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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

### SICK COW.

I have a cow with something the matter with her tubulars. Would you recommend me to get a veterinary surgeon G. N. B. or not?

Ans .- The description given of the trouble is so meagre that the seriousness of it cannot be stated by us. It would in all probability be advisable to call in your veterinary.

#### MASTER AND SERVANT.

A hires a man as farmer, and pays his fare out to British Columbia on condition that he pays back his fare, \$25 per month. A writes out conditions to this effect and sends them over for B to sign. He does so, and returns same. A has them in his possession, but B says this will not stand good, as it is made in two countries.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER. British Columbia.

Ans .- We think that B is wrong.

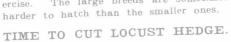
# INFLAMMATION OF NAVEL.

Would like the following question answered: What causes inflammation of the navel in a two- or three-day-old foal, and what is the remedy? A. D. K. Ans.—This is likely joint or navel ill, and is believed to arise from the entrance of germs into the navel cord. Prevention is the best treatment. Keep the stables clean at foaling time. Apply to the navel cord a five-per-cent solution of carbolic acid, or ten-per-cent. solution of liquid formaldehyde 3 or 4 times a day until the cord is shriveled. When once established, it usually proves fatal.

## ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION.

Why do the young chicks in incubator die in the shell a few days before time of hatching ? They are mostly large eggs, and from a large breed of hens

A SUBSCRIBER. Ans .- This may be due to lack of moisture, but it is often due to weak germs, or to overheating in the incubator. Eggs from low-vitality fowls and poorly cared for males, often give this trouble. Give the fowls of the breeding pens good feed, though not much meat, and plenty of exercise. The large breeds are sometimes



What is proper time to cut the common locust hedge to kill it? J. R. Ans .- The common locust is a very hard shrub or tree to kill. It is necessary to cut close and keep it below ground for some time, or it will sprout up and grow. A good plan, we should sup would be to cut it about the end of May or first of June, or even July, keep the sprouts cut throughout the summer and very little further difficulty should ensue. Some girdle the trees in spring, claiming that this method kills them, and prevents sprouts.





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### HAWKWEED.

1. I enclose a weed I would like to know the name of; if it is dangerous or not; how best to kill it, and all about it. H. A. B.

Ans.-1. The weed is one of the hawkweeds, and is in all probability Branching Hawkweed. It is a persistent perennial, occurring usually in meadows and pastures. Rotation of crops will subdue the hawkweeds. The roots are close to the surface, and plowing, followed by surface cultivation and short rotation of crops, puts an end to the weed.

### MANGEL SPROUTS.

Last year I mailed to "The Farmer's Advocate" office a small bottle of mangel seed. I soaked those seeds for one week, and when I was sowing them I found a great many worms in the bottom of the dish. Please tell me what they are, and whether they injured the seed. The seed seemed to have a green color when I D. D. bought it.

Ans -There was nothing wrong with your mangel seed. What you saw was the little sprouts of the manuel seed. It is not advised to soak the seed longer than 24 to 33 hours. If your seed does not grow well, it will probably be due to having been oaked too long.