

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

ONIONS.

In your issue of January 18th, a letter on "Try Onions," signed by J. W. Rush, was read with interest. Would like to ask Mr. Rush with regard to harvesting, storing, and marketing of this crop.

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Ans.—Mr. Rush expressly stated that he was leaving the marketing undiscussed for the time being. Ask this later on, if it is not covered by an article on the subject.

EIGHTEEN-SHARE BEEF RING.

Kindly publish a beef chart for use in an eighteen-share beef ring. What I mean is a chart showing how to cut the beef into the required number of shares, and each share numbered. I saw one in "The Farmer's Advocate" some years ago.

J. E.

Ans.—We recently published a request for details of such a ring, but as yet no replies have come to hand. The invitation is repeated.

Veterinary.

CRIPPLED PIGS.

Pigs eight months old, fed on ground wheat and oats, with a small amount of bran and a liberal supply of corn on the ear, began to refuse their food, have lost flesh, their right ears droop, and they are quite stiff in fore feet, carry heads to right side and stagger. Would the flesh be fit to use if they were slaughtered?

J. P.

Ans.—This trouble is due to too high feeding and want of exercise. Purge each with 3 ounces Epsom salts, and follow up with 5 grains nux vomica three times daily. Feed on milk, shorts, and a little chopped oats and raw roots, and if possible see that they get regular exercise. Treatment is often unsatisfactory. If slaughtered, the flesh would not be unhealthful, but of very poor quality. See that the floors are clean and dry, and supply an elevated, well-bedded wooden platform for them to sleep on.

V.

GOSSIP.

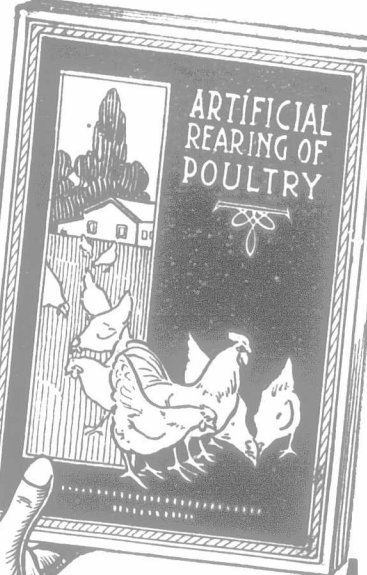
The sale of farm stock, belonging to David Bell, near Bright, Oxford Co., Ont., held on February 1st, as advertised in "The Farmer's Advocate," amounted to nearly \$6,000. One team sold for \$610, nine horses averaged \$260 each, 20 two-year-old steers sold for \$60 each. The advertisement in "The Farmer's Advocate" brought good results, buyers being present from considerable distances.

IMPORTED CLYDE FILLIES.

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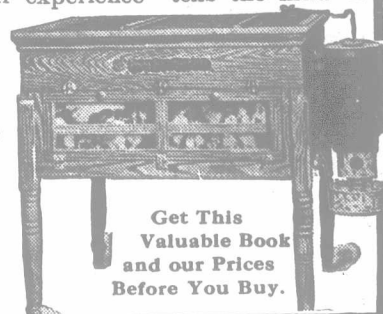
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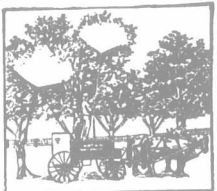
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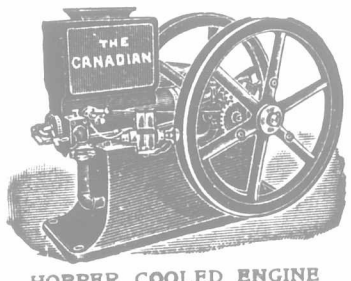
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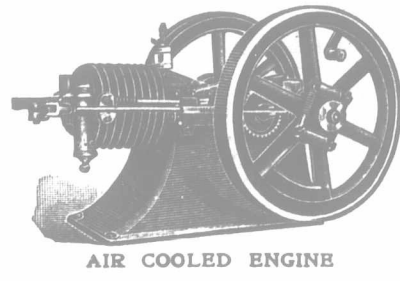
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