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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

These Hens Lie.

1. My young pullets lie two in a nest at night, instead of roosting with the other hens. Will this deform them, and how can it be stopped? We tried shutting up the nests temporarily, but they started again. Ought I to get rid of them, or can it be cured?

2. Is it usual? 8. Do laying hens require corn, and

should it be given whole? They get wheat, oats, and buttermilk regularly. A. R. M.

Ans.-1. Break them of the habit by closing the nests each night. It is not likely to deform them, but they should be broken of it.

2. No.

8. Corn is not absolutely necessary. In winter, a little is good for them mixed with other grains.

Holidays--Goat.

1. Would you kindly tell me whether a man hired by the year on a farm, can take New Year's Day as a lawful holiday? What are the lawful holidays on a farm 7

2. Is a goat any protection to a flock of sheep? As a rule, would they be troublesome on fences? N. M.

Ans.-1. New Year's Day is a holiday. Unless there is an agreement to the contrary, hired help in Ontario is entitled to Sundays, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day or days proclaimed as public holidays. Usual farm chores must be done, however, on holidays.

2. Many people believe a goat is some protection from dogs when allowed to run with a flock of sheep.

Tread Power for Separator.

I have a separator, and I would like to run it with dog power. Could you give me any information on how to attach the power to the separator? I was thinking I could run it with a belt, but I was told the crank was bolted to R. R. the wheel of the power.

Ans.-We do not see how you could attach the crank of the separator to the wheel of the power and get sufficient speed with a dog to run the separator to requirements. A correspondent describing such an attachment in "The Farmer's Advocate" some time ago, said that they used the bull to do the separating, and until he was two years of age, used a horse. You could run it with a shaft and pulleys, or belts and pulleys, and according to our correspondent, the pulley on the shaft must be a certain size, according to the weight of the animal used. If it is a separator of a large capacity, we doubt whether a dog could develop power enough to successfully operate it.

Milk Inspection.

In the locality where I live, the farmers are mostly engaged in dairying. We are visited from time to time by dairy inspectors from Toronto, and as several herds have contagious abortion, and my herd has always been free from that trouble, can I compel the inspector to disinfect his boots and clothing before entering my stable? How can the farmer be protected from the inspector carrying this trouble from one herd to another? Why must I answer all the inspector's questions, such as how many cows are you milking now? How many cows have you altogether? How many cans of cream do you ship per week, YOUNG FARMER.

Ans.-We do not think the farmer requires protection from good inspectors. They invariably disinfect boots and rubbers before going into another stable after having visited a stable where a contagious disease is prevalent. The inspector in doubly careful not to spread contagion. You really do not have to answer all questions, but it would be better for you, likely, if you showed the inspector a certain amount of courtesy, and answered his questions readily. These questions are not unreasonable, and there should be no hesitancy in answerTHE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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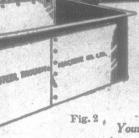


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