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Miscellaneous.

Feeding Pumpkins.

Is there any way of forcing a pumpkin?
A. W.

Ans.—We have heard of a lamp-wick
being inserted into the feeding stem
and the other end placed in a tin of milk.
The milk is drawn into the plant through
the lamp-wick, and it is said that under
this system remarkably large pumpkins
have been secured.

Cutting Wood.

A hires B to cut cordwood at \$1.50
a cord. A week later A makes a bargain
to give B the winter's cutting for 25
cents a cord less. On February 26 A
notified B to stop cutting, thus throwing
him out of work. What action can B
take against A? C. G. W.

Ans.—Unless B was engaged to cut
a certain number of cords at a stated
sum, he would stand a poor chance of
success in taking action against A.

Twitch Grass.

What is the name of the enclosed
plant? R. C. A.

Ans.—The plant received at this
office was a sample of twitch grass. It
is a perennial weed which is rather hard
to eradicate and one which is very
troublesome. Thorough cultivation dur-
ing a period of dry weather and raking
off the roots and burning them is one
means of getting rid of this plant. Care
should be taken not to drag the roots
from an infested field to a clean one,
as the roots are very tenacious and will
grow in all kinds of soil.

Caked Udder—Sore Shoulders.

A cow has a caked udder. We have
bathed it with warm water and rubbed
it with camphorated oil. One of the
teats has given about a cupful of milk.
Will she come all right? A neighbor
advised giving a dose of saltpetre; would
it be good for her?

2. What is a good remedy to put on a
horse's shoulder that has been rubbed
with the collar?

3. A cow which freshened about a
week ago gives very little milk and pants
a good deal. Is this due to the heat or
is there any disease? T. M.

Ans.—1. Bathing the udder with
warm water and using camphorated oil
is a very good remedy. Some use vinegar
and goose grease. Rubbing with gasoline
has also been found beneficial. In the
issue of July 3 is given one man's ex-
perience in treating caked udder. In
regard to the saltpetre, we would not
advise administering this, except on a
veterinarian's prescription.

2.—The white lotion is recommended
for sore shoulders. It is made by mixing
1 ounce of acetate of lead, 6 drams of
sulphate of zinc and a pint of water.
This material is applied by hand and is a
soothing, nonirritant remedy.

3. Without more detailed symptoms
we cannot definitely diagnose the case.
It is possible that the cow being in a
rather weakened condition, due to par-
turation, is suffering from the heat. She
may also have an attack of indigestion.
In this case it would be advisable to call
in a veterinarian to examine the cow and
prescribe treatment.

Gossip.

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