THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

WASHY MARE.

We have a valuable Hackney mare, fit for show purposes, excepting for a bad habit or fault. She is a very willing traveller, but cannot trot long before she is very soft in her manure, and gets very bad if driven much. She is in a box stall, and gets plenty of exercise. We never water before taking her out to drive. Please give your advice on what is best to do? R. C.

Ans.-Purge her with a ball consisting of six drams aloes and two drams ginger; then give daily, in powder, nux vomica, gentian and ginger, one dram each, to tone up the digestive system. Exercise care in feeding and watering. Feed clean hay and easily-digested grain, as ground oats. Do not water just before driving or after feeding. A mare naturally predisposed to this semidiarrhea is hard to cure. Have her teeth examined by a competent veterinarian, as they are sometimes the cause of the trouble.

SEPARATING COCKLE - CARE OF RASPBERRIES.

1. Is it possible to get a fanning mill that will separate all the cockle from wheat?

2. What is the proper way to care for raspberry bushes ? J. W.

Ans.-1. Cockle is very hard to separate from wheat, and, while the most improved fanning mills can be so regulated as to take the greater portion of it out, it is doubtful whether all of it would be removed, especially where it is present in large proportion.

2. The soil should be cultivated and well manured before planting. Plant-ings may be made in fall or spring. Plant in rows six feet apart, and three feet apart in the rows. Keep well cultivated to retain moisture. Allow the canes to make full growth in summer, and if they become very tall they can be headed back to three or four feet in the spring before growth begins. Canes may be thinned in fall or spring. Seven or eight of the strongest canes should be left in a hill with red raspberries, and three or four of black raspberries. The raspberry plantation should be kept well supplied with plant food, but too much nitrogenous material should not be applied, because it induces wood growth detrimental to fruiting. In cold parts, it is good practice to bend the canes down in the fall for better winter protection, the canes being held in place by



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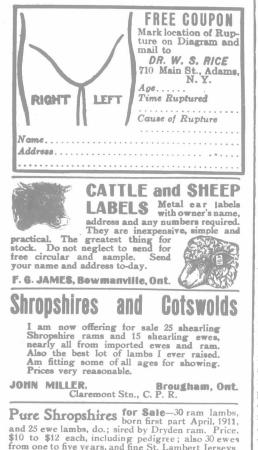


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