

MAY 11, 1911

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

ABNORMAL APPETITE.

Three-year-old mare has not been well since February. She is always hunting something to chew, as a piece of wood, thistle stalks, dirt, etc. She eats stubble and thistle-tops in preference to grass. J. M.

Ans.—This indicates an absence of some constituent in the system (probably phosphates). Purge her with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger. Allow her free access to salt, and give her two drams calcium phosphate three times daily until the habit ceases. V.

Miscellaneous.

TWO-TEATED HEIFER—SMUT PREVENTION.

1. Two-year-old heifer came in four weeks ago, and she only gives her milk out of the two back teats. She gives about five quarts at a milking. What can be done?

2. Also, could you give me a remedy for smut in oats? S. D. M.

Ans.—1. Nothing can be done for heifer milking only out of back teats. She may prove to be a valuable cow in spite of the defect.

2. Look up article on "Smut and Its Prevention," in issue of March 30th, page 550.

CALVES AND COLTS.

I notice in "The Farmer's Advocate" you are keeping three mares on your farm, and are going to raise three colts every year. Well, if you can do so, you will more than make a success of breeding horses. If you can tell me how I can raise a calf from each cow every year, I will be a regular advertiser; but there is my trouble. If I could get the cows to have calves, my success would be easy. F. W. E.

Ans.—Your observation is incorrect. We have four mares on our farm, and hope to raise two or three foals a year—on the average.

SALT FOR LAND—WET VS. DRY MEAL FOR COWS.

1. How much land salt should be sown to the acre on spring grain, say oats?
2. In my oats the last couple of years, almost before they got ripe, the straw was breaking down. Will salt stiffen the straw and enlarge the yield?
3. When is the best time to put the salt on, before the grain is up, or after?
4. The best method of sowing salt?
5. Do you consider it a good investment sowing salt?
6. Is soaked meal fed to cows better for producing milk than dry meal? Is it as good for the cows?

FARMER.

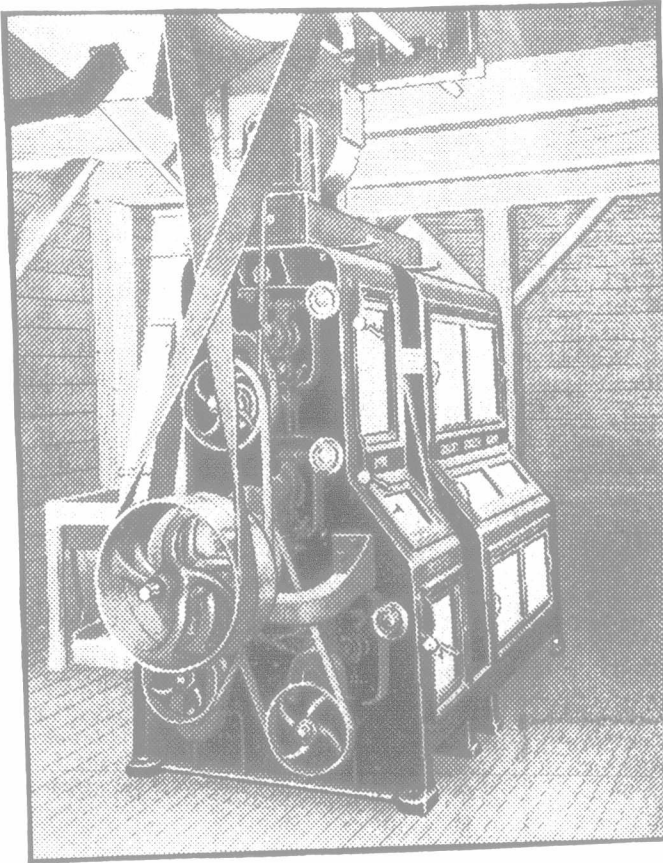
Ans.—1. About 200 lbs. per acre is enough salt to apply for spring grain.

2 and 5. The application of salt will probably stiffen the straw and increase the yield of oats on land on which the straw grows soft and weak, but again it may not. Salt is not a manure, its effect being to act on soil constituents and liberate plant food. Whether any good effect comes from its use or not depends on the character of the soil, and on the crop for which applied.

3 and 4. Apply salt before the grain is sown, or as soon after as possible, sowing it by hand.

6. It is no advantage to wet meal for cows, but sometimes they will eat it better when treated thus than when fed dry, and it is just as good for the cow, unless the dry meal is mixed with cut feed. The latter is the best method of feeding ground grain.

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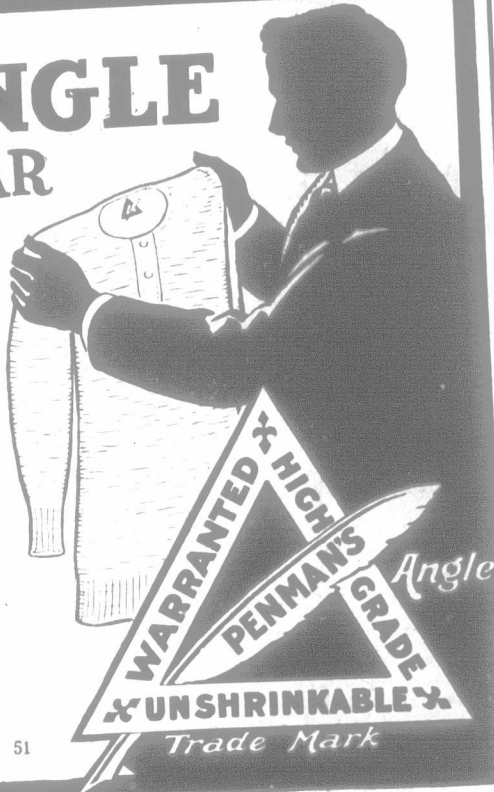
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