

Questions and Answers.

Miscellaneous.

Feeding Frozen Turnips.

Does it injure brood sows, heavy in pig, to feed them turnips that have been badly frozen? C. W. T.

Ans.—1. Fed in moderation after they have thawed, they should not injure the sows.

Use of Hall.

We have a hall in our village built by the community. Does the Patriotic Club have to pay rental for the use of this hall? D. K.

Ans.—It depends on the rules and regulations formulated by those in charge of the hall, as to whether or not a charge is made.

Using Old Arsenate of Lead.

1. Would arsenate of lead (paste), purchased last year and from which the water has evaporated be of any use for spraying this spring? D. C.

Ans.—Professor L. Caesar, of the Ontario Agricultural College, has recommended that such arsenate of lead be mixed again with water and used in slightly larger quantities than is commonly recommended, such as 2½ lbs. of this re-mixed product where 2 lbs. is ordinarily enough.

Registering Draft of Wagon.

1. Is there a device to be had to test the draft of a wagon, that is, tell the weight required to move the wagon or load? J. S. C.

Ans.—1. We do not know of a commercial device for such a purpose. Special apparatus has been designed by physicists for estimating draft. Special apparatus and scales are necessary. There are, too, seven different factors which modify draft viz., smoothness of the road-bed, rigidity of the road-bed, width of tire, diameter of wheel, distribution of the load on the wagon, direction of the line of draft, rigidity of the carriage.

Unthrifty Pigs.

I have a young pig that is not thriving. I notice a number of black teeth which are very sharp. Would these prevent her thriving and how can they be gotten rid of? T. K.

Ans.—Very sharp teeth frequently occur in young pigs and prevent them feeding as they should. One of the first indications is the pigs fighting and injuring each other with these sharp teeth. It may be that the teeth are interfering with the pig taking its feed, but if so it is altogether likely that they would lacerate its tongue or cheeks. They may be broken off with pincers. It may be that the pig is suffering from some other trouble. If pigs once get a set back it sometimes takes a long time to get them thriving again.

Veterinary.

Lame Colt.

Colt went lame from stretching of the ligaments of the stifle, before being weaned last fall. I used a liniment without success. I then blistered the joint repeatedly all winter, but he is not better.

F. C.

Ans.—If your diagnosis is correct you are doing all that can be done. Lameness of this nature is generally very hard to treat, also very tedious. It is possible there is also some other cause of lameness. It will be well to have him examined again by your veterinarian.

Lame Mare.

While driving down a stony hill my mare stumbled and then went very lame on right fore leg. After standing for a few days she appeared sore between ankle and knee, showing symptoms of splint. Now she is quite sore on top of shoulder.

G. E. F.

Ans.—She sprained the flexor tendons when she stumbled. Get a liniment made of ½ oz. each of tincture of iodine, tincture of arnica and oil of turpentine, 6 oz. extract of witch hazel and alcohol to make a pint. Bathe the tendons between knee and fetlock with hot water three times daily and after bathing rub well with the liniment. In about ½ hour after rubbing apply a woolen bandage. If the swelling and soreness on shoulder are still present, treat the same, less the bandage.

V.

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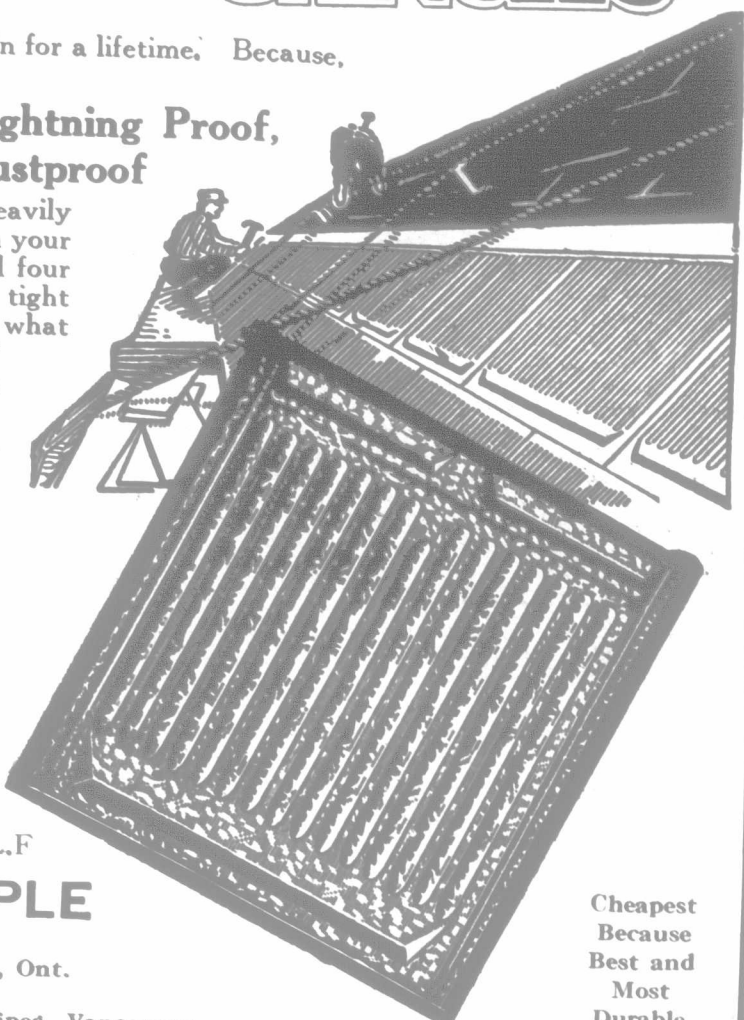
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