

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

HANDLING INCUBATOR.

I would like to have someone who has had success with an incubator and brooder say through your paper what kind is the best to buy, and what his experience has been, and how much time and attention has to be given to incubator. I think this would be of benefit to many who would like to get one; but there are so many incubators advertised that one does not know which is best. M. D. F.

Ans.—This subject has been very fully treated in the last two issues of the "Farmer's Advocate."

CEMENT SILO QUERIES.

I purpose building a silo next summer, and would like to know from you or some of your intelligent readers who have had experience, the following information: I would like to make my silo of concrete (cement, sand and gravel) which is convenient.

1. Does the ensilage freeze worse than in a wooden silo?

2. Does it, if well plastered with Portland cement, absorb the moisture from the ensilage and leave it moulded worse than wood. J. N.

Ans.—1 and 2. No.

TO KILL LICE ON CATTLE.

What do you recommend for killing lice on cattle? J. L.

Ans.—This question has been asked and answered fifty times in these columns in the last two years. We have no settled opinion as to what is best, but would say that any of the sheep dips advertised are claimed to be effective. Any kind of grease or oil will kill them, but coal oil should only be used with twice the quantity of raw linseed oil, as if used alone it will blister. Tobacco juice is a sure thing for the purpose, and we have known common fly powder (pyrethrum) sifted into the hair from a flour-dredger to prove very effective.

TREATMENT FOR ABORTION.

Please let me know through your valuable paper what is the best disinfectant to use for injections for abortion in cows. How many times do cows need to be injected before cured of it, and what is the best kind of syringe to use? Would the same syringe used for the cows do for the bull too? Would giving the cows crude carbolic acid in the salt be as good for them as the pure carbolic acid in bran, for abortion? E. A.

Ans.—See answer to similar question in this issue.

RE ABORTION IN COWS.

1. Is abortion contagious? How long after a cow aborts would it be safe to mate her again, without danger of spreading the disease?

2. Could a man be fined for bringing a cow shortly after aborting and not telling the owner of the bull?

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Ans.—1. There is a species of abortion that is contagious. This question has been fully discussed in these columns recently. See Jan. 19th issue, page 79; also Feb. 2nd, page 172. As a rule, they should not be bred again for three or four months.

2. We do not think so.

ABORTION TREATMENT.

About three months ago one of our cows calved at seven months, calf dying few hours after birth. This week another did the same, calf also dying. Cows appear all right, and are milking well.

1. Do you think it is contagious abortion?

2. Would you advise giving our cows which are in calf the carbolic-acid mashees? If so, how often and for how long?

3. Where can we get fuller information regarding the abortion treatment than is contained in your issue of Jan. 19th, particularly the injecting with Nocard's solution and the coal-tar disinfectant? J. E.

Ans.—See Feb. 16th issue, page 16, and Dec. 16th, 1904, page 1767, for detailed treatment.

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