

Talks with Our Lawyer.

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Caution. Subscribers in asking questions regarding the distribution of estates should state all the facts and circumstances. If real estate is involved, where it is situated, etc. A question like this: "How much of her husband's property does a wife hold?" cannot be fully answered in this column, as the law varies according to the facts, and the whole law is too long to be printed in full, and hence our answer may be misleading.

FARMING ON SHARES—Abraham, N. Y.: If you contract to work a farm for a year on shares, when you leave the farm at the end of the year you leave all your interest in it. You can't claim a share of the produce thereafter, even though you can trace it to your labor.

TORMENTING POULTRY—O. W. M., Ill.: If your neighbors' chickens persist in coming upon your premises, you would have an action for damages against him, but it would not be advisable for you to go upon the principle that such poultry is wild and shoot the same.

ESTATE, TAXES, ETC.—W., Mass.: Real estate cannot be transferred by mutual assent but by deed only. A husband cannot deed real estate to his wife, but may deed to a third person and afterward the third person may deed to the wife. The mere paying of taxes on real estate will not give the payer title. Board cannot be collected from one living in a family if that person had no reason to believe that payment was expected, but considered himself a guest. Similarly, work done in the household cannot be charged for if the host had no reason to believe that payment was expected. Owners in common of real estate may secure a division by petition to the proper court. A woman selling real estate must secure her husband's consent to the sale or he may at her death claim certain rights in it.

MAD DOG—F., N. Y.: Before you can recover from the owner of a mad dog for damage done by it to cattle, you will have to prove that the damage was caused by the dog. Suppositions are not sufficient—unless you can convince a jury that they are true.

MINOR'S CONTRACT—A. B. C., Mass.: A minor, aged 18 years, contracts a bill at a furnishing goods store for clothing, unknown to his parents. His father is dead and his mother works in a mill. Can the mother's wages be trusted in a suit to collect the bill? Probably not. To succeed the plaintiff must show that the goods were necessities, that is, that the minor was in need of them. He must show that the mother refused or neglected to supply the minor with such goods as he needed.

HEIR—Subscriber, Mass.: A woman dies leaving a husband, with whom she has not lived for seven years. They never had any children. Her parents are both dead. She leaves one sister, who is her heir, but her husband would have rights in her property, namely the life use of half her real estate and all of her personal estate up to \$500 and half the excess. If she had divorced her husband before she died, for desertion, he would get none of her property.

TITLE DEED—H. B., Va.: Interests in real estate cannot be transferred verbally so the verbal agreements you give were of no effect. The tax purchaser has a good title to the land; if the time for redemption has expired if it has not, the taxes may be paid up and the property saved. The tax collector of your town will tell you as to that.

SEVERAL INQUIRIES—Anxious Subscriber, N. Y.: A wife can't compel a husband to make a will; neither can she compel him to give back money she has given him.—Subscriber, Me.: An electric railroad cannot take the use of your land from you without paying for it. Therefore, if it has trespassed on your land with its embankment you can sue it for the damage.—Va. Subscriber: You will have to pay for half the fence between you and your neighbor, and your neighbor half.

MISCELLANEOUS—Playing cards in a hotel for drinks is gambling. Complaint may be made by N. H. subscriber to the police authorities.—C. N. Y.: Your great-grandmother's pension probably died with her.—S. R., N. Y.: A you deeded land in fee to the school district by full warranty deed with no reservations, you have no right to cut wood on it.—Mrs. P., Pa.: I can't tell you to whom to write to find where your grandfather's uncle's will is. That is a matter for a detective, not a lawyer.—N. B., Mass.: Neither the children nor anybody else are obliged to provide a gravestone for the parents.

Our Veterinary Adviser.

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WORMS IN CATS—G. P. wants a remedy for either white, wire or tape worms. For white and wire worms, give a teaspoonful of the fluid extract of spigelia and senna at a dose, three times a day until it purges. For tape worms, give 10 gr arsen nut and 10 drops fluid extract of the male shield fern at a dose on an empty stomach in the morning, and in the evening give a dessertspoonful of castor oil.

TUMOR—S. C. has a cow that has a lump on her udder as large as a teacup, there is a slight discharge of blood from it. Have the lump removed by a veterinarian. If one cannot be had, make several openings into it and inject tincture of iodine into the opening once every third day.

INDIGESTION—C. M. O. has two cows that will not eat or drink; they are in good condition. Give each 1½ lbs epsom salts dissolved in water at one dose. When this physic works give each cow 1 oz each of tincture of gentian, ginger and chloride of iron at a dose in 1 qt of oatmeal gruel three times a day for a week.

PARALYSIS—T. K.'s horse lost the use of its hind legs; the muscles of the flank are wasted. Rub the wasted muscles well once a day with a little soap liniment, also give ½ dr fluid extract of nux vomica at a dose twice a day in bran mash and continue it for three weeks, then skip a week and give again, and so on for several months.

STRAIN—G. E. W.'s horse had a slight swelling at the fetlock joint, caused by a strain. He is now lame. Mix 2 dr cantharides with 1 oz lard, rub a little of this on the enlargement, let it remain on 24 hours, then wash off. Give three weeks' rest and if still lame apply a little more of the ointment and so on until the lameness disappears.

SICK COW—T. McL.'s cow does not eat well and is getting very thin, although she is not very weak. Give 1 oz each tincture chloride of iron, gentian and ginger at a dose in 1 qt oatmeal gruel three times a day until her appetite improves.

RHEUMATISM—J. F. S. has some pigs which are very sore on their feet and legs and cannot stand. Give each pig 10 drops oil of gaultheria, 2 drops fluid extract nux vomica and 1 dessertspoonful of cod liver oil at a dose twice a day for two or three weeks. The mare had an attack of inflammation of the lymphatic glands of the leg, which terminated in blood poisoning. The above dose is for pigs from three to six months old; for older ones, add 3 to 5 drops of the oil of gaultheria and 1 drop of the nux vomica.

CHOREA—S. G.'s mule wobbles on its hind legs when worked, but after standing a while can do better. It also makes a snorting sound when it breathes. This disease is of a nervous character and is usually incurable. Give 1 dr powdered nux vomica in a bran mash in the morning and 1 oz Fowler's solution of arsenic at night in mash. Continue this treatment for a month and if the animal improves continue it for several months.

LAME HORSE—Mrs. C. F.'s horse is lame in one of its fore feet. Poultice the foot for a week with warm bran mash put into a bag and tied on the foot, change once a day. Then mix 2 dr cantharides with 1 oz lard, rub a little of this around the coronet, let it remain on 24 hours, then wash off and give rest for a few weeks.

SKIN DISEASE—B. J. B. has horses that are afflicted by an itchy skin, especially the mane and root of tail. Wash the parts well with soap and water, then mix 1 oz sulphuric acid in 1 qt soft water and apply a little of this once a day until relieved. Also give each horse ½ oz nitrate of potassium in mash once a day for one week.

WEAKNESS—E. F. S. has a horse that eats well but when worked is weak. Feed on good oats and hay. Mix 4 oz sulphate of iron, 4 oz nitrate of potassium and 2 oz nux vomica, divide into 24 doses, give one at night in bran mash until all are taken.

DRINKING MILK TOO FAST—K. M. has a calf that drank its milk too fast; it bloated and died in a few minutes. To prevent this, feed a small quantity of the milk in the pail at a time, and add the remainder by degrees, or have a

rubber teat inserted in the bottom of the pail and teach the calf to suck it. When a calf bloats from drinking its milk too fast, make an opening into the rumen on the left side and the gas will escape and the animal will get all right.

BLACK TEETH—E. P. wants to know if black teeth in pigs is a disease. Black teeth are natural to some pigs and do no harm. If any more of your pigs die make a careful examination of all the internal organs and report to us.

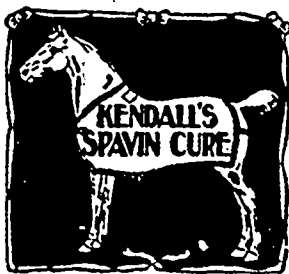
CRACKS AND WARTS—C. W. M. wants a remedy for cracks and warts on the udder of a cow. For cracks, mix 1 oz oxide of zinc with 2 oz vaseline and apply a little once a day. For warts, tie a small cord tight around the base of the wart and when it sloughs off apply a little terebinthine of antimony to the part to destroy the root; then use a little of the ointment recommended for cracks.

ECZEMA—M. P. C. has a horse that has an itchy skin, little pimples appear, break, run a little and then form a scab. Wash the skin well with soap and water, then mix 1 oz acetate of lead, 2 oz tincture of opium and 1 qt water. Apply a little to all the affected parts once a day until the itching is removed.

OEDEMA—A. H. wants to know what causes sheep to swell under the chin shortly after they are turned out to pasture. The cause of this derangement is a constantly present condition of the head in grazing. It usually does no harm. If the head should swell the animal should be taken in and fed from a rack.

CHAT WITH THE EDITOR.

J. D. F.: A cement recommended for leather or rubber soles and leather belting is made of gutta percha 1 lb, India rubber 1 oz, pitch 2 oz, shellac 1 oz and oil 2 oz; melt and use hot.—C. K. O.: Lack of space prevents printing anything definite on how to make distilled vinegar. It is a complicated process and requires a still.—Subscriber: The best filter for the purpose mentioned is made by alternate layers of coarse sand, gravel and charcoal. Such a filter will take up most of the objectionable matters out of the water, but will not entirely free it from germs. If, however, the irrigation water is of ordinary purity, such a filter will do for domestic use. In regard to the quantity of Portland cement necessary to plaster a 200-gal cistern, I should say approximately that 9 bbls of cement mixed with 5½ bbls of fine, white sand, well sifted, would be sufficient to make a coating 1 in thick.—Mrs. T. H.: There is no remedy for corn smut. It helps to keep the disease down by cutting out all smutty stalks and burning them.—Mrs. C. J. S.: Beeswax is sold by the Fuller & Fuller Drug Co., Chicago, Ill.—Subscriber: There is no specific work on cucumber pickling. The pamphlet, "Canning and Preserving," by Mrs. S. T. Rorer, gives much information on the subject. It is sold by the Orange Judd company of 52 Lafayette place, New York; price 40c prepaid. The Secrets of Canning, by E. F. Schwanb, price \$5, is a complete exposition of the theory and art of the canning industry.



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