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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

IMPROVEMENT DISCOURAGED.

I would like to know why the townships or Government assesses the farmer heavier every time he adds a little to his home or surroundings to improve. I have met men who refuse to fix up a lawn or do much, owing to that reason. Simcoe Co., Ont. PADDY.

Ans.—They do it in obedience to the law. [Many believe the law should be changed. If you think so, agitate. Our columns are open.—Editor.]

DISLOCATION OF PATELLA.

I have a colt nine months old that got her stifle knocked out of place. Sometimes it goes back into place of itself. Is there anything could be done to keep it in place? I have tried two veterinarians. They gave me stuff to rub on it, but still she is lame if the bone be not put back. SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—The colt will probably come around in time, but a blister helps to strengthen the joint. Clip the hair off the front and inside of the joint. Get a blister composed of 1½ drams each biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces of vaseline. Rub well into the parts; tie so she cannot bite or lick the joint. In 24 hours, rub well again, and in 24 hours longer, wash off and apply sweet oil. Let her loose now, and oil every day. Repeat the blister every month for four or five months.

RHUBARB CULTURE.

We want to grow enough rhubarb for our family use. Our garden is sandy soil. Will you please tell me what kind of roots to get, and where to get them; whether the ground should be enriched, and whether you should loosen soil and work around roots occasionally; or should they be left undisturbed? Do they require much moisture, or land well drained; a sunny situation, or a sheltered corner? MRS. J. E. S.

Kent Co., Ont.

Ans.—Rhubarb roots may be obtained from any of the large seedsmen, or possibly even from some neighbor who may have a good variety. The variety most generally grown is called the Victoria, although much more depends upon the cultivation given than upon the variety. The roots should be planted when the plants are dormant, either in the fall or very early in the spring before they begin to make growth. Rhubarb is a gross feeder, and the land for it cannot be too rich or too deep. The plants should be set at least four feet apart, and should be given good cultivation to keep the surface soil loose and open. The more frequently the ground is enriched with well-rotted manure or compost, the more vigorous the growth. The plants should not be set in shade of buildings or trees, as they enjoy full sunlight, nor should they be allowed to exhaust themselves by producing seed. All seed stalks should be broken out as soon as they show themselves. In three or four years after the plants become well established, three or four should be taken up every fall before the ground freezes, and be left on the surface exposed to severe freezing for a

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few weeks, after which they should be put in a dark vegetable cellar and allowed to grow in the dark. In such position, they will produce a splendid crop for winter use, which is much finer than the crop produced out in the open. In a cellar of moderate temperature, such as potatoes would be kept in, the roots should begin bearing about the middle of February, and may be cropped until the supply comes on outside in the spring. Roots which have been forced in this way are exhausted themselves, so that they are valueless for further use. To keep up a supply for this purpose, a good plantation could be maintained in the garden.

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GOSSIP.

THE BRAMPTON JERSEY HERD.

The 250 head of choicest Jersey cattle that now make up the renowned Brampton herd of B. H. Bull & Sons, of Brampton, Ont., were never in better fit than now, and never showed so heavy a milk production as this winter. During the last year a large number of them qualified for the Record of Performance, including the great heifer, Brampton Lady George, who, in her two-year-old form, has finished her yearly test with 11,000 lbs. milk and 536 lbs. butter, and freshened again within thirty days of completion of her test. Out of this heifer is a yearling bull, sired by Brampton Sweet Briar, a son of the four-times Toronto grand champion, Imp. Blue Blood, her calf this time being a heifer, and in the herd is a yearling sister of hers and a brother bull calf. Aristocratic Fanny, winner of the breed's dairy test at Guelph last year, has, in the six months she has been in the test, given enough milk and butter to qualify for the R. of P., and present indications are that she will equal her illustrious stable mate. She has a bull calf, dropped in September last, sired by Stockwell's Trinity Prince, a son of the \$11,500 bull, Stockwell. This cow, when fresh, gave 55 lbs. a day, that tested 6 per cent. butter-fat, and her dam, Monplaisir's Fanny (imp.), winner of championship at Toronto in 1909, is in the official record of her Island birthplace, and she, too, is the dam of Brampton Stockwell, the Toronto junior champion of last year. Twenty-two of the herd are now in the official test, with bright prospects of all passing with a good margin. In the herd are several daughters of the great bull, Noble of Oakland, for which T. S. Cooper paid over \$15,000. There are, all told, thirty young bulls, five fit for service. The stock bulls in service are the champion, Blue Blood, Brampton Stockwell, and Brampton Jolly Oakland (imp.), a Golden Jolly, out of an Oakland dam, having an official butter record of 3 lbs. per day. The Messrs. Bull are the largest importers of Jerseys in Canada, their last year's importation being fifteen head, and they are now preparing for a spring importation. Practically anything in the herd is for sale, either singly or in car lots, a specialty being highly-bred herd-heads.