

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

PERSISTENT HEAT.

Will you please tell me through your paper what to do for a cow that is in heat all the time? C. H. R.

Ans.—This condition seldom occurs except after abortion. There is no use breeding her till she becomes regular in her menses; in fact, harm is done, and the condition prolonged. Give her rest, and if you do not succeed in getting her in calf in reasonable time, you had better fatten her, as she may affect other cows.

SPAVIN—MAMMITIS.

1. A jack spavin appeared this winter on one leg of trood mare, in foal. She is quite lame; will foal in June. Would it be wise to blister it now?

2. Cow has one side of udder swollen and hard, has been so since she calved, about three weeks ago. Let me know what to do for it. J. H. F.

Ans.—1. Blister with biniodide of mercury, two drams; powdered cantharides, two drams; lard, two ounces. First, clip off the hair, and make the skin soft by washing with warm soft water and soap. Tie up the head so she cannot rub the blister off. Repeat the blister several times, and keep the part greased.

2. Bathe with hot water; draw the milk often; rub well with a liniment composed of alcohol, three fluid-ounces; turpentine, two ounces; spirits of ammonia, one ounce; gum camphor, four drams; water to make a pint. Feed lightly on good hay, bran mash, roots, or other succulent food. A home remedy is goose oil and spirits turpentine mixed, and well rubbed in.

NEGLECTANCE OF VETERINARY—A SUSPICIOUS CASE.

1. We had a veterinary surgeon to castrate three calves. The day after, they began to swell, and in three days one died, and in two days another, and in two days after the third died, all in the same way. Can I do anything with the veterinary surgeon in way of making him pay for them, or not?

2. On April 29th, 1903, we hired a young Englishman, about 25 or 30 years of age, for one year. About a month after he came, one of our calves took sick and died. In about two months, another took sick and died under same circumstances as the first; that is, a lump appeared on the side of the belly and in a few days the calf died. Now, in the second case, I can prove this Englishman kicked the calf on the belly about three or four days before it died, and believe that was the cause of death, and also of the death of the first calf. Can I hold him for value of calf?

FARMER J. I. C.

Ans.—1. Assuming that the loss of the calves was due to actual negligence or gross lack of skill on the part of the veterinary, he would be liable in damages, and the same could be recovered in an action. We cannot tell, though, from your statement alone whether the plaintiff in such action would be likely to succeed. He would certainly be expected to prove his case very strictly.

2. We doubt your having sufficient evidence to warrant your venturing upon a suit against him.

Miscellaneous.

COST OF SURVEYING.

If two farmers, A and B, got a township surveyor to run a line between their farms, and after the line was run, one of them was not satisfied, and the unsatisfied man brought on a provincial land surveyor, would he have to pay all costs? D. P.

Ans.—It depends, of course, upon the agreement between the parties if such agreement makes express provision for the expenses; but if it does not so provide, then it would seem, from what you say, that the expense of the first survey should be borne by both parties, but that as to the second the cost of it should be paid by the party who called for it and employed the surveyor.

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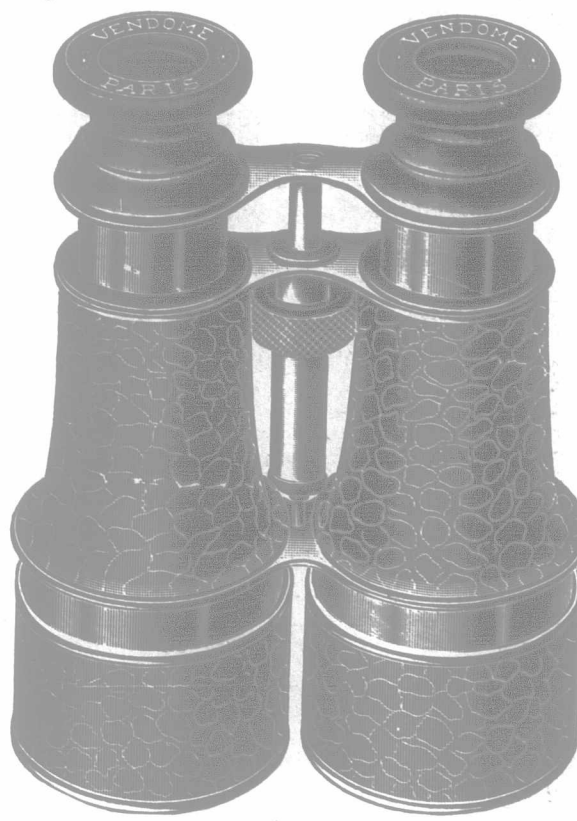
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Miscellaneous.

PIGEONS.

1. What kind of pigeons would you advise me to raise on a farm for profit?
2. Where can I secure a book on pigeons, and what would it cost?
3. What kind of place is needed for pigeons, and do they need warm quarters? J. M.

Ans.—We would not say that there is profit in any kind of pigeon. Write the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for Bulletin No. 177, Squab Raising.

INFECTED MEAT.

We have recently removed from a house, but before we had got our meat out the family of the new occupant took scarlet fever. Will the meat be infected? It was salted dry. Would it be fit to smoke? E. D.

Ans.—Salt of itself is a good antiseptic, and would preserve the meat from infection. Smoking would further preserve it; and if it should be that the germs of any disease infested the meat, they would be destroyed in cooking.

STEAK FROM BEEF-RING.

We wrote you a few weeks ago for cut for beef ring with twenty shares. You sent us a back number with twenty-share cut, but only divided into roast and boil. Kindly give us a twenty-share cut with a roast, a boil, and a piece of steak to each member. J. W. A.

Ans.—Taking the chart furnished in our columns, a piece of steak could be cut from all except four shares. We have, so far, not been able to devise a scheme whereby each patron would receive a piece of steak. We think the chart furnished pretty satisfactory.

POOR LAND.

A piece of land is sand, ten or twelve feet deep, with clay bottom, is high, well-drained, and about eighteen feet square. Salt, lime and ashes have been applied, but failed to grow a crop. Grain crops start, grow three or four inches high, then it turns yellow and dies. Surrounding land grows good crops of any grain. What treatment should I give it? W. J. H.

Ans.—There may be gas arising at this particular point that destroys growth. Possibly there is oil below. We can only suggest working in four or five inches of black muck from a swamp, and top dressing with short barnyard manure.

HUSBAND SELLING HOME.

I am in a little trouble and come to you for help. We have a lovely home farm all paid for and out of debt. My husband has been sick, and, so, a little discouraged. He has advertised in our home paper the place for sale, I not knowing about it until I saw the advertisement.

1. Can he sell everything about the place and the farm without my consent?
2. Can he let or lease the place for fifty years, which, of course, means the same thing, as we are getting along in years, and compel us to go to a place in a village? A MOTHER.

Ans.—1. Yes; but, as to the farm, only subject to your dower interest, if any; and you are entitled to dower, if you were married prior to May 1st, 1895.

2. Yes; but such lease would also be subject to dower, if any.

FARMING ON SHARES.

A gentleman let his farm out to me in the spring, March 20, 1903, and he supplied me with everything. What share should I get? Ought I not have a third of everything? He told me at first that I was to have a third of everything straight through. Now he says that I ought to feed my third up to the stock, then to take a third of the increase. He says if I take a third and a third of the increase, I am getting too much. My third would be worth more than the increase, and besides I am doing the work. I could not live on one-third of the increase alone. The time or me to leave is the coming fall. What have is to be mine then? Would I have to put in the fall wheat? F. F.

Ans.—We consider you entitled to the third of everything, including increase, for your own use and benefit; but that for all that appears from your statement, you may fairly be expected to put in the fall wheat.