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A HORSE DEAL AND WAGES

(1) I bought a horse (a driver) which the man said was quiet. I was away when he brought it. When I tried to hitch it up, it took about three men to hitch up, and when it started it racked the buggy quite a bit. There was no note signed or any papers at all. I just promised to pay in the fall. What would be the best thing to do? Am I obliged to keep the horse and pay for it?

(2) A man offered me wages for a month, and asked me if I would work for him. I was working for his brother at the time so could not oblige him. A few days later he asked his brother if I could help him for a day or two. So I started working with him without making any bargain. I have now been here two weeks, and neither man say anything. Can I collect harvest wages? If so what are the wages?

Man. Ans.—If there was no agreement between you and the man you bought the horse from, other than what you said, and the animal was represented to be all right, we would judge that the best thing to do would be to return the horse and notify the seller that you did not intend keeping the animal, since it was not up to what it was represented. There isn't much trouble generally in horse deals, especially if they are as loose as this one.

(2) We presume that the man you

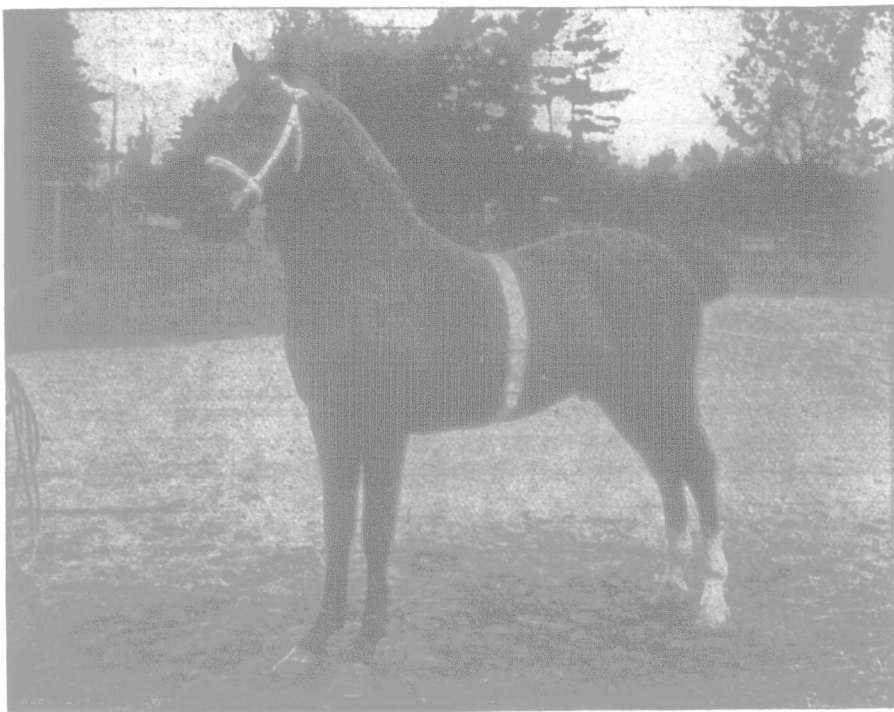
TUBERCULOSIS IN FOWLS

Our hens are dying by the dozens. They first get lame in one leg, then get droopy, and soon die. What is the cause, and is there any cure?

C. M. Ans.—From the description given, I am strongly of the opinion that these birds have tuberculosis. One cannot say positively without having a bacteriological examination, but where birds go lame or get droopy or droop away, and after opening have spotty livers, these are pretty strong indications of the disease. If your correspondent wants to be positive, he could send one or two to the Bacteriological Laboratory at the Ontario Agricultural College for examination. In the meanwhile I would suggest that he clean the hen-house as thoroughly as possible and burn all sick chickens. Use lime freely on the droppings and dig up the ground near the henhouse. The young birds should not be allowed to mix with the older ones. Probably if he were to clean out the entire stock of old ones and keep the young ones in the same building, after it had been thoroughly cleaned and whitewashed, the trouble might disappear.

WHO PAYS THE HIRED MAN?

A and B entered into business and engaged C to manage it. Gave C 10 per cent. of sales, he furnishing his own



A BRITISH PRIZE WINNER

were engaged to work for is the one to whom you should look for payment. We do not think that because you were sent by your employer to work for another man that you ceased to be in your original employer's hire. If you had an engagement to work with him a certain time, you can collect the wages agreed on for that time. If your time with your first employer expired about the time you went to work for his brother, you can collect from the latter wages for the time you have since worked for him. The rate of wages would be the prevailing rate in the district.

ERECTING A FLAG-POLE

I would like to ask you how to set a flag-pole in the ground? It will be 65 feet high. Some say to set it in cement with about one foot of cement around the pole, and to the depth of six feet in the ground. What way do you advise as being the best to make it strong and to save the pole from decaying?

R. F. Ans.—We think if you set it six feet deep, surrounding it with a six-inch-thick casing of cement extending from just above the surface of the ground to a point about two feet below, you would have a satisfactory job. The cement should be carefully trowelled about the post at the surface of the ground, so as to prevent water working down between. It is the air and moisture which causes posts to rot first, just at or immediately beneath the surface of the ground. Keep the post dry, therefore, at this point.

help. A and B were to pay one-half the cost of help in busy month or months. C engaged man for four months at \$50.00 per month. After four months were up, the man hung around off and on all winter. A and B found that the man had only been paid \$130.00 in wages. C has left now and man is suing for eight months' wages. Who is responsible? A and B are willing to pay for time man was hired as C is worth nothing. No writings between A, B and C; no writings between C and the man. Can man collect from A and B, or must he look to C for unemployed time?

Man. SUBSCRIBER Ans.—From the facts stated would say that A and B are liable for only one-half the man's wages for four months. If sued A and B had better defend.

STIFLE LAMENESS

A horse, aged about 15 last winter got lame with a soft swelling in front of the stifle joint. This fall he seems worse and holds his leg up a great deal when standing.

Man. J. J. W. Ans.—On account of the length of time this case has been lame, certain structural changes have taken place, which will probably render treatment useless, and the chances of recovery doubtful. Consult your local veterinarian, who, after examining the joint, may advise firing and blistering as a possible means to afford relief.

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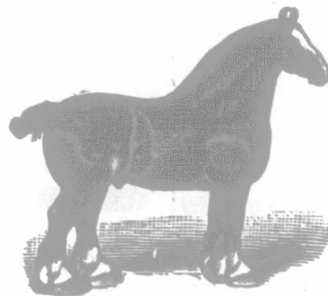


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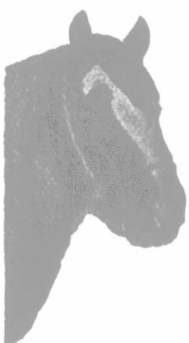


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