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Ans.-At from ten days to two weeks of age is the best time to dock or castrate lambs. Cut the tails from below upward with a sharp knife. Your lambs evidently bleed to death. Any which show signs of bleeding too freely should have a soft cord tied tightly around the stump for a few hours. The bluestone should do no harm, in fact it should be of value in stopping the blood. Some times lambs die from shock. See article on "Lambs in Spring," in this issue.

BEGINNER'S QUERIES.

1. I have been grain farming in Manitoba for some years, but have decided to sell out and go in for mixed farming in Ontario. Would like your advice as to best way to invest a capital of about \$8,000 in purchase of farm, live stock and implements. Possibly not much over half of this capital would be immediately available, the balance being in deferred payments on land here at 7 per cent. Would like to have at least two heavy breeding mares, three or four sows, and balance of stock to be cows. Do you think it better to let a considerable portion of purchase price of farm remain on mortgage for a while, and use available capital for more live stock and machinery ?

2. Would you advise four-horse machinery?

3. What is the size and price of your big plow at Weldwood? Is it what is known as a high-lift riding gang?

4. What are the comparative merits of the dump rake and side-delivery rake? What difference in price?
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Ans.-1. It is never advisable to pay so much money down on a farm that enough is not left to properly equip it. Many beginners make the mistake of handicapping their operations by locking too large an amount of their capital up in the farm. Equipment in the beginning does not need to be elaborate, but a certain amount of good implements and machinery is necessary to properly work the land. Horses and other live stock

are essential to get the best returns, and while economy is necessary in purchasing these, it never pays to stock up with poor implements, machines, or live stock Would rather have a little larger mortgage than not have anything to work the farm with. The increased returns from a properly-tilled and properly-managed farm, due to a sufficient outlay for equipment, will pay the extra interest many times over, and will, in fact, under proper management, soon reduce the principal. Pay all you can down, but do not rob the farm of the necessary equipment to make your labor profitable. 2. Yes.—()ne man may just as well do

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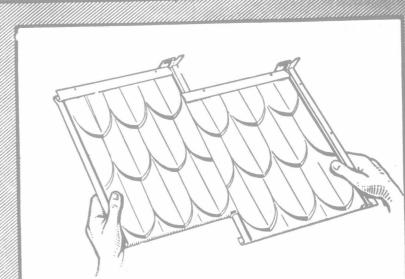
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