

Questions and Answers

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INJURED TEAT: VICE IN COLT

I had a cow jump across a barbed-wire fence last summer and cut one of her teats nearly off; in fact, the end dropped off afterwards. She was dry at the time, but now she has "come in." I find that the hole in her teat is healed over, and that quarter is very hard. I have been bathing with warm water and rubbing in camphorated oil. Would it be wise to make a passage and how should I do it?

2. Can you tell me how to stop a young horse biting his grain box? He will take a mouthful of oats then he will seize the box in his teeth and bite pieces off it. He has gnawed away the sides of several boxes.

Sask. G. B.
Ans.—1. First secure the cow, either by throwing her down, or by tying her hind legs together so she cannot kick. Then proceed to break through the skin which has healed over the natural opening of the teat, a knitting needle may be used for this purpose. When the skin is broken through, and the milk duct found, insert a milk tube, which will drain off the fluid that may be in that quarter. The tube should be allowed to remain in the teat for several days, but remove it morning and evening to cleanse and disinfect. After a few days the tube may be taken out, but must be inserted again at each milking, by this means the opening may be kept from healing over and closing again. This operation must be done under strictly antiseptic rules. Thoroughly cleanse the teat and udder with soap and warm water, then well wash the teat with a solution of creolin and soft water, a tablespoonful of the former to a pint of the latter. The operator's hand must be clean, well scrubbed with soap and water, and then washed in the creolin solution. The milk tube must be well washed and boiled each time before using. It should be smeared with vaseline for lubrication before each insertion.

2. Remove the manger and any other projecting wood work from his stall. Feed him on the floor. The grain may be given in a pail or box, which can be removed when he is through feeding. A colt will acquire this vice from lack of exercise, being confined and tied up in the stable too long at a time. This habit develops into the one called cribbing. Cover all wood that cannot be removed with tin or galvanized iron.

RECOVERING DAMAGE TO FARM

A rents his farm to B on shares, B to find the seed. B sowed mustard in the seed. Can A recover damages for injury done the farm?

Man. B. M.
Ans.—If A can prove that B was deliberately negligent and did not exercise reasonable care in selecting seed, he would have good ground for a case, but if the mustard seed were present in small quantities in the grain or grass seed sown, then the circumstance would be classed as an unfortunate accident, for which no one could be held directly responsible.

Could any of the readers of "The Farmer's Advocate" give me particulars of how to build a log house with the logs vertical instead of horizontal, as is usual?

Alta. R. A.

STOCK AT LARGE: DRESSED HOGS

1. What is the law in Saskatchewan re stock running at large after Herd law expires? Is a farmer liable for damages done by his stock to a neighbor's stacks, which are not fenced?

2. I should like to know about how much cured meat could be obtained from pigs which will weigh (live-weight) about 250 lbs.

H. W. K.

Ans.—1. Stock may run at large after the expiry of Herd law and stack and other fodder is at the risk of the owner of the fodder. If damage is done by stock to unfenced stacks the loss is upon the owner of the stacks.

2. Packers estimate that to get a 50-lb. side of bacon they need hogs weighing at best 160 lbs. live-weight. Probably a 250-lb. hog would give about 150 lbs. of meat.

AMERICAN TEACHERS IN CANADA

I wish to know if an American can come right into this country and commence to teach school. I am told they have to reside in this country 12 months before they can take up work as teachers. I shall be very pleased if you can tell me the law on this subject as early as convenient.

I. W.
Ans.—There is no obstacle in the way of an American teaching in Canada, all that is required is that his education and ability are up to the standard demanded by the provincial departments of education. For full details as to qualifications write the minister of education of the province in which it is desired to teach. For Saskatchewan the address is Legislative Buildings, Regina.

BOOK REVIEW

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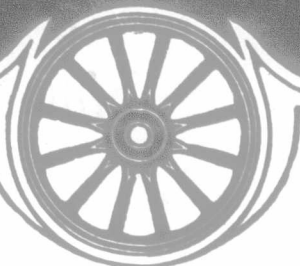
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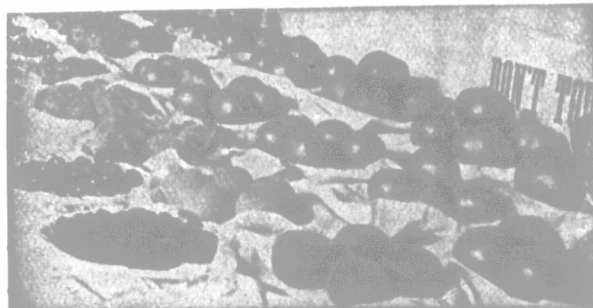
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