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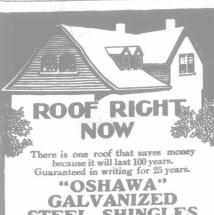
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

SULPHUR FOR CATTLE.

1. Will the feeding of sulphur to cattle in winter prevent them from becoming

2. If so, how often, and in what quantities should I feed it?

NEWBEGINNER. Ans.-1. Sulphur is not recommended by veterinarians for this purpose, although there are stockmen who assert confidently that the feeding of sulphur to sheep will keep them free of ticks. When taken into the system, it is excreted principally through the pores of the skin; hence, has a good action in skin diseases, and may possibly prove of some efficacy in repelling or destroying ticks. By improving the health of feeding cattle, it may also make them more resistant to the effects, if not to the attack, of parasites. The most advantageous insecticide for cattle lice that we have ever heard of was given by Thos. McMillan at the Ontario Winter Fair in 1905, and has been since endorsed by correspondents of 'The Farmer's Advocate." It consists of one part hellebore, or insect powder, mixed with three or four parts cement. and dusted along the backs of the cattle. 2. If sulphur is to be fed, it might be mixed with salt in the proportion of about one part sulphur to three or four of salt, and kept constantly before the cattle, then they wilb not be liable to take overmuch. If given freely with their food, the effect would be to unduly open the pores of the skin, rendering the

PRUNING SHADE TREES.

iected to rain or other exposure.

cattle liable to colds, especially if sub-

The town council here are considering the pruning of the shade trees on the streets, and I am instructed to ascertainthe opinion of your experts as to the best time of year in which to do this. Our trees are principally maple. I would be obliged if you can give me an early J. H. S. reply.

Ans.—This matter of pruning trees is one which comes up frequently, and there are so many points to be considered that it may be well to discuss them somewhat fully. With regard to the proper time for pruning, there are probably as many opinions as there are months in the year. This, in itself, is evidence that there is no particular time very much better than another, or, in other words, that the time of pruning is far less important than some other factors which should be considered. I think it goes without saying that light pruning may be safely done any time of year, but where heavy pruning has to be done, and large limbs are to be removed, the rapid healing of the wounds is an important matter. The danger of removing large limbs is principally in the exposure of the cut surfaces to moisture, and the entrance of germs which induce decay Probably the chief objection to late fall or winter pruning is that there is a tendency for the bark and cambium at the edge of the wound to die back, and thus retard healing over. One of the chief objections commonly urged against spring pruning is that it is the cause of injury by excessive loss of sap, or what is commonly spoken of as bleeding. As a matter of fact, however, this bleeding is not a severe injury to the tree. It is due largely to root pressure in forcing the moisture taken up by the roots into the growing parts of the tree, and has no more serious effect upon the trees than the ordinary tapping of maples for purposes of sugarmaking. On the whole, the best time for pruning, taking into consideration convenience of time and rapid healing of the wounds, is in March or April, after severe frosts are over, and

before growth begins. A factor of far more importance than time is that of the method of removing the limb and treating the wound. Wherever large limbs are to be removed, care should be taken to avoid splitting or tearing of the bark, and the cut should, be made as close as possible to the main branch, so as to bring it in a line as nearly as possible with the flow of sap and cambium, which causes the healing over of the part. When large limbs are to be removed, it is best to cut them off first with stubs a foot or so in length, cutting first on the lower side of the branch, and then SUBSCRIBE FOR THE ADVOCATE. on the upper side to prevent tearing down of bark when the limb falls. These stubs can then be removed, cutting as closely as possible to the main branch.

All large wounds should be covered with heavy lead paint, which will exclude moisture and prevent entrance of germs which cause decay.

It goes without saying however, that all pruning which necessitates cutting out heavy branches is more or less severe upon the tree, and should be avoided by beginning with the young tree and cutting out branches while they are yet small. If street trees were taken in hand and properly trimmed when set out, and for two or three years following, the necessity for heavy pruning afterwards would be avoided.

H. L. HUTT. O. A. C. STOVEPIPE DRIPPING-FAT-TENING POULTRY.

1. Could you give the cause and cure of chimney and stovepipes leaking a black fluid? We use dry wood. It is both offensive and dirty.

2. Could you tell us how to fatten thirty chickens quickly? Would it be more profitable to sell them as they are, weighing about four or five pounds? If you think best to fatten them, please give definite instruction, as we have not been NOVICE. very successful

Ans.-1. When the fuel burns, even if it be perfectly dry, a certain amount of water vapor is one of the products of combustion, and this, on coming in contact with a cold material, condenses into liquid water. Where a long pipe leads through a cold room, there is an extra amount of this water vapor condensed on the chilled stovepipe, and this, being mixed with soot and other materials, forms the offensive black fluid referred The trouble may best be overcome, perhaps, by shortening the pipe, if that can be done; otherwise, the only thing to do is to warm the room through which the pipe passes, or to keep up a steady fire, which will mitigate the nuisance.

2. We would scarcely consider it advisable for an amateur poultryman to undertake crate-fattening. A good deal may be done to improve the market condition of the birds by confining them in comparatively limited quarters, in a dusky, but dry, clean and well-littered apartment, and feeding liberally on gains, with a morning or noonday mash, taking particular care never to feed more than is eaten up promptly. Commence by feeding considerably less than they will eat, so as to get their digestive systems in good working order. Allow plenty of grit, with clean water, a little green food, and some meat scrap. Corn is the best fattening grain, though it produces a yellow carcass, which is objected, to on some markets. Outside of this it does not make so much difference what is fed, so long as enough is given, and a mixture used rather than a single kind of grain.

GOSSIP.

SIR MARCUS SOLD.

The imported Clydesdale stallion, Sir Marcus [7790] (13205), winner of the championship as best Clydesdale stallion, any age, at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and the International Exposition, Chicago, 1907, has been sold by his importers, Graham-Renfrew Co., Bedford Park, Ont., to Captain T. E. Robson and Martin H. Rosser, of Denfield, Ont. Sir Marcus is a bay fouryear-old horse, sired by Sir Simon (10465), who was by Sir Everard, the sire of Baron's Pride, and the dam of Sir Simon was by Mains of Airies, by Prince of Wales (673), and his grandam by Darnley (222). Sir Marcus is a model draft horse and a typical Clydesdale, combining size with quality, evenlybalanced conformation, flat, flinty bone, fine hair and true action. It is questionable whether another horse of his class. quite his equal in all-round excellence, has ever been brought to this country. Captain Robson has also purchased,

from Mr. O. Sorby, Guelph, the im-Clydesdale stallion, Gartley ported Standard (13494), brown, foaled June, 1905; sire Everlasting, by Baron's Pride; dam Gartley Forecast, by Prince Thomas; grandam by Prince of Carruchan, by Prince of Wales (673). This is an exceptionally well-bred colt, the four top sires having been Highland Society champions; while, individually, the Captain considers him likely to make as good a horse as the International cham-

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