

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

BEANS.

1. Kindly identify enclosed beans. They grow about ten inches high, have very few leaves, and yield exceedingly well.

2. What distance would you advise putting drills, and how many sow per acre?

F. H. W.

Ans.—1. This variety is known as Pea bean, Tree bean, White Wonder, Thousand to One, and possibly by other names. It is the favorite variety on the Boston market, and is being quite largely grown in Essex, Kent and Elgin Counties in Ontario.

2. Would make drills about twenty-eight inches apart and sow about one bushel to the acre.

CURED CORN FOR SILAGE.

Will you please give me your opinion in the next issue of the "Farmer's Advocate," re putting corn that has been cut and shocked several weeks into a silo? I intended putting up a silo in time to put the green corn into it, but through unseen circumstances I was not able to do so. However, I could cut it in now if it would be advisable.

E. M.

Ans.—If the corn is well wet as it goes into the silo we believe it will keep in good condition, but if put in without wetting we should expect it to mold and prove useless for feeding purposes. Where carriers are used to elevate the cut corn a barrel of water with a spile or spigot near the bottom, placed where the water would be sprinkled on the cut corn as it fell from the ensilage cutter has been quite satisfactorily used for this purpose. We do not know whether this could be operated successfully where blowers are used, but no doubt a plan can in that case be devised to suit the purpose.

DAIRY QUESTIONS.


What breed of cattle would you recommend for cream and butter production alone? Which would pay best, making butter at twenty cents per pound, or selling whole milk at ten cents per gallon, considering skim milk left as feed in former case? How many pounds of cream of average richness does it take to make a pound of butter?

"SCOTTIE."

Ans.—Jerseys, but, of course, there are strains and individuals in other breeds that would do as well as many Jerseys. One should always remember that breed is not a guarantee of efficiency. One of our eminent agricultural educationists has said that by selling butter from the farm, nothing but condensed sunlight is sold, and this is about true, but circumstances alter cases. It would certainly be most economical of fertility to make butter, but that would necessitate more help to handle the butter, feed the milk, and care for the stock to which the milk is fed. Taking simply the cash received for the milk disposed of by each, means the advantage would lie with the practice of selling the whole milk, which, under average conditions, and at a very rough estimate, would be equal to from twenty-five to thirty cents per pound for butter. The average per cent. of fat in cream has been estimated at about twenty-two per cent., and fat comprises about eighty-four per cent. of butter. Roughly speaking, therefore, it would require about four pounds of cream to make a pound of butter.

BURN THE RUBBISH.

The insect pests have grown so numerous that only safe management for the vine crops at least, is to dry and burn them as soon as the crops are secured. They afford winter shelter for various destructive pests, and the ashes are far safer than the vines. In fact, it is the only safeguard against some of the insects that are becoming troublesome. If weeds have gotten the start, as they sometimes will, and have matured their seed, gather them while damp, pile loosely so that they will dry out, and then burn them also. They are not safe even on the compost heap, unless they can remain there until it is certain that all the seed has decomposed beyond the power of germination.—[Ex.]



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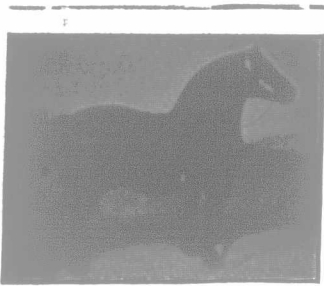
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

INJURY TO EYE.

Colt got struck in the eye three days ago. It is blind, and the eye is blue, except a little spot on the sight.

W. S.

Ans.—If the eyeball was not punctured deeply, it should recover. Keep in a partially-darkened, comfortable stall, excluded from drafts; feed lightly on hay, bran and roots. Bathe the eye well three times daily with hot water, and after bathing put a few drops of the following lotion into it with a feather or a dropper, viz., nitrate of silver, 8 grams; distilled water, 2 ozs. You must have patience and continue treatment, probably for five or six weeks, and the eye will gradually clear up.

V.

COLT NEEDS TONIC.

I have heavy colt three years old; eats heartily, but doesn't seem to do well. I work him every day, and not too hard; takes sick spells. After working will get quite wet. Sickness gradually wears off. Has been this way for two or three weeks. Please give cause and remedy.

C. J.

Ans.—Make sure his teeth are in good shape, then, after fasting him for about twelve hours, give a purgative ball of from six to eight drams of ground aloes and two grains of ginger. Follow this up with doses consisting of three ounces of gentian, three ounces of ginger, three ounces of catechu and six ounces of bicarbonate of soda, divided into twenty-four powders, giving one night and morning in soft feed, either boiled oats or barley, or bran mash. Feed good hay and ground grain.

SPECIFIC OPHTHALMIA.

A twelve-year-old and a three-year-old mare get sore eyes occasionally. They first run water, then a little matter, turn whitish and cause blindness. They get better for a time and then bad again.

H. S.

Ans.—This is a constitutional disease, and its recurrence cannot be prevented. It is an inherited predisposition, and if the old mare is the dam of the young one the appearance of the disease in the filly is not remarkable, as either sires or dams afflicted with the disease are very liable to produce young that will also suffer. Whether or not these mares are related, there is no doubt some ancestor of each more or less remote was afflicted. In all probability the attacks will terminate in cataract and permanent blindness sooner or later. All that you can do is to treat each attack, by placing the animal in a comfortable, partially-darkened stall; feed lightly, and bathe the eyes with hot water three times daily, and put a few drops of the following lotion in the eyes after bathing, viz: Sulphate of atropia, 10 grams; distilled water, 2 ozs.

V.

CURB AND TUMOR.

1. Three-year-old horse has had a small curb for three months.

2. Same horse has lump on shoulder. It is quite small and hard when horse is idle, but swells when he is worked. It feels firm.

G. M. W.

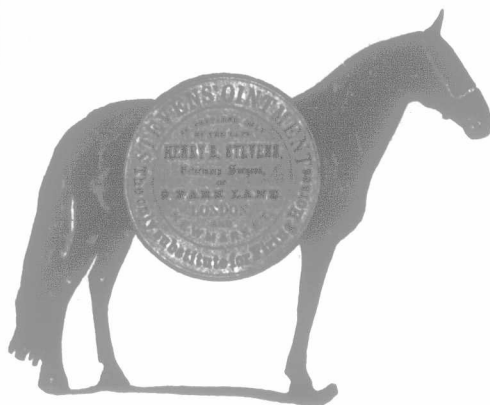
Ans.—1. Get him shod three-quarters of an inch higher at the heel than at the toe. Blister once every month until the enlargement disappears. Take 1½ drams each, biniodide of mercury and cantharides, and mix with 2 ozs. vaseline. Clip the hair off the part, rub well with the blister, tie so that he cannot bite the part. In 24 hours rub well again with the blister, and in 24 hours longer wash off and apply sweet oil. Let his head loose now and oil every day. The curb will not cause lameness, but if you want to remove the lump you must blister repeatedly, and it will be better if you allow him to rest.

2. This is a fibrous tumor, and should be dissected out, the skin stitched with silk or catgut sutures, and dressed daily with a five per cent. solution of carbolic acid until healed. External applications will do no good.

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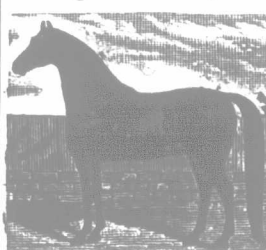


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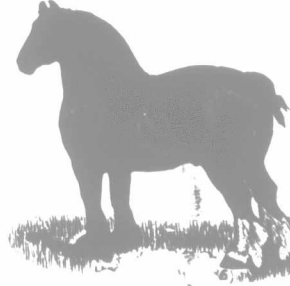


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