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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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Questions and Answers.

Miscellaneous.

Rabbits.

Where can I purchase tame rabbits?
J. R.

Ans.—A small advertisement placed in our columns would undoubtedly furnish you with the names of persons having rabbits for sale.

String Halt.

I have a valuable mare nine or ten years old of a very nervous temperament. She appears to be developing string halt. Is there any cure for this? S. K. S.

Ans.—This is more or less of a nervous disease and medical treatment has practically no effect. An operation which consists in severing the tendons sometimes effects a cure, but in other cases it does not. If the operation is performed it should be done by a qualified veterinarian.

Examinations—Feeding Pigs.

Are pupils who obtain their lower or middle school certificates by trying the farm labor examination at Easter compelled to try these exams. again when they attend normal school.

2. Is it advisable to use warm water instead of cold when mixing feed for pigs? J. S.

1. We understand that the examination had to be taken last Christmas. Whether or not this is to be continued for those leaving school at Easter to work on the farm, we cannot state definitely.

2. In extremely cold weather the warm water might be an advantage, but in ordinary weather we cannot see that there would be much advantage.

Colt Stiff in Fore Leg.

I have a colt that appears rather stiff in the fore leg. I have examined it but can find nothing wrong. What is the cause, and what treatment would you advise? A. H. B.

Ans.—It is possible that the colt has sprained some of the muscles in the leg or shoulder, which would make it go a little stiff. Of course, it may be that the colt has a slight attack of rheumatism. Keep the colt dry and comfortable and bathe the affected parts with hot water. After bathing, rub well with a liniment made of 4 ounces of alcohol, 1 ounce oil of turpentine, 4 drams of camphor, and water to make a pint. Administering 2-dram doses of salicylic acid three times daily is recommended for rheumatism. A veterinarian examining the leg or foot might discover some other cause for the stiffness.

Roots for Ewes.

I am wintering 100 ewes and have been feeding oats during the cold weather but they are costly. I have plenty of turnips but have been told that they are not good for ewes in lamb. Would I be safe in feeding them?

2. What is the name of a good book on care and management of sheep? J. C. D.

Ans.—Ewes require a little grain. A mixture of oats, bran, and a few peas is highly recommended. However, we realize that these feeds are expensive. The grain ration may be kept at a minimum up to within a month of lambing, by feeding clover hay, or pea straw and roots. In the last month there should be a reduction in the amount of roots, with an increase in the amount of grain.

2. "Sheep Farming" by Craig; "Modern Sheep" by Shepherd Boy or "Sheep Farming in America" by Wing are very good books.

Swollen Leg.

I have a mare rising five years old, used up in the left hind leg. She is quite lame. The cord swells up first then the whole leg swells up until she is very lame. She is thriving all right. She seems to be rubbing one leg against another often and stamping the foot on the floor. Her legs are not broken out with scratches. I have closely examined them. What is the cause and what remedy do you advise? W. B. S.

Ans.—The symptoms are somewhat like those of lymphangitis or weed. Prevention of this consists in daily exercise and reducing the grain ration. The trouble is very often brought on by high feeding during a few days' rest. Give a purgative and follow with 3 drams nitrate of potash three times daily. Long continued bathing of the limb with hot water, exclusion of drafts, and the application of a liniment will very often relieve the trouble.

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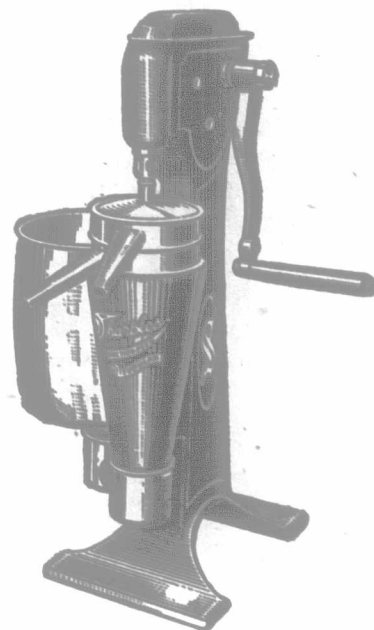
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