

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Miscellaneous.

MILK FEVER IN SOW.

Sow, which had ten pigs last fall, just after pigging, took milk fever and had not enough milk for her pigs. We had to spoon-feed them for a few days, until the sow came to her milk, but when the pigs were about three weeks old we had to wean them on account of the sow going dry again. Can you please let me know the cause of the sow's sickness, and the cure, if she takes it again, as I expect her to come in again in March?

W. S. L.

Ans.—Milk fever is not in the list of diseases of swine, and we can only advise being careful that the sow is not constipated at time of farrowing. Give laxative feed, such as roots, bran, oil meal, and greasy swill. We know of no cure, and prevention is better than cure.

CAKED CEMENT.

A bought a quantity of cement from B that had lain in a drive shed for over a year. This shed was close to the river, about forty feet from it. The cement was in bags, and had become hard and stuck to the bags all round, but some of it was soft in the center. A bought it on condition that it was all right. Not having had any experience with cement, A engaged C to put in a concrete floor with it. C condemned it on the ground that it was too hard to mix with the gravel. A notified B that he would return it. B sent A his account for the full amount, saying that, no doubt, the cement was all right.

1. Is this hard cement of any use for concrete work, and, if so, how can it be bruised fine enough to mix with gravel?
2. Would it be wise to put it in a floor, even if it could be done?
3. What is the cause of it becoming hard. B maintains that it never got wet.

4. Can B make A pay for this cement, as nothing was said at time of bargain as to the price of cement, or when it was to be paid, by either party?

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Ans.—1 and 2. What remains soft in the center may be used, but what is hard and lumpy had better be discarded.
3. Absorption of moisture from the air, or possibly by capillary action from soil moisture.
4. Probably not, provided it be returned to B without delay.

FALSE FLAX.

I have some wild flax in a new-seeded field. What would be the best way to get rid of it? Would it be best to pasture or cut hay?

J. I.

Ans.—We presume our correspondent refers to false flax (Camelina sativa), which is thus described in the bulletin, "Weeds of Ontario," by Prof. F. C. Harrison, O. A. C., Guelph. An annual and winter annual with simple or branching stems; the lower leaves are long, with a stem or petiole, and the upper ones clasp the stem with arrow-shaped bases. The flowers are numerous, yellow, and somewhat inconspicuous. The seed-vessel or pod is pear-shaped or globular, with a small projection from the upper end. The little stalks holding the pods are slender and spreading or ascending. The seed is brown, and somewhat larger than that of Shepherd's Purse. An average plant produces about 40,000 seeds. Time of flowering, June, August; time of seeding, July, August; dispersal as an impurity in flax and clover seed, and occasionally in grain. Eradication: Where only a few plants or patches exist, pull by hand; but where there is much of it, plow and harrow soon after haying or harvest. As soon as the seeds have had time to germinate, cultivate. Repeat the cultivation, and rib up the land with a double mouldboard plow late in the fall. Put in a hoed crop, either roots or corn, the following spring, and cultivate thoroughly. Cultivate after the roots or corn. Sow a crop of grain and seed with clover. If not too abundant, pull weeds by hand out of the grain crop, or cut green, so that no weeds go to seed. Take a crop or two of hay or pasture, and break up the clover sod for another season of corn or roots.

2. We see no reason why it will not be all right to take a hay crop, provided it is cut early, and care is taken not to allow any weeds to blossom.

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