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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Feeding Geese.

Do geese require regular feeds of grain? I have a young goose that has laid twelve eggs but has not laid for two weeks. She does not seem inclined to sit. Can I do anything to entice her to the nest?

E. H. W.

Ans.—When there is no green feed geese should be fed a little grain. They do not require very much, and during the winter they relish a few pulped roots. The amount of grain to feed will depend on the condition of the geese. Care should be taken that they are not too fat. We doubt if you can do anything to induce the young goose to sit. You will have to let nature take its course.

Cats With Itchy Heads.

In the issue of April 24 a question regarding a cat that was itchy around the head was answered. V. M. Bravender writes that he has had similar trouble with cats which he owns. He contends that it is a common occurrence with certain breeds, especially if their ears are not cared for. The trouble is due to ear mites and cats affected will dig their heads and ears terribly with their claws. Treatment consists in cleansing the ears with a boracic solution or a weak peroxide solution, and the following week use olive oil. This is done by rolling bits of absorbent on the end of a toothpick, dipping it in the solution or oil and thoroughly cleansing the ear, removing all particles of wax.

Cedar Hedge.

I have a cedar hedge about 10 feet high. It is 200 yards long and 30 feet out from the house. How and when should I trim it? What height will I trim the hedge?

M. L.

Ans.—A hedge may be trimmed any time through May or June. Trimming is done by the use of a saw and a pair of shears. Once the hedge has been brought to shape the shears are the only instrument necessary, as a hedge that is trimmed every year only requires shaping and this means the removal of the small stuff. If you go reducing the height of your hedge to any great extent, it will certainly spoil the appearance of it for the present at least. Of course, you could cut it back, leaving a flat top and then trimming the sides to give a square appearance.

Feeding A Calf.

1. How old should a calf be before being put on separated milk?
2. If a cow does not give as much milk as a calf will take, what would be a good substitute to use?
3. What is the best feed for young goslings?

A. H.

Ans.—1. We have seen calves that have done particularly well when fed whole milk for two weeks and then gradually changed over to skim-milk. It would no doubt be better for the calf to have whole milk for a longer period.
2. As soon as the calf will eat it should have access to good clover hay, oats and bran. A little cornmeal and oil cake mixed with the oats and bran makes a very good ration.
3. For the first few feeds, goslings may be given bread soaked in milk and squeezed out dry. Cornmeal and shorts, mixed with water and baked may be used in place of white bread. As a rule goslings do not require much feed besides what they can pick up on pasture.

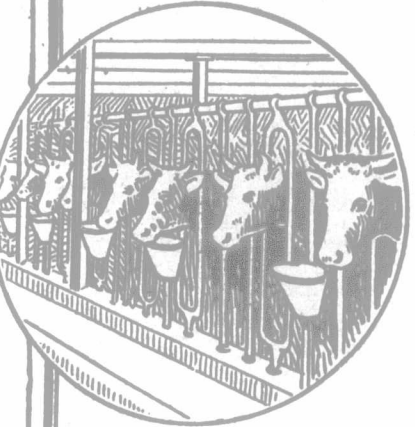
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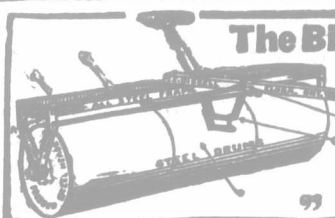
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