

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

DAIRY INSPECTOR.

Could you please send me the name and address of the sanitary inspector of cheese factories. A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Write to G. G. Publow, Chief Dairy Inspector for Eastern Ontario, Kingston, Ont.

RABBITS AND SQUABS.

Can you kindly give me any information concerning the growing and rearing of rabbits and squabs, in your next issue, or as soon as is convenient.

W. C. B.

Ans.—All that is needed to raise rabbits is rabbits and small pens to keep them. They are very easy to raise, and breed very rapidly. Start with a few, one male and two or three females, and in a short time you will have hundreds. Squabs, or young pigeons, are easy to rear. The shelters should not be too cold, but they will withstand quite a lot of hard, freezing weather. The fittings required are nests, perches, and drinking and bath fountains. Each bird requires a space of about two square feet, so that a small building will house a large number of the old birds. An outside yard, built entirely of and covered with wire netting, is necessary. Squabs are sold at $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. weight, and sometimes a little heavier. Homers, or a cross between Homers and Runts, make good squabs. Cracked grains are used as food.

FARM LIMITS ENCLOSED.

I sold fifty acres of my farm to a neighbor, and we measured same off. It is eighteen feet on the length and eighteen on the width over the fifty to the stake.

1. Can he claim any more than the fifty acres? I gave him the eighteen feet on the length, but can he claim any of it?

2. The line never was run between the hundred and the fifty, but there was a fence put up at random between the two. Can he compel us move the fence to the line after it has been up over thirty years?

3. If the writings call for fifty acres, more or less, can he claim the eighteen feet, or anything over the fifty acres?

4. If the surveyor were brought on, would he measure by the stake, or would he measure fifty acres, as it was fifty acres I sold?

Ontario.

Ans.—1, 2 and 3. Taking the facts to be precisely as stated, we are inclined to think that all three questions are answerable in the affirmative.

4. It would seem that the stake ought to govern; but in order to be in a position to give definite answers to your questions, it would be necessary to see "the writings" and know considerably more of the facts and circumstances.

COLT DIED.

Could you give me probable cause of colt's death? The mare was worked up within a few days of foaling, and was fed hay, crushed oats, bran, and roots. Colt appeared fairly strong first day; morning of second day seemed rather dull; gave dose of castor oil; colt died third day. Colt had passage, and no swelling of joints was noticeable. We opened colt after death and found stomach to contain about a quart of very tough, cheesy matter, which no doubt caused death. What treatment would have prevented this?

J. R. W.

Ans.—This looks very much like a case of retention of the meconium. Are you sure the milk had got through the colt's digestive tract? It may have passed a part of this material and the remainder lodged in the tract, causing death. Injections of warm water and oil per rectum are about all that can be done. The oiled finger inserted aids in removing the lumps. The first milk of the dam aids the expulsion. Did she leak milk before foaling? If so, the action of the first milk would be lost to the colt. The real trouble exists in the rectum, and the cheesy mass was likely undigested milk lodged in the stomach, because it had no means of escape with the rectum clogged. If the colt had passed its dam's milk, it should not have died from digestive troubles, unless very weak. Avoid as far as possible giving colts purgatives.

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