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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

JOINT ILL IN FOALS.

Please repeat the precautions for prevention and the treatment of joint ill in foals. S. C. J.

Ans.—Navel ill, with which joint ill is generally associated, may be prevented by applying to the navel-string two or three times a day, until it is dried up, an antiseptic such as a five-per-cent solution of carbolic acid, or of corrosive sublimate of the strength of 30 grains to a pint of water. The navel should be dressed with this as soon as possible after birth, as the germ which enters the navel opening, causing all the trouble, is likely to exist on the floor or bedding of the stall. Generally the cord is broken by the weight of the foal when expelled, or by the mare with her teeth. When such is not the case, it should be tied with a disinfected cord about an inch from the belly, cut off a couple of inches below the cord, and the disinfectant applied to the lower part. The importance of having the antiseptic ready on hand before parturition is obvious, as otherwise the damage may be done before the preventive is secured. When once the germ gets in its work, treatment is of doubtful effect. The symptoms are dullness, swelling and stiffness of one or more joints, lameness, and a disinclination to take nourishment. Treatment consists in long-continued bathing with hot water, followed by rubbing with camphorated liniment, giving five to ten grains of iodide of potassium four times daily in a little of its mother's milk, and it should be helped to nurse at least every hour. When one thinks of the trouble and the uncertainty of a cure, the wisdom of prevention is obvious.

HENHOUSE FLOOR—FANNING-MILL SIEVES—CREAM SUBSTITUTE—CHICK GRIT.

1. You spoke, in an issue a couple of weeks ago, of one being able to get sieves for fanning mills, to allow the rib grass to go through and retain the clover seed. Can they be purchased to fit any mill, and where?

2. Would you give me the date of "The Farmer's Advocate" that had a mixture to put in with separator milk for calves? Saw it, but cannot find it now.

3. What kind of grit is the best to put in the brooder for very young chicks, and can you buy it?

4. Want to put a floor in henhouse which has to be raised up about a foot, as it is below the level of the ground around. What would you advise, cement or stones, with earth on top?

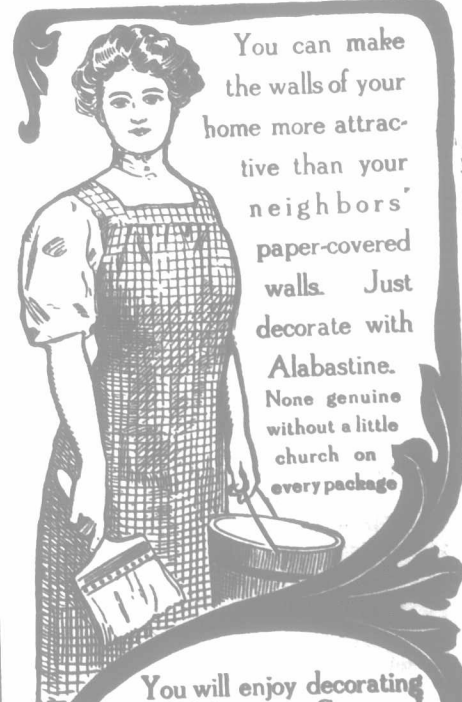
Am very much pleased with "The Farmer's Advocate." Get lots of help from it. J. A.

Ans.—1. Our information is that one or more manufacturers of fanning mills supply sieves intended for their own mills, which answer the purpose of removing ribgrass from clover seed. Consult your local agents.

2. Various substances have been mentioned from time to time as suitable additions to supplement skim milk for calf feeding. Probably the best is flax-seed jelly. Soak the whole flax seed for about 12 hours in water, in the proportions of 1 to 6, by volume, then slowly boil to a jelly. Feed about half a teacupful to each calf in warm separator milk, gradually increasing to a cupful. As the calves learn to eat meals, or whole grains, the flax-seed jelly may be gradually withdrawn, and a mixture of oats, corn, bran, and oil cake, kept in a box where it can be reached, or thrown into the pail, to be eaten after the milk has been drunk.

3. It makes little difference. Prepared grits of a size especially intended for young chicks, may be purchased of dealers in feeds and poultry supplies.

4. Fill it up with stone, cement it, and on top of this place each year six inches or more of sand, or sandy loam, changing this at least annually. Of course, over the sand, litter should be placed daily and changed from time to time. For sanitary reasons, it is well to have a cement bottom, but the fowls should not be compelled to stand or work directly upon the cement floor. It is too hard and cold, and sometimes inclined to be damp, though the dampness is largely avoided by filling in with a good depth of stone underneath, as proposed.



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