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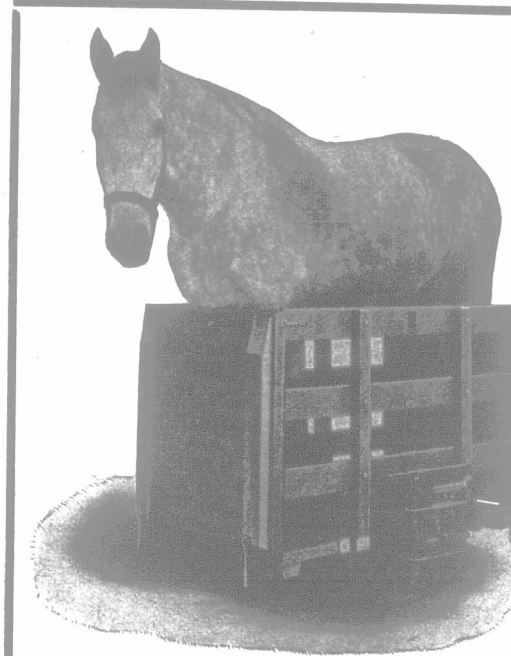
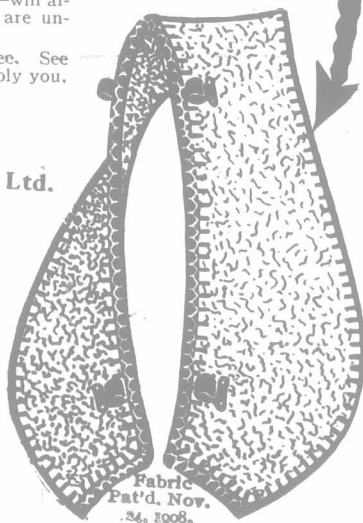
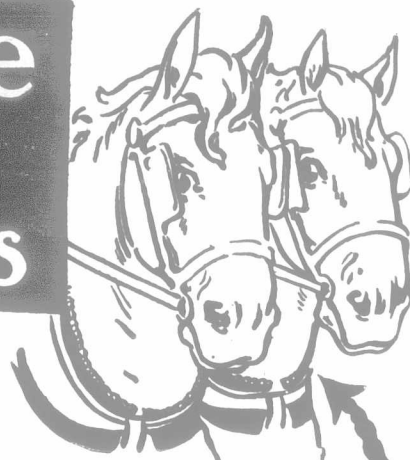
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2nd—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.

3rd—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.

4th—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

Miscellaneous.

Crop for New Land—Soiling Crop.

1. Would like to have your advice on a new piece of land, broken last year and sowed to buckwheat, but it went down, so I lost most of it. It is very black, light soil. It was cleared a number of years ago, but never broken. What would you advise planting on such a field next spring?

2. I should also like to ask what you would suggest for an early spring crop to cut to feed cattle? I expect to be short of pasture next spring.

3. Did you ever know of vetches being sown in this country? J. H.

Ans.—1. On land of this kind we can think of no better crop than corn. The land is suitable for the crop, and it will stand up. White Cap Yellow Dent, however, might fall a little if the land is rather light, and perhaps it would be advisable to plant Leaming or Wisconsin No. 7. These two are a little later in maturing than flint corns would be, but your knowledge of climatic conditions in your district, and past experiences, will teach you which variety to use.

2. Alfalfa or silage would come in very conveniently in your case in the spring, but since you must sow something, we would advise two and one-half bushels of a good variety of oats, and about two pecks of Golden Vine peas. Some corn and sorghum will give considerable fodder a little later on, but it will have to be cut rather green, and will require some clover hay or concentrated food fairly rich in protein with it. However, for later in the season, after the oats and peas have been cut, it would be wise to have some such crop coming on.

3. Vetches are used fairly extensively, but it will be necessary to sow them along with some other crop, as they adhere quite closely to the ground, making them hard to harvest. A few vetches are sometimes sown with peas and oats.

Eradicating Mustard—Under-drainage.

1. Is it an established fact that wild mustard can successfully and profitably be exterminated by the use of spray?

2. Kindly give particulars of the process.

3. Has the Department of Agriculture of Ontario, in any of their demonstrations of draining, found any subsoil that water would not penetrate, rendering underdrainage of no special value?

E. I. T.

Ans.—1. It is an established fact that the mustard can be exterminated from a grain crop during the season, but that does not eradicate the weed from the field. Any mustard that gives any trouble is a pretty good indication that the ground is well stocked with seed, and it is not safe to say at what time or after what period they will not grow. They will live for many years in soil, and even if you destroy the mustard crop one season you are just as sure of having some the next year. However, the mustard cannot be cleared out of a crop of grain very successfully.

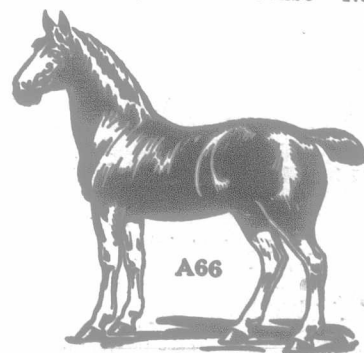
2. The most practicable way of doing this is to dissolve from 8 to 10 pounds of bluestone in 40 gallons of water, or from 60 to 80 pounds of iron sulphate with the same amount of water. This is sprayed on the crop just when the leaves of the mustard plant are well expanded and will catch a large quantity of the spray. It should be done, though, before it blossoms. It will make the whole field, including the grain, look very sick for a few days, but after a very short time the mustard will disappear, and the grain will not be impaired to any great extent. The tips of the leaves are sometimes burnt, but it soon throws that off and looks better than ever. The ordinary attachment used in spraying potatoes is best for this purpose.

3. Write Prof. W. H. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for full particulars regarding experiments in draining.

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