

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Brittle Hoofs

I have a horse with brittle hoofs. Could you tell me what to do for him? Also, what is the cause of his rubbing out his tail, and is there any cure for it? J. MAC.

Make a clay stall by fastening a piece of scantling across the stall about three feet from the front, and put in from 4 to 5 inches of wet clay. Let the horse stand in this two or three times a week, being careful to keep the clay moist. Be careful not to put the horse on it when warm, as after a drive, but wait till he cools off.

The probable cause of the tail rubbing is that the horse has been kept in a stable without laxative food. Give a cooling diet such as bran mash or turn out on grass. Wash the tail well with soapsuds and water, and then apply a wash made of one ounce acetate of lead to one quart of water.

Cows with Depraved Taste

Our cows have a bad habit of eating clothes, leather, boards, bones, etc. What is the cause and cure? If you or any of your readers know the cause and remedy, kindly publish in The Farming World? S. H.

The cause is likely a disarrangement of the digestive organs due to the cows not getting a properly balanced ration. The symptoms would indicate a lack of phosphates in the food. Give a bran mash frequently and lots of salt. We presume the

cows are now on the grass. We would be pleased to hear from others as to a remedy for this trouble.

Planting Strawberries

I wish to plant out a new strawberry bed next month. Is it safe to do so?

Is it true that there is a difference in the sex of strawberry plants?

Hastings Co. M. E. T.

We have dealt fully with autumn strawberry planting in this issue.

Strawberry plants do not always bear perfect flowers. Some varieties produce those having only pistils and no stamens, others produce flowers with both stamens and pistils; these are perfect or bi-sexual blossoms.

It is necessary to know before setting out a strawberry plot what varieties are postillate or imperfect, so that if these are planted some perfect sorts may be grown near enough to them to ensure fertilization.

This subject was discussed fully and the difference in the blossom illustrated in our issue of May 1st last.

Stomach Worms in Sheep

I think my sheep are infested with stomach worms. What can I do to remove them?

Lambton Co. S. B. C.

If the sheep are adult, give a tablespoonful of gasoline mixed with six ounces of milk. Repeat the dose in three days and again in a week if necessary. For lambs, reduce the dose according to age.

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