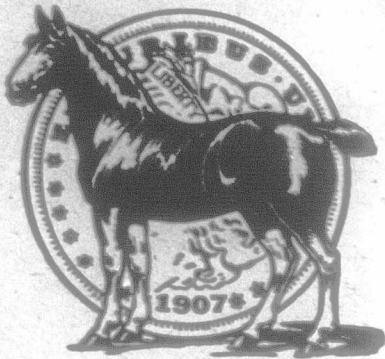


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Ans.—No.

Matching Horses.

1. I have a matched team of brown mares, all but a white star on one. Is there any way to put one on the other, or take that one off and bring the hair out brown?

2. Should a beef cow have all the water she will drink twice a day?

H. B.

Ans.—1. We would not advise trying to change the color of the face of either mare. If they are as well matched as you say, no one would fault them on account of one having a small, white star.

2. Generally speaking, yes. The water should not be too cold.

Lending Wagon.

A borrowed a wagon from B. After a reasonable time B requests A to bring the wagon home, but A said he was not done with it yet. One week later, B went to A's place for wagon, and A orders him off his premises at once, or he will have him arrested for trespass. B went without delay. Can B recover wagon? If so, what is the method of procedure?

B. M.

Ans.—B should enter an action against A to recover his wagon, and any damages he has suffered by not being able to get it when needed. All B will have to do is to prove that the wagon is his, and was only loaned, and A must return it in as good condition as when borrowed.

Silo Building.

1. Which is the better and cheaper, a concrete or a stave silo?
2. In which will the silage freeze most?
3. Which do you think the better, blocks or solid concrete? Sand and gravel do not count anything here.
4. What would a 10 x 35 foot stave silo cost; also a block silo same size, labor for concrete \$3.50 per day?

W. F. B.

Ans.—1. A stave silo costs less in the beginning, but does not last so long as a concrete silo.

2. Possibly the cement.

3. Solid concrete.

4. A stave silo of these dimensions would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$125, while a block silo would be considerably more expensive, costing possibly \$250, but these are matters for your contractor to figure on, and we do not know the cost of lumber in your locality, nor the cost of cement blocks.

Feeding Hens—Planting Potatoes.

You will kindly advise me, through your valuable paper, the best method of feeding hens to:

1. Produce eggs.
2. To make them fat.
3. The quickest and best method of planting potatoes on clean oat stubble. Would it be as well to plow them in every third furrow, shallow, with the manure, and work the ground well afterwards, as to work the ground up well first, and put them in with a double-mould plow? I prefer the former plan for speed and ease.

A. P.

Ans.—1. For laying hens, look up the number of "The Farmer's Advocate" for December 4th, 1913, page 2103. We cannot do better than refer you to this article for care and feeding of laying hens.

2. For fattening, confine in a pen, and feed liberally on grains and mash. Start light at first, and increase daily if the hens are cleaning up the food. A mixture of corn meal, ground oats, ground buckwheat, and wheat bran, make a good mash. Add some beef scraps, and allow them lots of grit. Feed mash twice a day and whole grain once, or whole grain twice a day, with mash once.

3. A little labor will repay you in putting the potatoes in a well-prepared seed bed. Better work the land up first, and then put in with double-mould-board plow, or plow in every third furrow.

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