

POULTRY BOOK WANTED

I shall esteem it a favor if you will kindly oblige me with particulars regarding the best book of information to be had on the subject of the raising and caring of poultry, principally for the purpose of egg dealing, also any information regarding the matter.

B. C. H. B.

Ans.—About as good a work as we have on the subject is Robinson's Poultry Craft, which may be obtained through this office for \$1.50. There are a number of other books on poultry raising which are good in their way, but this one takes the subject up in as thorough and practical a manner as any. It deals with all phases of the poultry business, from the farmer's and poultrymen's standpoint, taking up breeding, feeding, selection, and the management generally of all classes of fowls.

As there are no books written particularly for this country, we would advise you to read what bulletins from our own stations as are available. Write to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa for Bulletins, especially one entitled "Breeding, Feeding and Management of Poultry"; to the Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton for bulletin, "Advanced Methods of Poultry Raising," and to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph for bulletins 151 and 163. All these will be sent free on request.

WANTS PAY FOR GOODS NEVER ORDERED.

About a year ago a company in Simcoe, Ontario, having secured a list of pupils' names from our teacher, took the liberty to send some articles to sell. One was sent to my daughter, which was taken from the office not knowing what it was. Now the company has sent in a bill, and threatens to take action if not settled. What is the wisest course?

Sask. A. E. C.

Ans.—We should think that your wisest course would be to ignore the matter altogether. Since the articles were never ordered the "company" so-called would have some difficulty in collecting their bill. They are not likely to do much but threaten. It looks to us like a scheme to defraud by using the mails. We would suggest that you give the facts to the Post Office Department at Ottawa and they will inquire into the matter. Give them the name of the company, address and full particulars.

ABOUT THE GRAIN TRADE

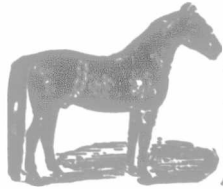
1. When and where did our present system of grain elevators originate?
2. Where would one get fullest information as to the development of our present system of grain export?
3. Why are the producers obliged to sell through a commission merchant?

Sask. FARMER.

Ans.—1. The elevator system in this country was introduced by the C. P. R., shortly after the railway was constructed. The system is of American origin, having been in use down in the States before being introduced here. In this country the Canadian Pacific fathered it. Soon after that line came into operation and grain growing extended on the prairies, it became necessary for the railway to either provide sufficient rolling stock to handle within a short time each year the entire crop, or make provision for storing the grain. The company decided to provide storage, but as at that time the C. P. R., was a less wealthy institution than it is now, and since all the capital they could borrow in England or anywhere else was required urgently for the extension of their railway system, the company encouraged private elevator concerns to go into the grain business, and, to stimulate development, gave the elevator companies practically a monopoly of the grain handling business, in that no facilities for loading were afforded by the railway and hence the grain in most cases could only be shipped out through the elevators. This monopoly has since been withdrawn, and the elevators are at present operated by companies dealing in grain in some capacity or other.

2. There is no information available that we know of on this point, that is, no literature on the subject. Some

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writers on subjects relating to the grain trade and agricultural economics, touch upon the export grain trade in a general way, but there is nothing that refers particularly to this country.

3. Producers are not obliged to sell through commission merchants. They may sell direct to the exporter if they desire, but since the commission men have selling facilities that the producer has not, it pays the latter to deal through these people.

SORE SHOULDER

Horse got shoulder scalded in the spring and it has not healed. About August 1st my veterinarian cut the skin off the sore place and said it would be all right in ten days. I rested him nearly a month, and it was not entirely healed. The veterinarian gave me an ointment to use, but it did not do much good. I have to work him now, and there is still a raw surface the size of a cent.

J. S.

Ans.—It is not possible to explain why sores on the shoulders are sometimes very slow to heal, as this one is. If possible, allow him to rest, as it is very hard to heal a raw surface if the friction of the collar is on it every day. Get a lotion made of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead, mixed with a pint of water. Dress with this four or five times daily. If compelled to work him, keep the collar clean and apply a little oxide of zinc ointment to the sore each time before putting the collar on. It will heal gradually unless a fibrous tumor is forming, in which case it will have to be dissected out.

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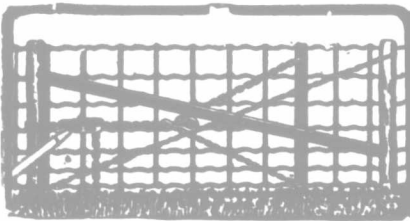
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