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Fall Pasture.

I have a field seeded to grass that is very bad with thistles. We intend to plow the field in June. What crop would you advise sowing for fall pasture for cattle, horses and sheep? We thought of sowing rape. Would there be danger of the cattle bloating if they were not Would thousand-headed used to it? kale be satisfactory? What quantity do you sow per acre?

Ans.—Rape would make as satisfactory fall pasture as anything you could sow. It can be sown early in July and will give an abundance of feed in September. It is not particularly good feed for horses, but is excellent for cattle, sheep and swine. Care should be taken when turning the stock on to rape, but once they are used to it there is little danger of bloating. It is well to have another field near by for them to run on, and salt should be available. Kale gives very good yields. If rape is sown in rows, 2½ to 3 lbs. per acre will be sufficient; if sown broadcast, more than double that quantity would be required.

Rack Lifter.

My father wishes to install a racklifter in our barn. The width between the beams on which it is to be built is about 16 feet. The lifter is to be stationary. We use a 16-foot rack. Kindly give some information regarding the installing of same. What safety devices are neces-LHS

Ans.-If installing a rack-lifter yourself, we would advise you to visit some farm where the rack-lifter is used so as to get some idea of the way it is put up. It is necessary to have a windlass for each end of the wagon, resting on a timber well up in the barn. This may be on a beam, if high enough, and the same fixed so that the windlass will run fairly smoothly. As a rule large wooden wheels with solid dogs are used to run the rope on to turn the windlass. It is essential that these dogs be solid and that the catch drops into place very readily so as to hold the load when it is drawn to the proper height. or to hold it should a rope break. It is necessary to have strong ropes as there s a heavy strain in raising the entire load. The two windlasses would rest directly over the ends of the wagon and the ropes to raise the wagon would be ch end of the sill by means of a hook and link.

Splicing a Rope.

How can a rope be spliced so that it will run through the pulleys?

2. How long after a cow freshens should it be until she is milked? Some people advise twelve hours. W. T. V. Ans.—1. There are different ways of splicing a rope, and if care is taken there should be little difficulty in doing

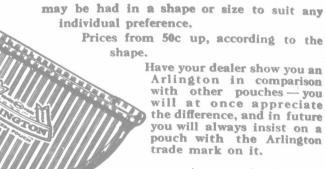
the work so that the splice will run through the pulleys quite smoothly. One method s to unwind each strand for a distance of about 3 feet, fit each end of the rope together, and then work one strand over the other. In order to avoid a largeness at the sclice, each strand may be made a little smaller by cutting out a few of the fibres. Another method is to unwind about the same distance, take two strands and tie them so that the unwound part of both ropes meet, then unwind one strand and wind the other into its place for a distance of 1^{1}_{2} or 2 feet, and then work the end in as above mentioned. This is done with each strand. In this way the strand of one end takes the place of a strand in one other, and vice versa. This makes a very neat splice and

2. A cow that is a heavy milker should to the milked out dry for a day or day and a half. It is best to follow nature a closely as possible. A little may be stripped out of the udder frequently, but to entirely empty the udder might same milk fever to develop.



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