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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Windgall.

1. Could you give me the names and addresses of firms making ammunition in Toronto? 2. I have a horse that

2. I have a horse that sprained his ankle last fall, and a swelling something like a windgall has appeared. What liniment would you advise to remove the swelling? O. C.

Ans.-1. Write the Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, or the City Clerk, Toronto.

Clerk, Toronto. 2. Bathe with cold water and salt for half an hour every evening, and bandage for a couple of hours. Apply an iodine liniment, consisting of one dram of iodine crystals to sixteen ounces of water.

Bees in a Wall.

I bought a brick house and find that bees are in the walls. They are working in several places in the walls and beside the window. They say they have been there three years and have swarmed twice. Would be pleased if you could tell me how to get rid of them. I. S.

Ans.—It is a difficult problem getting bees out of a wall. One method which proves satisfactory is to fasten a bee excluder over the opening where the bees gain entrance to the wall. Build a small platform just beneath it and set a beehive on it. The bees coming out are unable to return to their former home, owing to the bee excluder, and are induced to enter the hive. This is the only practical means of ridding the walls of the bees. When the bees are all out close all openings.

Salivation.

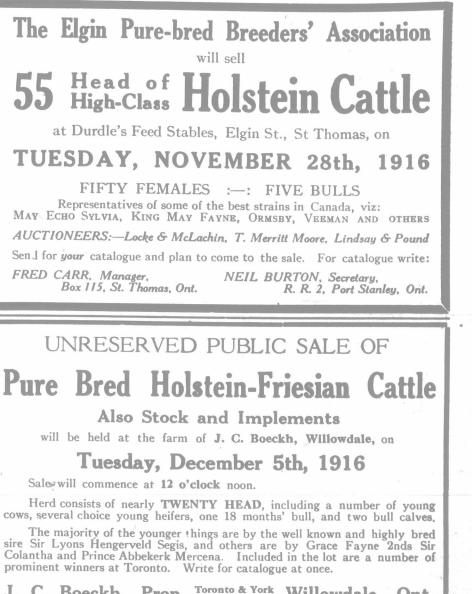
I have a cow that slobbers quite badly. I have noticed her for some time but thought it was something in the grass, but now she is tied in and is no better. She is well fed and appears to be all right, milks well and has no cough. I think it's when she lies down that she slobbers the most. Do you think it is contagious or what is the cause, and what can be done for her? A. W.

Ans.—Sometimes salivation is merely a habit. In other cases it is due to some trouble in the mouth or to some irritant in the feed. Have her mouth examined and if nothing is wrong with teeth, cheek nor tongue and the feed is good, it may be a habit with the cow. Apparently the salivation does not affect her in any way, consequently there is no cause for alarm. It is not contagious.

A Good Ration for Dairy Cattle.

What would be a balanced ration with the least expensive feeds? We have a supply of clover and alfalfa hay and corn silage. We have been feeding bran, gluten and cotton seed, and have gluten on hand. Oats are 2 cents a pound, bran \$30 per ton, gluten \$27 per ton, oil cake \$41 per ton, cornmeal \$35 per ton, middlings \$32 per ton, cotton seed \$37 per. ton.

Ans.—It is not stated what class of stock is to be fed. What is a balanced and satisfactory ration for fattening steers would not prove so good for milk cows.



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Clover or alfalfa hay and silage are ideal roughages for all classes of stock. Cows giving a small quantity of milk can be economically fed on these roughages with-out the addition of any concentrates. Ten pounds of alfalfa or clover hay and thirty pounds of silage would be a very good ration with a nutritive ratio of about 1:6. However, this would hardly give sufficient dry matter, and the hay could be increased a little or else oat straw fed. You do not state whether you are feeding gluten feed or gluten meal, but three pounds per day of the feed added to that already mentioned would supply the average milking cow. It is generally considered advisable to allow the cows all the roughage they will eat, and then feed about one pound of concentrates to four pounds of milk produced. Bran and oats are two valuable feeds and are safe to feed. However, in compiling a ration the price of such feeds must be considered. For feeding steers, cornmeal might profitably be included, and less of the gluten feed used In November 16 issue of "The Farmer's Advocate' a table is published giving the digestible nutrients in a number of feeds commonly used in feeding stock. Full explanation is given for working out a balanced ration.