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What is the best method of raising an orphan colt? It is about a week old and we have been feeding it on cow's milk with a little water and sugar added. Would it be advisable to give it an egg every day? Should it be fed castor oil How old should it be before it is turned on grass or given oats and hay? R. K.

Ans.—A colt may be raised on cow' milk but it will necessitate considerable care the first few weeks. A fresh cow milk should be used and preferably milk that is not too high in fat. To a tablespoonful of sugar add enough water to dissolve it, then three to five table spoonfuls of lime water, which tends to correct digestive troubles. Make up to a pint with fresh milk. For the first few days about one-quarter of a pint should be fed every hour, always warming to blood heat. When the colt is a week old six feedings a day will suffice, and later four will be enough. After the first month the use of sugar may be discontinued but it is advisable to continue the use of lime water. At six weeks skim-milk may be gradually substituted for whole milk and when the colt is three months old it may safely be given all the skim-milk it will drink three times a day. In case of scour give two or three tablespoonfuls of a mixture of sweet oil and castor oil in milk. Cease feeding milk for two or three meals, giving sweetened warm water with lime water added instead. Eggs will do the colt no harm, but we doubt the necessity of feeding them. Get the colt to eat solid food, such as crushed oats, bran, clover hay or grass, just as soon as you can. The colt needs exercise and should have the run of a grass lot.

Exterminating Ants—Blight on Trees.

What is the best method to exterminate ants which infest the strawberry patch. They are a very small, brown species and apparently live in a network of small burrows. They emerge and destroy the strawberries when about

half ripened. A large crab apple tree blossoms well in the spring but during the summer it takes on some sort of a blight and leaves and fruit fall.

3. An English cherry tree is fully grown and blooms very well, but it only bears a few dozen cherries. What is the cause:

Ans.—1. Ants are sometimes troublesome pests to deal with. As a rule they erect small mounds which serve as their home. The pouring of boiling water on these mounds is sometimes effective; carbon-bisulphide may be used; soak a rag in the material, lay it on the mound and cover with a sack. The gas produced is heavier than air and settles. Care must be taken in handling this material as it is poisonous and inflammable. However, it is effective in exterminating

inderg ound life. There are a number of blights and diseases which affect trees. Without seeing a specimen of the blight we are unable to say definitely what particular blight was affecting this tree. However, spraying with lime-sulphur or Bordeaux mixture before the buds open and again immediately after the blossoms fall will go a long way in controlling the various

3. Only a few cherries forming would indicate that there is incomplete ferti-lization of the blossoms. It might also result from the bud moth or some other insect destroying the buds and preventing fruit setting. If spraying has not been done, it is advisable to use either of the sprays above mentioned, at the time mentioned. Two and one-half or three pounds of arsenate of lead should be added to every 40 gallons of the spray mixture in order to combat any biting insect which might be attacking the bud.

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