

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Colt Cut by Barbed Wire

I have a filly that got lacerated on a barb wire fence, in front of the hock joint. It occurred about the first of June, run matter for about three weeks, then got it pretty well healed up, when it swelled, got very painful, and now the colt is going around on three legs, can hardly put its foot to the ground, the hock is three times its natural size and the hip seems to be shrinking in size. Leg is very much swollen down to fetlock. Do you think that the colt will live or do any good, and what would you recommend? Are barb wire wounds poisonous? About ten days ago wound broke out again and run matter for a few days, but it healed up again and is getting more painful.—A Subscriber, Lanark, Ont.

Wounds of this nature are often difficult to deal with. Its position makes it all the more serious as the constant working of the joint, especially when the swollen, tends to keep up irritation. Wounds made by barb wire fence are generally poisonous, and slow to heal. The swelling should be bathed with hot water, but the case seems to be a rather serious one, and a veterinarian should be called to see the colt at once as blood poisoning is liable to set in any time. The shrinking of the side of the hip is due to the animal not using the limb, and will come all right.

### Sweeney

I would like you to tell me what to do for a valuable mare that is badly sweeney.—J. H. C.

Sweeney is a strain of the muscle, which plays over the shoulder joint, and which afterwards wastes rapidly away. In the first stages when there is heat, swelling and tenderness, a wet rag and complete rest will tend to allay the inflammation. Light exercise on smooth ground and active rubbing of the wasted part will stimulate circulation and help build up the muscle. Light blisters will also help. A good blister for this purpose can be made by taking one part of ammonia to two parts of oil. One part of Spanish fly and twenty-five parts of alcohol, steeped for twenty-four hours and when strained make another good plaster. A good plan would be to turn the mare on the grass, but bring her in every evening and bathe her shoulder well with cold water and salt and wipe dry and work the skin well with the hand as it will stimulate circulation.

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### Collecting Money

Q.—There are two lawyers here in country, who have been doing business for me for several years. They have several hundred dollars of my money in their hands which they have

collected. 1. How am I to proceed to get it from them? I got judgment against two men jointly about three years ago. About one year ago I told these lawyers to bring these men up on judgment summons. They did so. I was not at court that day. They say the judge made an arrangement with the defendants to pay half the judgment in ten monthly payments of ten dollars each. The lawyer said he did not consent for me, and that the judge could not do that without my consent. They have paid the money into court, and I have got it. 2. Have I to lose the other half of the judgment? If not, how am I to proceed to get it?—R. McC., Ontario.

A.—1. Demand payment, and if they refuse to pay you, you can sue them for the amount, if you know what it is, or for an account, or you can apply to have their names struck off the roll. 2. No, you will not have to lose half the judgment unless your lawyer or some one on your behalf, and authorized by you, consented to the arrangement. The judge would have no power to release the defendants from payment of half the judgment unless with your consent. Your proper course would be to issue execution against them if they have any property, and, if not, have them up on judgment summons again.

### Water from Stream

Q.—I own some land adjoining that of a man through whose land a stream of water runs. I have made an arrangement with this man to let me pump water from the stream to my dairy to cool my milk. The water then flows back through another pipe into the stream. The man who owns the land farther down, says I have no right to so use the water and that the man who gave me the privilege has no right to, and he threatens to bring on action to restrain me from doing so?—No, if the same quantity of water is returned and it is not polluted in any way.

### Cattle Killed by Train

Q.—My cattle are allowed to roam at large on the road near my home. They strayed from the road to the adjoining land, which is owned by the government, and from there they got on to the railway track, which is not fenced at all in this district. I think there is a by-law of the Township which provides that cattle may roam at large on the streets. My cattle were killed by the train. 1. Can I make the railway company pay for them?—J. L. L.

A.—1. If there is a by-law such as you speak of, yes, since the cattle were lawfully at large. We assume that they were not killed at or near a crossing.

### Injury on Account of Snow

Q.—Last winter I was travelling along the road with a team of horses and a wagon. I came to a place where the road had for some weeks become impassable on account of drifted snow for a distance of more than half a mile. At the side of the track between a ditch and a farm fence, there was a side track made and used by the travelling public during the block of the highway. The pathmaster of the township was aware of the condition of the road, but did nothing towards opening it up. It was thawing on the day in question and it had been thawing for two or three days previously. When I tried to use this side track the horses broke through, and the wagon was in danger of being upset. I got out to help the horses and was injured by one. I

Can I sue and recover damages from the township?—D. M. S., Ontario.

A.—1. Yes, it was the duty of the township to have opened a way through the drift sufficient to enable vehicles such as you were driving to pass in safety along the highway, and the pathmaster should have seen to this. We would think, however, that unless you have already taken steps to sue the township, it would now be too late for you to do so, as by law you would have to give notice of action within thirty days from the date of the injury.

### Covenant for Renewal of Lease

Q.—I hold a lease of a farm from B for four years with a provision in the lease that at the end of that time B is to renew the lease for four years or pay for the improvements made by me. 1. Can I compel him to renew it?—A. G. G.

A.—1. No. The option is A's. He can either renew the lease or pay for your improvements, whichever he chooses.

### Right to Seize Crops

Q.—A, who was in difficulties, agreed to purchase a lot of land in the name of his wife, who had no property of her own. The farm was worked by the husband as his own, and the only money paid for the farm was paid out of the profits of the farm. There is a crop now growing on the farm which was sown and taken care of by the husband and labor paid for out of the profits of the farm. 1. Can these crops be seized for debts of the husband?—G. L. G.

A.—1. Yes. The crop would not be the separate property of the wife under these circumstances.

### "HICKORY"

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it was bad. I tell you what it is, Elsie, a man cannot follow a life like mine without learning a good deal about the lives of other men. Though the world is full of beauty, like this little scene before us, we live in a world of conflict. I do not want to justify evil; but there are scores of men today, occupying positions of honor and trust, who have made their wealth by greed; who have squeezed widows and orphans out of their little savings; who have crowded small, honest dealers to the wall; who have watered their stocks and made their millions out of the earnings of the poor; who have pressed the shares of little railroads so tightly that the holdings bought by the thousands of hard-working men and women, have tumbled to pieces, and their owners have been ruined. What these men have done is known to the world in all its ignominy and sin, yet they remain untroubled and even honored if they give a portion of their ill-gotten gains to the so-called charities of the needy. But if I, honest in all my little savings, were known to be one of the crew of that ill-fated smuggler, jail and disgrace would be the result.

"At last, I see it. You are right, Tom, after all," she almost sobbed, as she buried her face in his hands. For some moments he did not answer her, then he drew them gently down, and held them closely.

"Thank you, Elsie, for the word. But sharing my secret—and knowing how I love you, who you share my life?" he pleaded again.

"You have told me so much, I have not told you anything," she said, but her head was on his shoulder.

"As you like, sweetheart," he whispered. "The five years were something to you."