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SECURITY FOR DEPOSITORS AND NOTE-HOLDERS.

What security, if any, have depositors in a chartered bank if it fails? Also, what security is there for the holders of the bank bills? A. C.

Ans.—The depositors are protected under Clause 125 of the Bank Act, which reads as follows:

"In the event of the property and assets of the Bank being insufficient to pay its debts and liabilities, each shareholder of the Bank shall be liable for the deficiency to an amount equal to the par value of the shares held by him."

Under Clause 131, the bank notes shall be the first charge upon the assets of the

AN AILING SHEEP.

I have a valuable two-year-old Shropshire ewe, which, three days ago, seemed to lose power in one hind leg, and the next day her other leg was affected. She also went off her feed, and holds her head high and to one side, and it seems very hard for her to get up.

Ans.-The cause of her lameness is difficult to determine. Her feet should be carefully examined to discover whether the trouble is there. The holding of her head to one side indicates grub in the head, the result of larvæ deposited by the gad fly in the nostrils in summer. For this, there is no reliable cure acknowledged, though some persons claim to have secured the dislodging and expulsion of the grubs by injecting spirits of turpentine into the nostrils with a syringe, causing violent sneezing.

COCOONS.

F. S., Pembroke, makes inquiry respecting: (1) Good places to look for cocoons; (2) Best way of keeping them through winter. He describes a large cocoon containing what he thinks a prematurely-developed moth.

Ans.—The description of the cocoon makes it probable that it was either a Cecropia or a Promethea. Both insects are found on wild cherry, and construct tough, papery cocoons-the former sometimes four to five inches long, and one and a half to three inches wide in the widest part. The former may be sought for any time in winter or spring, in the orchard and on various wild trees, as the larva is a general feeder; the latter favors ash, lilac, cherry, sassafras, and buttonwood. The Polyphemus also makes a large cocoon, which may be sought when the snow goes off, among leaves, particularly under oak and elm trees. Cocoons kept in the temperature of living-rooms, develop and emerge prematurely. They should be kept at temperature and under conditions ilar to those they experience in nature. J. D.

HOLSTEIN MILK.

1. Is any explanation offered why some Holsteins yield between 4 per cent. and 5 per cent. butter-fat, while the majority run from 3 per cent. to 3.5 per cent.? 2. Is it possible to increase the productiveness of a Holstein in butter-fat?

Ans.-1. Similar differences occur in the percentages of fat yielded by various cows of other breeds.

2. By selection, it is undoubtedly possible to develop high-testing strains of any breed. An individual cow cannot, by any system of feeding, be made permanently to give milk richer than her normal standard, though it is held that by feeding a cow up into high condition before freshening, and then after she has commenced her lactation period, suddenly withholding part of her ration, she can be forced to draw upon the fat in her system, thus, for a few weeks, yielding not only abnormally rich milk, but actually a larger amount of butter-fat, during that limited period, than if carried along on full feed. Whether this will work in all cases or not, we have certainly heard of some such remarkable instances.

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