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GOSSIP

"Now is certainly the time for all who are raising cattle to stock up with good bulls. Prices for plain, pure-bred bulls of the beef breeds are not so high now but what even dairy farmers could afford to keep them, and then they would have heifers that would be worth more than they get from the nondescript males and the steers would be good enough to make useful beef animals."

Mr. John Lahmer, Vine P. O., Ont., breeder of Berkshire hogs, writes: "The removal of the registration of live stock to Ottawa is evidently going to give great despatch in issuing the certificates, as in my case they come as quickly, if not sooner than when forwarded to Toronto (and mind you there was always promptness from Toronto). Another thing, the "no postage" for our transmittals to Ottawa is a favor not to be overlooked. I trust the consolidation of these records will grow into a whole or round robin, as it were, and in after years the wonder will be why it was not thought of or brought about sooner."

Mr. W. H. Arkell, Teeswater, Bruce Co., Ont., breeder of Oxford Down sheep and Yorkshire swine, places a new advertisement in this issue of the "Farmer's Advocate." This is one of the oldest and best flocks of Oxfords in Canada, having been established many years ago, and built up by the late Mr. Henry Arkell, father of the present proprietor, who was acknowledged as one of the very best judges in the Dominion, and a man of stirring character, while the son, a stockman to the manor born and trained, gives promise of maintaining the quality of the flock at the high standard it has attained, and dealing with his customers in the same upright and honorable way. Mr. Arkell reports the recent sale of 27 shearing rams and 11 shearing ewes to Messrs. Geo. McKerron & Sons, of Wisconsin. A fine stock of yearlings and lambs of the best type are coming along in thrifty condition preparatory for the season's demand. The young Yorkshires for sale are also of the right stamp and will be found true to description. Parties interested in either class of stock will do well to write for prices and particulars, or call and see for themselves. Teeswater is the terminus of the Orangeville and Teeswater branch of the C. P. R.

The Trout Creek herd of Shorthorns, property of Mr. W. D. Platt, Hamilton, Ont., was recently seen by a "Farmer's Advocate" representative, and found in healthy, breeding condition, with nothing being pampered or overfed. The demand for the surplus bulls has been so good that none old enough for service, except the two stock bulls, were on hand. The chief sire in service, the dark roan two-year-old Duthie-bred bull, Gold Cup =50038, of the Cruickshank Bawith Bud tribe, by Nonpareil Courtier (79488), out of Golden Day, by Master of the Ceremonies, is a typical Scotch bull, smooth and level in his lines, with a capital head and crest, strong, well-fleshed back, full crops and level quarters, and from his choice breeding and quality can hardly fail to prove a prepotent sire. His lieutenant in service, the red, short two-year-old, Ardlethin Royal (imp.), of the Uppermill Princess Royal family, sired by Baron Beaufort (80399), and his dam by the Marr-bred, My Choice, a Missie, by William of Orange, is a bull of fine character, straight and level above and below, with neat head and horns, and ideal underpinning. The females represent a long list of leading Cruickshank and Marr families, many of them imported and choice individuals, a number of the cows carrying udders that would do credit to a dairy cow, uniform in type and full of breed character and quality, and the young things are growing into useful members of the herd under the judicious care of Manager Smith, a master of the art of feeding and developing young stock. With such material to breed from, Trout Creek promises to hold its pre-eminent position in producing the high class of cattle that has given the establishment more than a continental reputation by its show-yard and sales record.

TRADE TOPICS.

TEA IS BENEFICIAL.—The notion that tea is injurious to people of weak nerves is altogether a false idea, as has been proven by the eminent scientist, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson. Tea is in reality a nerve nutriment, and is extremely beneficial to those of weak nerves, especially is this so when you use tea direct from the gardens, packed in sealed lead packets, such as "Salada" Ceylon and India tea, which received the highest award and gold medal at St. Louis Exposition.

ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD A BRIDGE?—The steel bridge is a feature of the modern highway, and is coming more and more generally into favor with the depletion of our timber supplies. But it is important to note that not all steel bridges are equally good. As with all other things, quality of material, excellence of workmanship and mechanical design are essential to strength, durability and general satisfaction. Bridge building requires expert engineering knowledge and experience. A firm that has taken the lead in its line is the Hamilton Bridge Works Co., Hamilton, Ont., a firm of engineers, manufacturers and contractors doing a general business in structural steel work. Employing the best of engineering talent and possessing the equipment to put up anything required in the way of highway bridges, they are in an exceptionally good position to cater to the needs of municipalities requiring bridges erected. Their standing advertisement is the numerous handsome and substantial bridges spanning streams in many parts of the country. They are glad, too, at any time to place their experience and skill at the disposal of any who ask for it. Now is the time to think about the bridges to be erected this coming summer and fall. Write, stating your requirements to the Hamilton Bridge Works Company, Hamilton, Ont., and you will receive information and pointers which will be of value to you, even though you should not give them a contract. Correspondence always solicited.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to the "Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.
2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.
3rd.—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.
4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1 must be enclosed.

Miscellaneous.

CARNEGIE AND ROCKEFELLER.

If you know, kindly send me the addresses of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, about whom most interesting sketches recently appeared in your "Home Magazine" department.

E. E. G.

Ans.—The latest addresses we have are for Mr. Rockefeller, 4 W. 54th Street, New York City, and for Mr. Carnegie, Skibo Castle, Sutherland, Scotland.

A DISAPPOINTED PURCHASER.

A buys a cow on January 5th. The breeder's list that was handed out the day of the sale showed that the cow's last service was July 10th; that would bring her in April 10th. One week after the sale she showed signs of not being in calf, and has been regular ever since and shows no signs. Is B responsible for anything if the cow does not have a calf?

N. B.

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Ans.—We do not see that the vendor has incurred any legal liability to A, such as is suggested.

TURKEY-EGG SETTING.

A subscriber asks how many turkey eggs are regarded as constituting a setting. He states that he got seven from a breeder, whereas he expected at least nine. Is there any rule or precedent obtaining in Canada upon this matter?

Ans.—There is no established number representing a setting of turkey eggs so far as I know, but I have never known any breeder to offer less than nine eggs and call it a setting. In giving quotations, I am always careful to mention the number of eggs I quote for, which in my case is per 11 eggs. I know breeders who send out 13 eggs as a setting.

W. J. BELL.

EGG ODDITIES.

I have a hen turkey which has not laid an egg, but would go on the nest every day but never lay. Now, she wants to sit. Please explain the cause of such peculiar actions.

2. I also had a duck which laid a double-yolk egg, and when I broke it, there was the white and yolk as of a single egg and another egg perfectly formed, shell and all. Did you ever hear of such an oddity. A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—I have had two or three hens in the past year which laid very well during the first year of their life, but this year they go to the nest systematically, four days in five, but never lay. This is rather a peculiar instance. We have had in years gone by pullets which never laid, but never that I know of have we had yearling hens which laid the previous season and did not lay the next year. If we were not using drop nests in this pen, there might be room for doubt, but as we are, it remains a fact. I am inclined to believe that the birds have got a little bit too fleshy during the winter, and the egg organs are abnormal in some way. Possibly when we kill one of these hens later on, I may be able to make sure.

1. I think that the subscriber's trouble with the turkey hen is probably due to overfeeding during the winter.

2. I have seen, perhaps, half a dozen eggs similar to that mentioned with reference to the duck. Why such things happen I cannot explain.

O. A. C., Guelph. W. R. GRAHAM.

TREATMENT OF NAVEL CORD OF FOAL.

Mare foaled at 10.30; foal strong; navel cord was very thick, and a strong pulse beating through it. I tied it firmly about eight inches from the body, and cut it off below. Next morning found blood oozing from the cord, tied it again three or four inches from the body and cut off the end. Again at five o'clock, or 19 hours after birth, found it bleeding again, when I tied it tightly again, since which it seems all right and is doing well, but right up to that time one could feel quite a strong pulse in the cord right down to the string.

1. Was this a natural condition?

2. Could I have used better treatment?

READER.

Ans.—1. Yes.

2. You should have tied a soft cord quite tightly around the umbilical cord about an inch below the body, and cut it off with a scraping motion of the knife about an inch below that, and have applied some disinfectant to the end of the cord to prevent the entrance of the germ that is liable to enter and cause joint ill. The pulsation was quite natural. The foal before birth is supplied with blood and life through the umbilical cord, and its blood in circulation would naturally flow into the cord and back into the body. Hence the shorter cord would be an advantage. This matter was fully treated by "Whip" in his article in March 9th issue of the "Farmer's Advocate," page 330.

PIGS COUGHING.

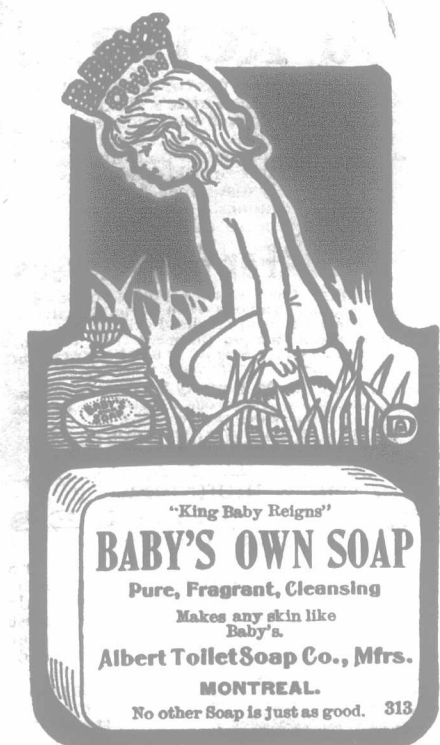
1. Seven-months-old pigs cough, as though they had a bit of chaff in wind-pipe. The beginning, I think, was when all were in pen, lying too warm, sweating, then getting chilled. They have been fed well and look thrifty, but don't gain fast enough for the feed they eat. A few of them cough on getting up.

2. Would also like to know a little about black teeth in pigs, and the best feed for little fellows where milk is scarce?

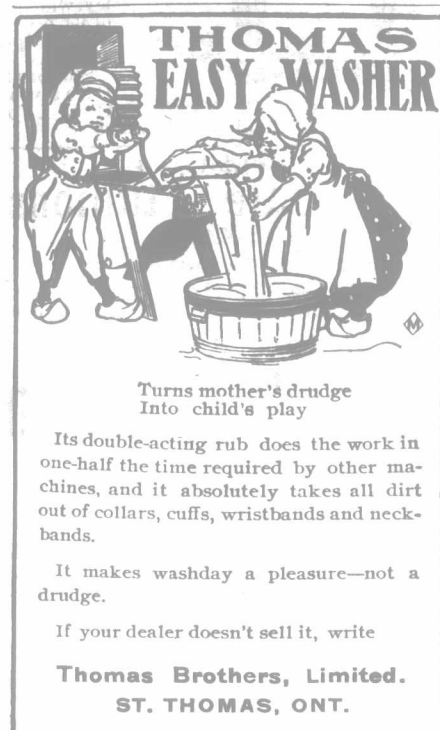
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Ans.—1. Such coughing often results from constipation. Nothing is more likely to cure than a run out on grass, when weather is comfortably warm. If they cannot go out, cut and carry sods for them. Give them any kind of greasy food or linseed meal that will tend to relax the bow.

2. Black teeth do not come under the list of diseases. If the side tusks are overgrown, they are liable to irritate the dam when nursing; break them off with a small pair of pinchers. We do not know of anything that will take the place of milk for young pigs. The nearest is the best of kitchen scraps and swill, fed warm, mixed with a little fine shorts and sifted oatmeal—the meal sifted from ground or chopped oats. If enough good swill cannot be had, add warm water to such supply of milk and swill as you have.



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STONES AGAINST LINE FENCE.
If A and B have line fence divided between their lands: (1) Can A prevent B from throwing stone or any other obstructions along or against A's share of fence? (2) Is there any stated distance on either side of line fence to prevent such doings? If so, what is the distance? (3) What steps should be taken to prevent such work? **SUBSCRIBER.** Ont.

Ans.—1. Probably not in any direct way.
2. No.

3. We think that A should warn B against any repetition of what is complained of, and if he persists after such warning, A should have a solicitor's letter written him.

COMPULSORY LINE FENCING.
A, B and C have farms joining. A wishes to pasture his land, but B and C's is unoccupied. Can A make B and C build their share of line fence? If so, what steps should be taken?
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Ans.—No.

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