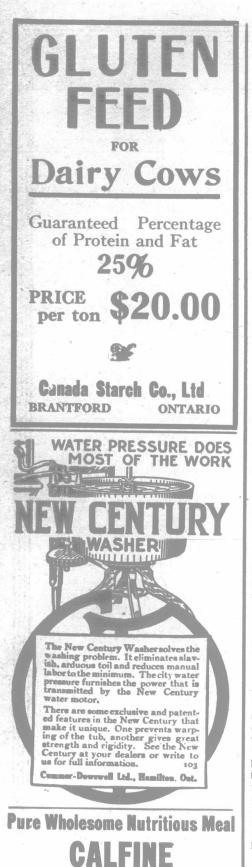
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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Soft-shelled Goose Eggs.

Will you tell me what to do for a goose that lays eggs without shells? J. D.

Ans .- Probably your goose is too fat. Let her out, with access to earth and water. She will soon pick up shellforming material if this has been lacking in her diet.

Post-hole Digger Wanted.

Would you kindly tell me whether you know of any machine suitable for farm use that would dig fence-post holes ? The railway companies, of course, have such machines, but they are too large and expensive for the average farmer. In this neighborhood it is nearly impossible to get men to dig post holesthey do not like the work. In fact, efficient farm help of any kind is exceedingly hard to get, and we are constantly told of the high cost of living. The fences put up are chiefly of wire, but getting the posts in is a problem. If you can give any help in the matter, you will much oblige. (MISS) J. D. T.

Ans .- Any reader who may have seen such a contrivance working satisfactorily and satisfactory in cost, would confer a favor by writing us full particulars.

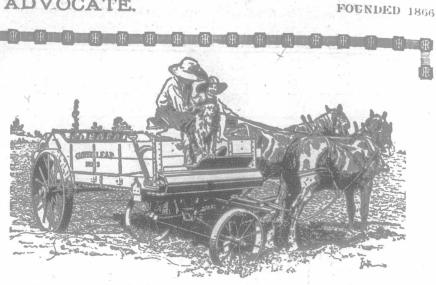
Killing Grass---White Grubs.

1. I have a piece of ground very thickly rooted with watergrass. Is there any way to kill it? Would a good coat of salt kill it, leaving the land without crop for one season?' Will thorough underdraining cause it to die out? Is it a sign of coldness or sourness in the land? Is lime a good thing to put on such land ?

2. Have a piece of newly-seeded land which I find it necessary to break up this season. Would like to plant with potatoes and strawberries. Is it likely to be infested with white grubs? INQUIRER.

Ans.-1. We are at a loss to know just what species of grass is meant by watergrass. If it is a coarse grass or sedge growing in very wet places, underdrainage would certainly aid in its extermination. If enough salt is sown, it will kill all vegetation, but will not leave the land in a very good condition for a crop the following year. Lime is valuable to apply to a sour soil. Un-doubtedly this land is cold, and likely sour. Underdrainage would aid in warming it up. Underdrain, cultivate thoroughly, and if necessary add a little lime.

2. If newly seeded last year, and had not been down to grass for a few year



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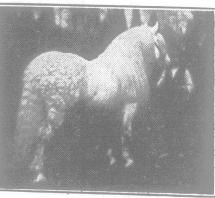
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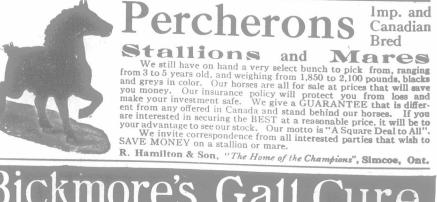


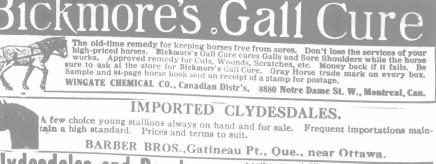
previous to this seeding, it is not very likely to be infested.

Cow Leaks Milk-House Plans.

1. We have a valuable cow that leaks her milk. Would like to know what to put on her teats to help her hold it? 2. We intend building a new house this summer. We thought of making it about 30 feet square. It faces two roads, north and east. Thought we would have it facing east, and have the veranda across the east side. Would like to see a few nice plans for country houses published soon, as I cannot decide on an inside plan. Hoping some person who has a nice, comfortable and convenient, square house, will not mind passing on their plan for the benefit of another. D. A. L.

Ans.-1. Get a 5-cent bottle of collodion and touch it to the teat just after milking. It will, on drying, form a scale, which may be picked off before commencing to milk. This is not always effectual, but is simple, cheap, and worth trying. Were it not for the fact that this seems to be a particularly valuable cow, we would suggest vealing or raising calves on her. One cow will raise two calves nicely, and if the calves are wellbred, and of the right stamp, this is rather a profitable way of utilizing a cow that leaks milk or is hard-milking. Vealing calves is sometimes even more profitable than raising them, when a supply of calves can be got as wanted. 2. Persons with houses answering, approximately, to the style and dimensions of this one, would confer a slavor by submitting description and plans.





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