

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

LATHYRUS SYLVESTRIS.

Do you know anything about a plant called, in French, gesse des bois (lathyrus sylvestris)? Can it be advantageously cultivated in this country, particularly in a poor land? Is it a good fodder, etc., etc.?

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—This plant was exploited some years ago, and represented to be a great forage crop, but it has never amounted to any economic significance.

BUTTER-FAT.

How many pounds of butter should a patron receive for a thousand pounds of milk testing 4 per cent. by the Babcock tester?

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—In the thousand pounds of milk there would be forty pounds of butter-fat. But butter contains other substances than butter-fat, amounting, ordinarily, to 16 per cent. This is generally called the overrun. Therefore, forty pounds of fat would be equivalent to 47.6 pounds of butter.

REGISTRATION QUESTION.

A has a registered cow that has been mated with a registered bull, the calf of which is now seven years old; is it still eligible for registration?

SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—If the sire and dam were of the same breed, the produce, in the case of most of the breed registers, is eligible at any age on payment of double fees and furnishing satisfactory evidence as to identity of the animal. The rules of the American Hereford register do not admit of registering an animal after it is two years old.

SKINS TO TAN.

I have two black hides off two-year-old heifers which I wished to have tanned to make into a robe. Will you kindly advise me where I can have this work done properly?

D. G.

Ans.—The tanneries at Gravenhurst, Bracebridge or Barrie would do the work satisfactorily. If you cannot get them over to the Georgian Bay ports until navigation opens, rub them well with salt, and pack them in ice. At first opportunity would recommend writing letters to these tanneries asking them for terms.

DRILL MARKER.

Will you kindly send me through your valuable paper a plan of a corn marker, as I usually plant my corn in squares?

C. E. K.

Ans.—A marker we have used with good satisfaction consisted of a long ash pole, 18 feet, with wooden pins 18 inches long, and set three and a half feet apart on the under side. Two handles project behind, and a light tongue is attached in front. The inside end peg follows the mark of the outer peg on the return journey. Smaller sizes than this can be made. Of course, the field must be marked both ways to make hills.

HOMEMADE VINEGAR.

A. S. writes asking how to make good strong vinegar.

Ans.—Many of our readers make excellent vinegar from the "skimmings" secured during maple syrup making. When the syrup season is over these are put in a barrel, or old milk can, and about a half to two-thirds as much clean fresh rain water added. The barrel is placed in a warm corner, usually in a sheltered spot where it will stand in the sun, and is covered. In about a month, it becomes quite sour, and is then skimmed and poured off, leaving the settlings in the bottom, and put in the vinegar barrel with some of the old "mother" from which the vinegar microbes multiply. Vinegar is also made from cider in much the same way. Another recipe is: Rain water, 20 gallons; acetic acid, 2½ lbs.; molasses, 1 gallon; yeast, 1 quart. Stir well, and allow to stand from one to three weeks. If stronger vinegar is wanted, add more molasses. Here is another: Molasses, 2 quarts; yeast, 1 quart; soft water, 6 gallons. Put in keg, cover with wire gauze, and stand for three weeks in warm place. Still another: Cider, 20 gallons; water, 10 gallons; yeast, 2 gallons.

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I have a young horse, five years old, which to all appearance should make a fine Roadster, but after driving him one or two miles his bowels become very loose. What can I do to prevent this? He is fed whole oats and timothy hay.

Ans.—This question is treated in the article by Whip, in this issue.

MILKING MACHINE.

You gave an account of a milking machine working by electricity in France. How is it that this machine in not more in use, or that we do not hear more about it? Does it prove satisfactory?

J. J. M.

Ans.—This is simply the old-fashioned suction machine driven by an electric motor, instead of by the engine or horse-power. It is not perfected by any means yet, but when it is we can safely depend upon our manufacturers to exploit it.

STALLS AND STANCHIONS.

Have noticed with interest your barn plans in your valuable paper, and have received some pointers. Would like if you would give the best plan of stall, and give your opinion of the swinging stanchion for cows?

A. S.

Ans.—The arrangement of cattle stalls is one of those things about which authorities differ. All things considered, however, we think the double stall, with chain ties attached so the cattle can raise their heads with perfect freedom, the best kind to build. Have the front boarded up so the animals cannot climb forward and get their feet into the manger. This can be done by having the boarding begin just above the top of the manger, and the front of it projecting into the passage. Have the partitions between stalls about four and a half feet high, and extend back about the same distance, so that vicious cattle cannot get their heads over to injure their neighbors. Do not have a partition that slopes from the ceiling in front to the floor behind; nor a manger open in front.

STABLING—WIREWORMS—POTATOES.

1. I am contemplating keeping hogs in the horse and stock barn to insure the mixing of the horse manure as well as for convenience in feeding, bedding, etc. There is a sentiment among old farmers that the proximity of hogs is injurious to horses, whether from foul odors or social degradation, I am not able to determine. Is such the case?

2. The small, hard-bodied, yellow wireworm about three-quarters of an inch long have injured many of my potatoes by eating holes in almost to the center. Will any treatment of the soil eradicate them? This is old, worn-out upland that I am bringing into rotation. Will these worms disappear after rotation is well established?

3. What is the cause of potatoes growing hollow? The largest are more liable to this defect.

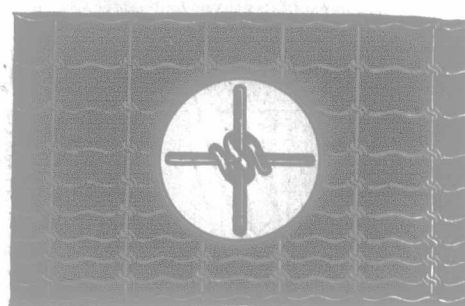
R. J. M.

Ans.—1. The objection to keeping hogs with horses and cattle is that the odors from the hogs are disagreeable to the horses, unless the pens are kept very clean. If closed partitions separated the hogs and horses, and good ventilation is provided, the objection would be overcome. In the modern, well-kept stables, the practice is not so objectionable, as was frequently the case when the pens were cleaned out about once or twice a year.

2. Wireworms are not easily affected by treatment with any kind of chemical. Their habitat is in old sod land, and it is probable when this is broken up and the soil exposed to winter conditions the worms will disappear.

3. A reason why certain potatoes are hollow in the center is difficult to give. It is not on account of disease, however, but a peculiarity of the arrangement of the cellular tissue. The phenomenon is partly explained when we remember that a tuber is really a modified stem, and the plant-food in the tuber tends to accumulate at points where it is going to be first required, namely, at the eyes of the tuber. Then we can conceive of the central part of a large potato being so far away from the eyes on either side that it is without the storehouse, so to speak; hence there is no starch or other plant food located at these points, consequently hollowness.

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