

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

KILLING GRASS.

We have a walk from our front door to the gate made of two-inch slats, and the grass keeps growing up between them. As we cannot cut it, would you kindly let us know what would kill it?

B. C.

W. P.

Ans.—First have a definite edge to which the grass is allowed to grow on either side of the walk, then it will not grow as persistently beneath. A solution recommended for such a case is hot brine, made in the proportion of a pound of salt to a gallon of water. A strong solution of copper sulphate, say six pounds to the barrel of water, might also be effective.

BARREN COW.

Cow comes in heat every eighteen or twenty days; have changed bulls once, but no use. Veterinary surgeon opened the os, but it did no good. I see advertised in the "Farmer's Advocate," "barren cow cure." Is this a sure cure, and is it harmful to a cow in its after effects?

F. G. B.

Ans.—We cannot answer from experience or from reliable reported trials. We have little faith in other means than you have tried. Bleeding is sometimes helpful. A young bull should be used early and late in term of heat. We should not fear any harm from the "cure" referred to, and it might be worth trying, in which case we will be glad to know the result.

BAD WEED—IMPURITY IN FLAX SEED.

1. Kindly identify the enclosed weed? It grows up and has a yellow flower. It is hard to kill, as I plowed the field twice last fall, and the weed came up as fresh as ever. Would you let me know how to kill it?

2. Also find enclosed a sample of flaxseed. Will you let me know what the impurity is?

R. W. C.

Ans.—1. This is perennial sow thistle one of our worst weeds. Closely examine recent numbers of the "Farmer's

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Advocate" for methods of treatment. Spraying with Bordeaux will destroy all green parts of this weed; but it is able to send up new growth from the roots, so such a treatment must not be considered final. Practice cultivation as recommended in our June 9th issue for twitch grass.

2. The impurity is the seed of foxtail; but very much of it could be removed with a good fanning mill. Seed with as large percentage of impurity as the sample sent should never be sown.

A SICK FLOCK.

I have quite a large flock of hens, which have some disease; they turn white in the head and sit around dumpish. It does not seem to kill them very quickly.

Could you tell me what the disease is and what to do for it? It affects the old hens most.

J. McK.

Ans.—The symptoms given indicate debility, anæmia or consumption. Examine the lungs of a dead bird. If diseased, hard and tense, you may conclude you have consumption in the flock, the remedy for which would be to kill affected birds and disinfect the plant with Zenoleum, or some of the disinfectant dips advertised in this paper. If there is no tuberculosis present, change the food; give plenty of exercise; examine for lice, and try some of the poultry remedies put up by the Carnefac Stock Food Co., of Toronto. They can be had at all feed stores.

REGISTERING COLT.

How many crosses are necessary in order to get a colt registered? Is it necessary that the sire be an imported horse? For instance, I have a young mare with three imported crosses, then I bred her to a Canadian horse from imported stock, both sire and dam being imported, he himself being registered. Would this mare's foal register, or would the fact of breeding to this Canadian horse break the thread of breeding for registration, and where and how should I apply to get her registered?

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Ans.—You do not say of what breed the sires used were. Clydesdales are admitted to registry in the Clydesdale Studbook of Canada as follows: 1. Stallions or mares by sire and out of dam both recorded in this book. 2. Clydesdale stallions having five top-crosses, with their dams on record, and Clydesdale mares having four top-crosses, in each case by sires recorded in the Clydesdale Studbook of Canada. It is not necessary that all or any of the sires be imported. Apply to Henry Wade, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, for forms and terms. In the Dominion Draft Studbook mares presented for registry must have three crosses of sires registered in either the Clydesdale or Shire Studbook, not necessarily imported. Apply to Jas. Mitchell, Secretary, Goderich.

Veterinary.

MILK FEVER TREATMENT

One of your correspondents, some time ago, gave a description of treatment for milk fever by filling the udder with air. I should like to know if this treatment has been generally successful?

Yorkshire, Eng.

W. R. Y.

Ans.—Yes, as a substitute for oxygen, fresh air from an open, healthy stable, or entirely out of doors, has given good results. One must be careful, however, to sterilize the utensils used, and to use plenty of antiseptic about the entrance to the udder. We would only recommend the use of air when oxygen could not be procured. Never drench for milk fever.

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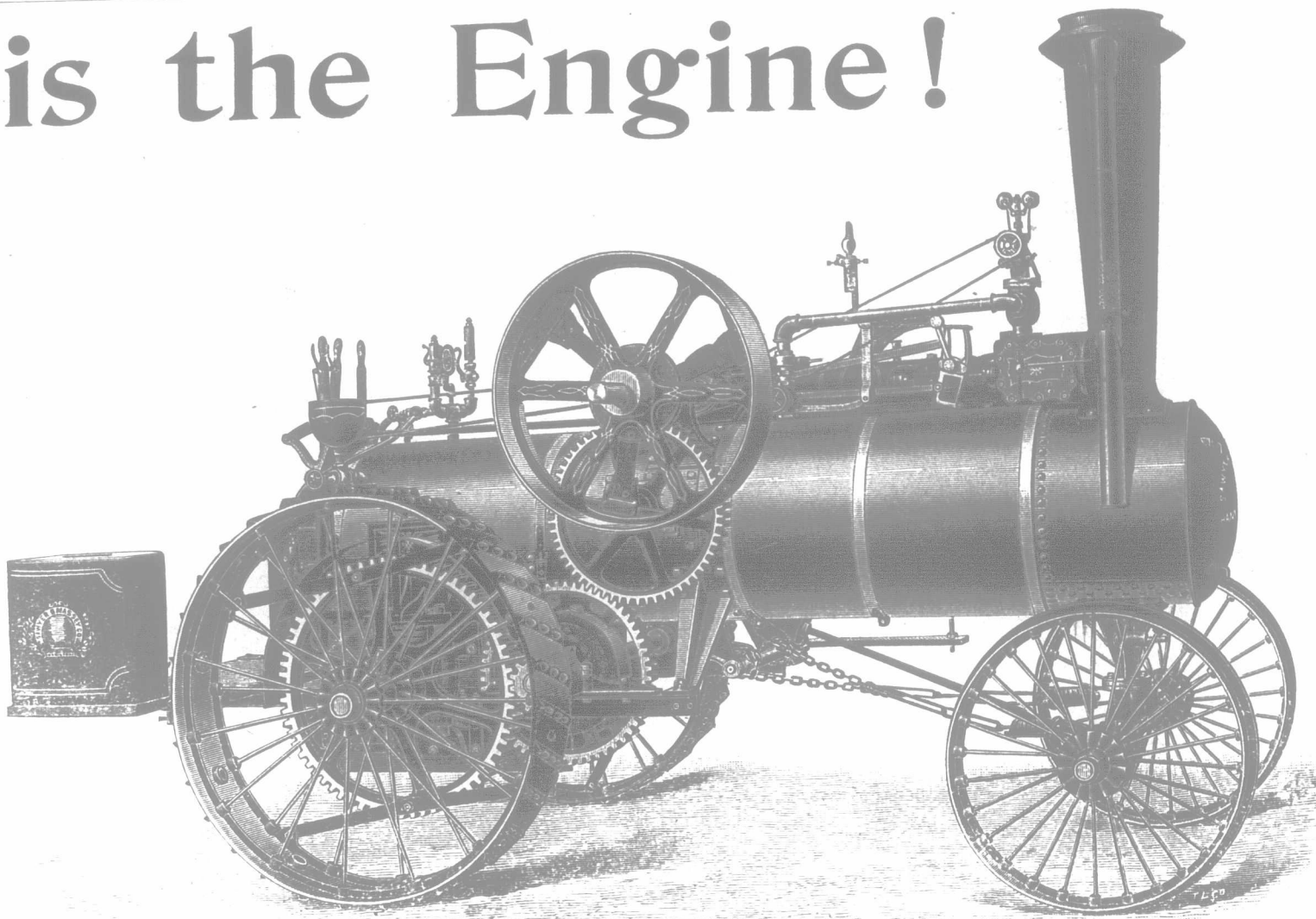
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