



# Clip Your Horses this Spring

Don't put your horses at the hard spring work before clipping off the long, thick winter coat. Unclipped horses sweat much, dry out slowly and are liable to all kinds of cold, pneumonia, etc., from standing in a long, wet coat during chilly spring nights. Clipped horses dry out quickly, rest well and their food does them good. They can be cleaned in a quarter of the time. *They look better, feel better and do better work.*

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

#### ROUP.

I have a Plymouth Rock hen, healthy, and in good condition. A swelling started around her eye three weeks ago, and is now half the size of her head. Please state if this is disease or not.

A. E. C.

Ans.—The hen is suffering from roup, and, according to correspondent's description, this has reached the advanced stage. She should be killed and burned, not buried, and some permanganate of potash placed in drinking water of rest of fowls. We generally use about as much as can be placed on a 5c-piece to a gallon of water. This disease is contagious, and is caused by drafts, filth or too warm quarters. W. R. GRAHAM.

#### BASEMENT UNSUITABLE FOR USE AS A SILO.

Following the comments regarding silos in your valuable paper, would like to ask a question. I have a space in the basement of my barn, 38 feet long 18 feet wide, 10 feet high, which I used last winter as a turnip cellar. Do you think it would answer as a silo? It has a cement floor and two cement walls, other two sides are close boards, which keeps heat of stable from turnips. Would you advise me to grow corn and put it in there, or keep on at turnips till I can afford to build silo? B. S.

Ans.—By no means would we think of attempting to ensile corn in such a place. A large amount of waste, and little or no first-class feed would be the result. Sixteen feet should be the minimum depth of any silo, and thirty is better. The large superficial area of this space is an insuperable objection, as the silage could not be fed down fast enough to keep it good, and using from one end would let the air in to the remaining mass, causing mold. If a proper silo cannot be built, keep on growing turnips.

#### HISTORY OF SHORTHORNS.

1. Will you please inform me where I can get Sanders' "History of Shorthorn Cattle," and at what price?  
2. Also a good book on the history of Leicester sheep, and price?  
3. Does not a calf that is from a cow and bull of some family, say Mayflower, Broadhooks, Rosebud families, etc., sell quicker and at higher prices than one from a cow registered in the herdbook and belonging to no particular family? E. M.

Ans.—1. From this office; price, \$2.15, postpaid.  
2. We do not know of a book on the history of Leicesters. "Modern Sheep, Breeds and Management," by Shepherd Roy; price, \$1.50, postpaid, from this office, tells the story well of all the British breeds.

3. Probably, though individual merit of form and function should be the principal criterion. All Shorthorns are of some family on the dam's side, and the value of a pedigree depends mainly upon the character of the four or five top sires.

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### GALVANIZED IRON FOR ROOFING AND LIGHTNING PROTECTION.

Is galvanized-iron roofing a protection from lightning? If it is, whether would it or first-class cedar shingles last the longest, and which would be the cheapest, first cost, taking lightning-rods into consideration? W. J. C.

Ans.—Galvanized-iron roofing, or any kind of metal covering, is a complete protection from lightning, so far as the roof is concerned. If the building is fitted with metal eavestrough and conductor pipes, with metallic connection between the lower ends of conductor pipes and the earth, or if from each corner of the roof a wire cable descends to the ground and into it to where the earth is permanently damp, scarcely any better protection from lightning could be devised. As to first cost, shingles cost only a little more than half of corrugated, galvanized-iron sheets, and even with the expense of lightning-rods added, that is, present-day expense, are still much cheaper. If lightning-rods be made of wire according to directions given repeatedly in "The Farmer's Advocate," the cost is scarcely worth mentioning. Corrugated-iron roofs have been in use only a comparatively few years, and it is rather early, as yet, to say how long they will last. Manufacturers claim they have a decided advantage on the score of durability.

#### GOSSIP.

At an auction sale of Shire horses, on February 14th, from the Trink Park Stud of Lord Rothschild, the average price received for 35 head was \$1,130, and the highest price, 900 guineas (\$4,725), for the yearling stallion colt, King Cole, by Birdsall Menestral, purchased by Lord Winterstoke. One stallion sold for 640 guineas, and one Hotspur 4th, brought 800 guineas. Mares sold up to 620 guineas.

#### DEATH OF PERSIMMON.

The King's Thoroughbred racehorse and stallion, Persimmon, died on February 18th. A few weeks ago, the horse sustained a serious accident, which resulted in a fractured pelvis. He was hung in slings at the Sandringham Stud, and hopes were entertained of saving him. The horse was by St. Simon-Perdita II., and won stakes amounting to 34,706 sovs., included in his successes being the Coventry Stakes, Ascot, and Richmond Stakes, Goodwood, as a two-year-old, while, in addition to winning the Derby in the following season, he also credited His Majesty with the St. Leger and Jockey Club stakes. As a four-year-old he won the Ascot Gold Cup and Eclipse Stakes, at Sandown Park.

In addition to Sceptre, he sired Pericles, Zinfandel, Mead, Cheers, Achaicus, Pearl of the Loch, Fugleman, Burscough, Royal Dream, Sea King, Gourd, Key-stone II., and many other winners. Altogether his progeny won 146 races worth about £130,000. His Majesty's representative in this year's Derby will be Perrier, a son of Persimmon.