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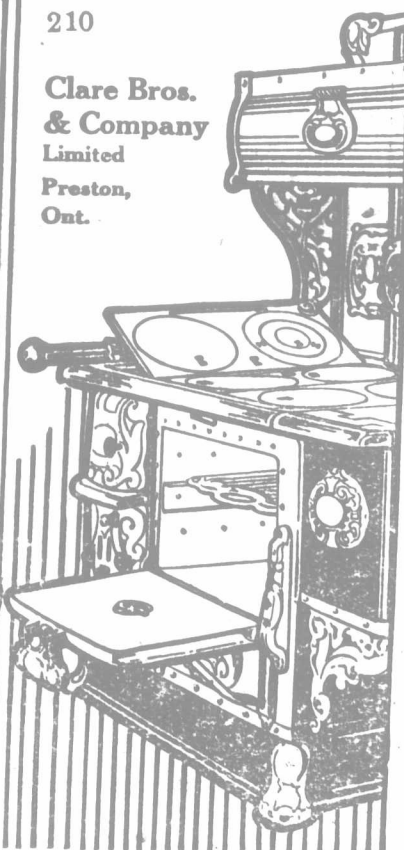
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

TOAD FLAX—TREFOIL—SWEET CLOVER.

1. Please find weed specimen for identification, and, if troublesome, give instructions for killing it.
2. Is trefoil a good pasture plant? If so, do seedsmen keep seed for sale?
3. Would sweet clover be a good forage plant to sow on bare clay hillsides, which are rough to plow?
4. Could you recommend anything else to sow on such land, where the seed might be harrowed in? R. C. A.

Ans.—1. The weed is toad flax, or butter-and-eggs (*Linaria vulgaris*). This is a deep-rooted perennial, a persistent weed in waste places, meadows, and crops. It requires a short rotation of crops, accompanied by deep cultivation, to rid the soil of this pest. Hand-pull in wet weather on land which cannot be cultivated. Plowing meadows in the summer, and cultivating frequently until fall, is effective.

2. Trefoil has some value for pasture, especially where sheep are kept, but in this country it is recognized as a weed, and should not be grown, as it is a common impurity in alsike and red-clover seed, lowering the price, and working against the production of these seeds. Do not sow it. White clover would take its place, and is not harmful. If permanent pasture is desired, sow a mixture of grasses, Prof. C. A. Zavitz's permanent-pasture mixture, for example.

3. It might be worth while to try the sweet clover on a very small area. It would not be advisable to try it on a large scale at first. It is not considered to be a very valuable pasture grass.

4. White Dutch clover, Kentucky blue grass, orchard grass, a little timothy, and meadow fescue, might be sown in a mixture, provided seed-bed sufficient to cover them could be obtained.

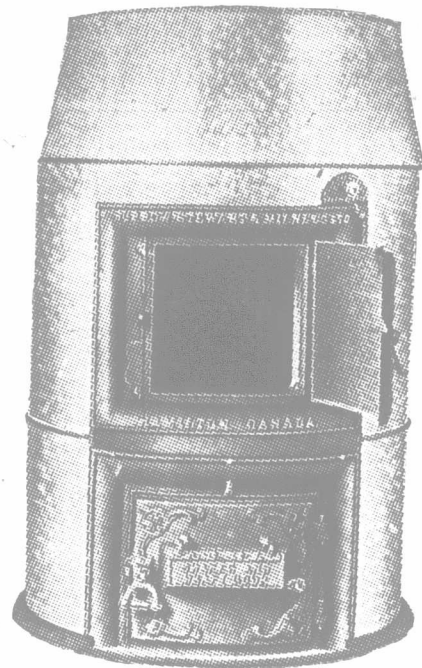
HORSE EATS CONTINUOUSLY.

I have a horse seven years old which seems to have a voracious appetite. He never seems to have enough, and will eat hay all the time if he can get it. I keep him in a box stall, and he has very little work, and only a small amount of driving, not more than three or four miles per day on an average. He had a bad attack of distemper this spring, and seems to have fully recovered, with the exception of a slight discharge from the nose, sometimes hardly noticeable, other times watery, and sometimes phlegm; otherwise he appears to be perfectly healthy. I feed him two quarts of oats and two quarts of bran three times a day, and hay four times a day. He is in good condition. At times he has a slight cough. I have been told that a horse which is always hungry will have the heaves inside of a year. Let me know if this horse has symptoms of heaves. Can anything be done to alleviate symptoms to prevent heaves from developing? G. H. B.

Ans.—Heaves sometimes develop as a sequel to distemper, especially when the animal is left with a chronic cough. We never heard of a good appetite being an indication of heaves. Large quantities of musty, dusty, or inferior feed may cause the trouble, as will also very heavy or fast work while the horse is gorged from over-eating, or drinking too much water. The cough and discharge are the only indications of trouble in this case. Feed only on food of first-class quality. Avoid musty hay or grain. Dampen all he eats with lime-water, and to relieve the cough, if it is at all troublesome, give once daily a ball composed of powdered opium 1½ drams, solid extract of belladonna, 2 drams; camphor, 1 dram, and digitalis, 20 grains. Add sufficient oil of tar to make plastic, roll in tissue paper, and administer, or dissolve in warm water and give as a drench. Do not allow him so much hay that his stomach becomes over-distended.

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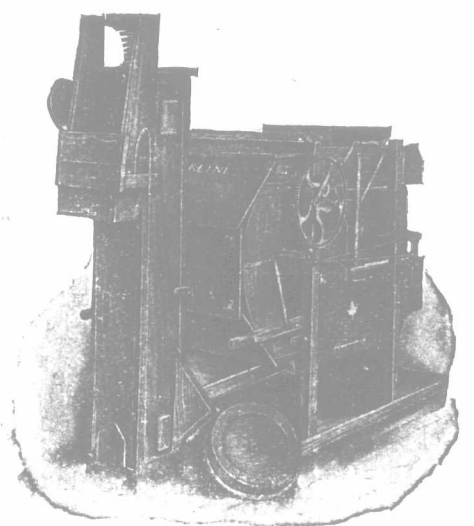
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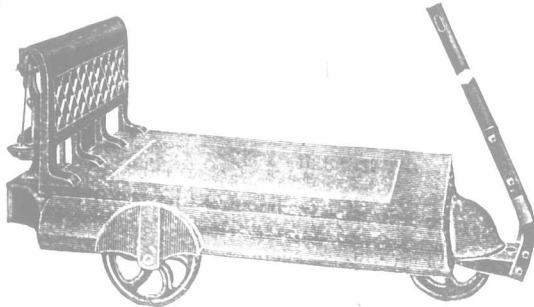
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