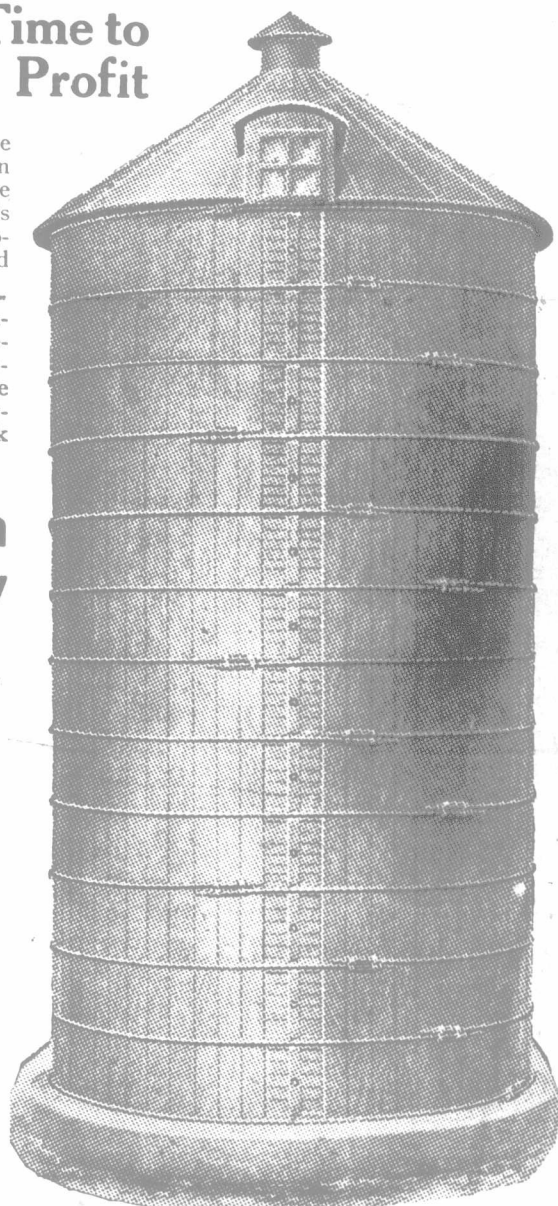
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