

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

A STATE CLAIM.

A, B, C and D are two brothers and two sisters. Their father died fourteen years ago, leaving no will, and their mother died twelve years ago, leaving no will, no division being made of the household effects. A and D, brother and sister, continued keeping house together, with same household effects, and C making his home there occasionally. B, being a married sister before her parents died, has waited for A and D to make a division; but, none being made, B has asked for a division, and was told by A and D that there was nothing belonging to her. Can B claim her share, and, if so, what course had she best take? Ontario. A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—We do not think that at this late date, B is in a position to enforce her claim.

WHITE GRUBS.

In my section last year we were bothered a great deal with a large white grub eating off the roots of the strawberry plants, also working in the late potatoes. Is there anything that can be applied to the land before planting to destroy this grub? A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—White grubs multiply in land which has been for a time in grass sod. The best preventive is a short rotation, in which clover occurs once every three or four years. Clover sod is a good preparation for strawberries and potatoes. Once the grubs become bad in a strawberry patch, little or nothing can be done to eradicate them. Plow up the patch, and grow berries on the one-crop system. Dr. Fletcher says hogs are fond of the grubs, and that plowing up a badly-infested piece and using it for hog pasture is a good way to reduce their numbers.

SPRAYS FOR OYSTER-SHELL BARK-LOUSE.

Young apple trees are badly affected with bark-lice. Give information how to destroy the lice.

- 1. Is lime or weak lye sufficient to destroy them?
2. If to spray, what mixture would you use?
3. In each or all the applications, what time of the year would be the best to apply? C. L.

Ans.—land 2. Lime wash is excellent. Apply according to directions repeatedly given of late. Lye cannot be used strong enough to kill all the lice without injuring the trees.

3. Lime wash or lime-sulphur wash (which is still better) should be sprayed on in late fall or early winter, but may be used any time during the dormant season. Kerosene emulsion may be used in June to destroy the young lice just as they are emerging from their mothers' scales.

SOWING AND HARVESTING ALFALFA.

- 1. About what date should alfalfa be sown?
2. At what stage of growth should it be cut?
3. How is it treated from the time it is cut until it is stored in the barn?
4. Would it damage it for a second-year cut to be pastured in the fall with cows? SUBSCRIBER.

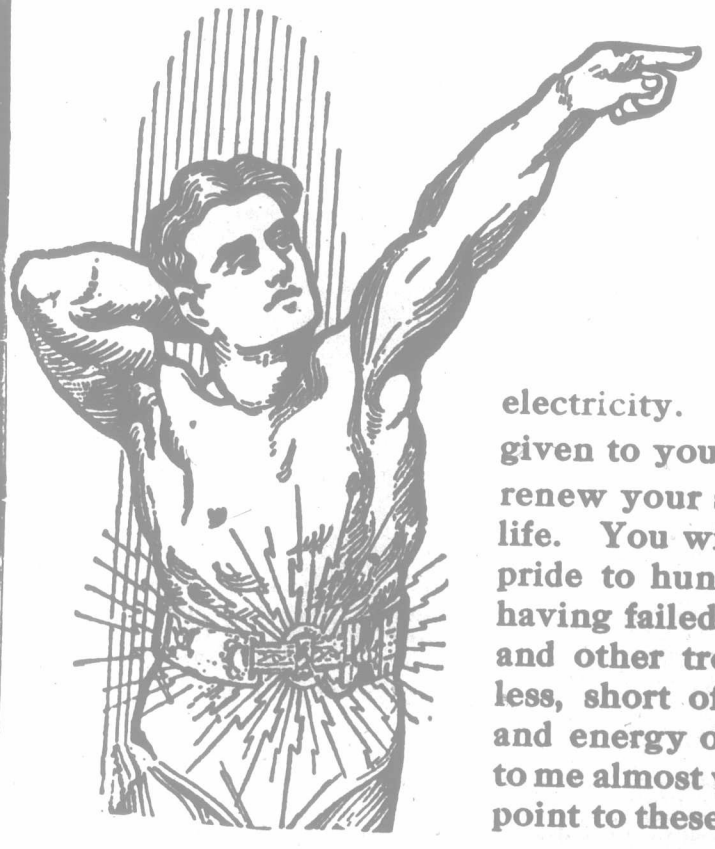
Ans.—1. Sow medium early, during the usual season of spring seeding; but do not slight the seed-bed for the sake of sowing early.

2. Cut when about one-tenth of it is in bloom. Early cuttings make the best hay, and give by far the best after-growth.

3. Cure as you would clover, but with even more care. Keep it moving while green by using the treader, rake while till tough, leave in coils two or three days, then turn out carefully, and haul in. Remember the leaves are about four times more valuable per pound than the stalks. Hay caps, made of pieces of cotton, 40 by 60 inches square, and provided with weights or pegs attached to the corners, are strongly recommended by expert authorities.

4. It would depend somewhat on the land, but if the cows are not allowed on it when the ground is soft, are not allowed to eat it very close, and are taken off early in October, no great harm should result from the pasturing.

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