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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### To Tan Ground Hog Skins

W. E., Middlesex Co., Ont., wishes to know how to tan ground hog skins.

A good way to tan small skins of any kind is as follows: Dissolve two lbs. powdered alum and one lb. of common salt in one gallon of hot water. Clean all flesh and fat from the skin and sponge it over with the liquid, when cold, on the flesh side until it is saturated. Fold it flesh side inwards and set it aside until nearly dry, then repeat the process, after which work it well with the hands while drying so as to make it soft and pliable. When very nearly finished a very little lard may be worked in on the flesh side if required. The softness of the finish depends entirely on the final working.

### Itch on Horses

I have an old mare that has been running out in the day time. She is in good flesh but has some kind of an itch and is rubbing whenever she can get a chance. It seems to be worse on the hind legs and back part of her belly. J. H. C. Nova Scotia.

Separate horses, clean and white-wash the stalls. Cut down the grain ration and feed bran mash. Wash the affected parts with soap and hot water. When dry rub in a creamy mixture of flowers of sulphur and raw linseed oil to each point of which add one pint of kerosene. This may be repeated every three or four days until cured.

### Lousy Sheep

I have a flock of sheep that are very lousy and full of sheep ticks, and some of them have the scours. Can sheep be dipped before they are sheared without injury to the wool, or at what time must they be dipped? C. J. P., Norfolk Co., Ont.

It would be best to dip the sheep

after shearing them, and this could be done at once. Use some one of the standard sheep dips advertised. The scouring may be due to intestinal worms. Feed generously on ground or crushed oats and bran. Also mix in feed for each sheep once daily one teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts, common salt, dried sulphate of iron and ground gentian root.

### Scurfy Hogs

My fattening hogs seem to have a thick scurf on their skin. They rub and scratch all the time. They are not lousy and do not seem to be doing as well as they should. H. J. Manitoba.

You are probably feeding too much solid food. Change food for a time to slop of middlings, bran, flaxseed meal, etc., and allow hogs plenty of exercise on green grass or other green food. Physic each with four ounces of Epsom salts and follow with a dram of hypo-sulphate of soda daily in food or drinking water.

### Sick Turkeys

What is good for young turkeys with gapes and yellow cholera? I am trying to raise some turkeys and would be greatly pleased if I could find some remedy for those two diseases. Mrs. F. C., Oxford Co., Ont.

I am inclined to believe that these turkeys are, perhaps, affected with what is known as black head, although I would not be positive. The same trouble might be caused by the turkey poult being lousy and damp. The two combined would almost be sure to cause trouble similar to this.

As to a cure, about the only thing that can be done is prevention. I would suggest that Mrs. F. C. be very careful not to feed the turkeys on the ground. Either feed the birds on a positively clean board or else out of the hand. In this way, if the disease is due to any germ that may be on the ground it will not be contracted through eating of food. It would be well to move the coop daily to fresh ground, taking care to move it after the dew is off the grass.—W. R. Graham, poultry manager, Ontario Agricultural College.

## ABOUT RURAL LAW

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### Rabbits Eating Crops

Q.—The man owning the land adjoining mine encourages the breeding of wild rabbits upon his land, and the rabbits stray from his land to mine and injure my crops. Can I compel him to pay the damage?—M. N. G.

A.—No. Since the rabbits are wild, the moment they leave his land they are not his rabbits doing damage. Being wild, he has no property in them after they have left his soil. Your only remedy is the capture and destruction of the rabbits.

### Damages for Dog Bite

Q.—I was bitten by the dog of a neighbor of mine. The dog was barking at a horse, and in running past me, seized me by the leg, inflicting quite a severe injury. I was not molesting the dog in any way. Can I make the owner pay me damages for the injury?—A. J. N.

A.—Not unless you can show that the dog was of a ferocious nature, or had before bitten a person under similar circumstances, i. e., without provocation, and that the owner knew of its vicious temper.

### The Right of Women to Vote

Q.—I is a married woman, who has bought and holds railway land in her own name, entitled to vote in a district school meeting? A. I. C.

A.—Not if her husband is living, and the property is assessed in his name. If she is unmarried or a widow and not in arrears in the payment of taxes, she could vote if her name

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