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3rd.—In Veterinary questions the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.
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Miscellaneous.

TO KILL GROUND HOGS.

I notice in your paper a way to get rid of ground hogs. Here is a simple and sure method, writes a subscriber: Take a piece of calcium carbide about as big as a butternut, dampen it, and drop in the hole, cover with an old blanket or sod for a few moments to allow gas to generate, light a match, and place it under your blanket, and you have an explosion that kills him at once, and go on to the next one. Five minutes at each hole is enough.

C. W. VANDERVOORT.

ABORTION PREVENTION.

Have a brood mare that cast twin foals at 9½ months (she had carried foals before to maturity). We let her skip one year, bred her again, and she aborted again at same period. Have her with foal again, and would like to know what treatment to follow over this time, so that she will carry to maturity.

C. W. V.

Ans.—Feed lightly, and give regular, light exercise. Between the end of the sixth and the commencement of the eighth month of gestation, keep as quiet as possible, and avoid all excitement, etc. Better keep in large box stall, where she can take exercise, or give regular exercise in halter or in harness. If symptoms of abortion appear, give her two ounces tincture of opium every three hours until they cease.

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

A FEW LINES TO THE PIG.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":
Mrs. Buchanan, in calling attention to friend Peter McArthur, saying there are no poems about the duck, supplies the want, and also mentions that he had said the same of the pig, so I send up a few lines on the pig. I will not say a poem, but at least a rhyme:

She was a tiny pig when I bought her,
And only a few weeks old,
For two years I have cared for and fed her,
And now to the butcher she's sold.

At first she seemed always frightened,
She had not before been alone,
But I always treated her kindly,
And soon she appeared quite at home.

People say pigs are dirty, but such
My experience never has been,
If you give them clean straw to lie in,
You'll find they will keep themselves clean.

When she knew she would be a mother,
All excited she builded her nest,
Her heart, moved by something like
mother love,
Of all things the truest and best.

She had ten little pigs the first litter,
As even a lot as you'd see,
She nurtured them well and was always
As gentle and kind as could be.

Did I care for that pig? Yes, I admit it.
And am I for that to be blamed?
To me she was one of God's creatures,
Who to care for such is ashamed?

In caring for all of God's creatures,
Are we doing more than we ought?
And that kindness will still beget kind-
ness,

Is the lesson that pig has me taught.
PETER BERTRAM.
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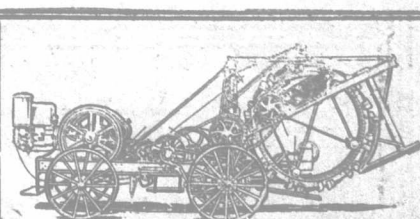
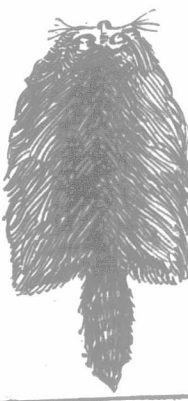
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"Good!" said he, rubbing his hands.

"Splendid!"

"Yes," she resumed, "you may have him nights."

