

Questions and Answers.

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2nd—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.
3rd—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.
4th—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

Veterinary.

Urinary Trouble.

Mare has had urinary trouble since last spring. She urinates frequently. The urine has a strong smell, is thick and dark, and sometimes bloody. She strains and groans for a few minutes after urinating. I have given saltpetre without results.
H. M.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate cystic calculi (stones in the bladder.) The internal administration of medicines does no good. A veterinarian may be able to remove them. If there be no calculi the administration of 2 oz. tincture of hyoscyamus in a pint of cold water as a drench twice daily should give relief. Saltpetre stimulates the kidneys to increased action, hence in a case of this nature it makes matters worse.
V.

Strangles.

Nine-year-old horse had three boils which broke out under his jaw. He refused food, got quite stiff, and apparently went blind and went crazy. I also have a seven-year-old mare that is breaking out the same way, but she eats well and appears in perfect health.
W. L. D. S.

Ans.—These horses have strangles or distemper. While this is principally a disease of young horses, it is not unknown in those of all ages. In the first mentioned horse the symptoms indicate the formation of an abscess on the brain, and if such is the case he will not recover. All abscesses that can be seen should be freely lanced and the cavities flushed out three times daily until healed. Give 4 drams of hyposulphite of soda three times daily, and feed on laxative food. If they will not eat and can swallow, drench with new milk, new eggs and a little whiskey, but if there is much difficulty in swallowing it will be very dangerous to attempt to drench. The medicine can be placed well back on the tongue out of a spoon. In severe cases of this trouble it is wise to employ a veterinarian.
V.

Miscellaneous.

Wants a Dog.

Can you tell me where I can buy a pure-bred English bulldog pup?
G. H.

Ans.—Better advertise in "The Farmer's Advocate" for one.

Line Fence.

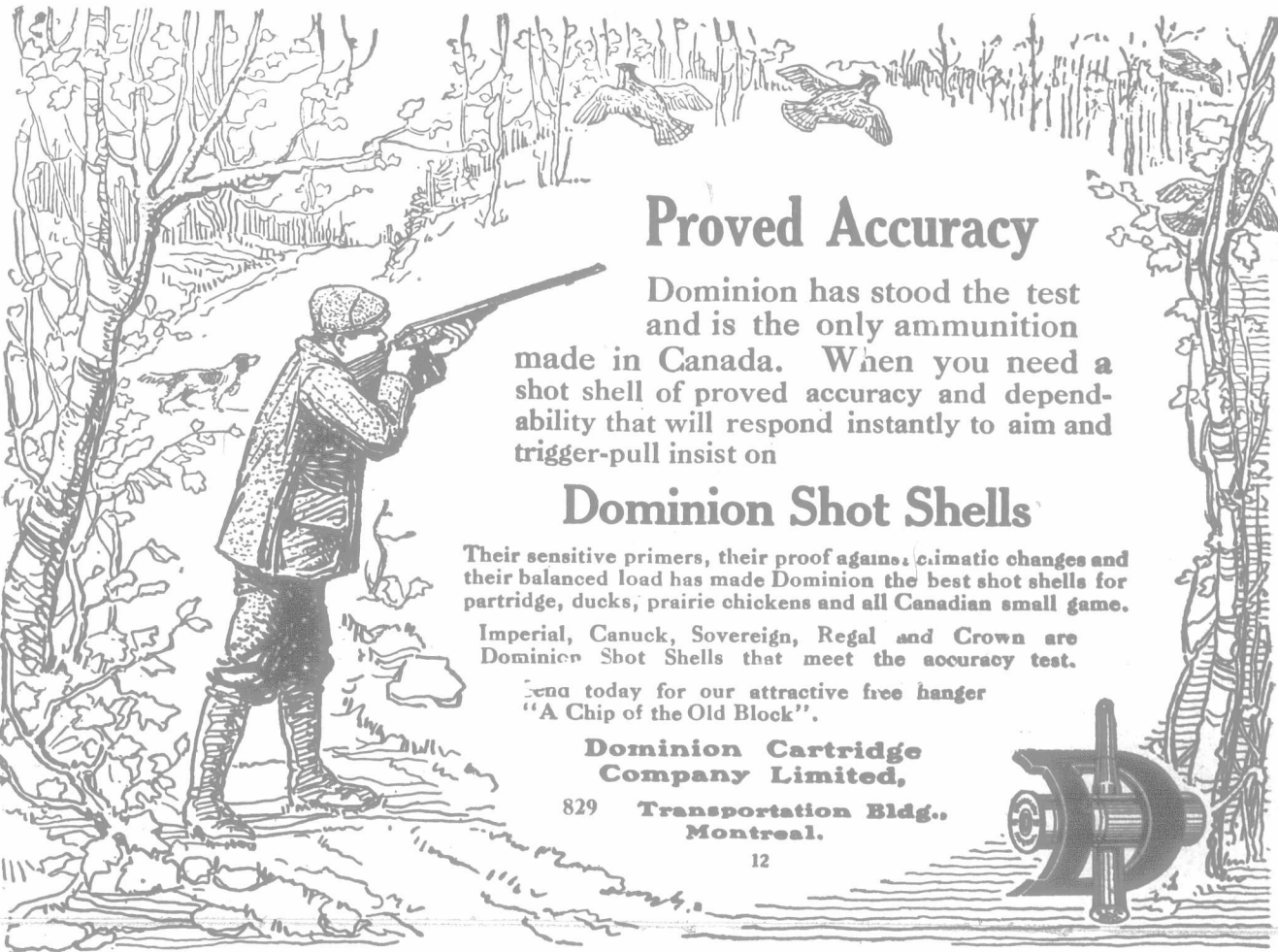
How long must a line fence be down that they can't compel you to move it? Tell the number of years. There was a new fence laid about 10 years ago or so.
Ontario
A. Mac.

Ans.—Generally speaking 10 years, but there is no hard and fast rule, and in the particular case there may be circumstances such as to take it out of the general rule.

Inversion of Vagina.

Have a cow, which when given too much succulent feed inverts her vagina sometimes as much as 10 inches. Have raised a slanting platform for her to stand on in the stall. I put the parts back again, and perhaps she is all right for 3 or 4 days. Then, the same thing happens again. What drugs should I give her to strengthen her in those parts? Would same trouble be worse next time. She is about 14 years of age. Calved a month ago.
J.D.M.

Ans.—The raised platform behind is about the only practical method of treatment. Drugs have little effect. The vagina should be washed with warm water with ten per cent. laudanum, then dressed with alum water, 2 ozs. to the pint. After putting it in place, a truss consisting of a piece of leather or other substance should be placed against the vulva and kept there by ropes secured to something attached to the front of the animal. Mild cases may be cured but bad cases seldom respond to treatment.



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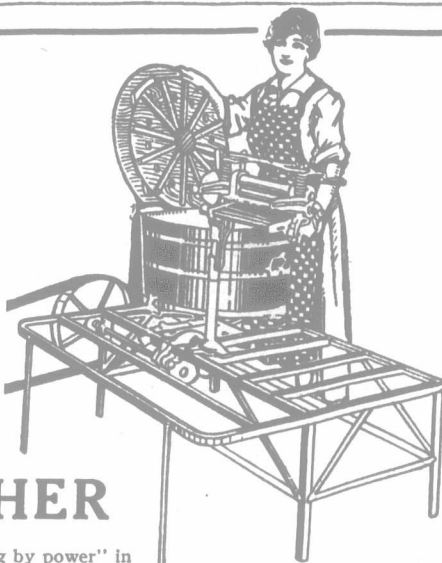
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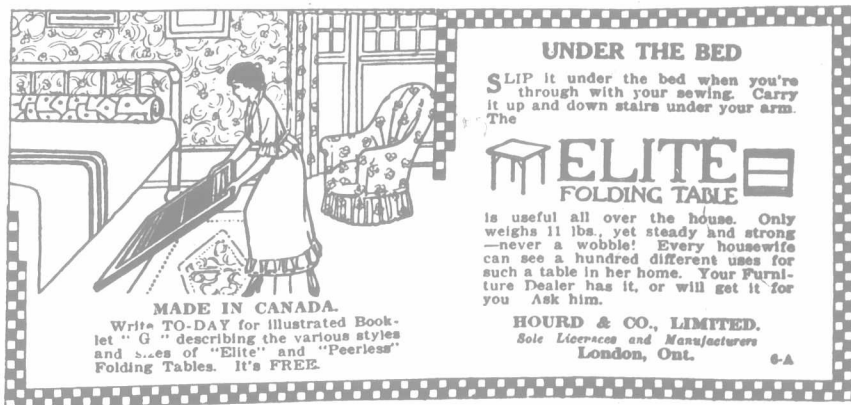
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Field Bindweed.

I am enclosing a sample of a weed which I find growing in a small area of my farm. As yet there is only a round patch of it about 25 feet in diameter. I would like to know its name and best plan of eradicating it or at least keeping it in check.
G. G.

Ans.—The weed received at this office is a sample of Field Bindweed. It is a perennial weed and is believed to be one of the most persistent to be found on Ontario farms. However, it does not spread rapidly of its own accord, but may be scattered over the field by cultivating implements as it has long, fibrous, underground root stalks which may be trailed and when dropped will take root in the soil and send up new growth. These roots are of a wiry nature and are hard to kill. We have known fields to be cultivated once a week for the entire summer, thus preventing any green growth from showing on the surface. However, the next season, traces of this noxious weed were still to be seen. With a patch about 25 feet in diameter we would advise digging it out and burning the roots. Under no consideration would we plow, cultivate or harrow through it when working the rest of the field. Better work the patch by itself until you are sure the bindweed is cleaned out. It may be a little awkward doing so but it will save work in the end. Some have tried putting salt on the green plant, but it requires so much to have any effect on it that nothing else will grow for several years. We recall having seen one very thick patch of bindweed where salt had been applied and it apparently increased the growth of the weed rather than diminish it. However, we believe there was too light an application made. Small patches have been destroyed by smothering with a pile of manure. Whatever method is used thoroughness in the work is required.

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