

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Creve Coeur Fowl

I saw in THE FARMING WORLD for February 1st, a cut of the Creve Coeur breed of poultry. Would you please let me know where I may get some eggs for hatching, and oblige—Wm. Dyke, Lambton Co., Ont.

The illustration referred to was supplied by a correspondent, and was published to show some of the types of old English fowl. We do not know of any breeder of Creve Coeurs in Canada. If there are such we shall be glad to forward their names and addresses to inquirer.

### Scratches on Horses

Could you give through your columns some satisfactory cure for scratches on horses, especially when the affected parts are badly cracked?—A. Susschaber.

When the horse comes in, wipe off the parts nicely, roll a piece of old sacking around them to keep them warm, as they are very sensitive to cool air, and clean them with a brush when dry. A good preparation to apply when dry is clean, pure lard, to which has been added a small quantity of powdered alum and unslaked lime. Apply this when coming in and going out. If it is necessary to rest, attention must be paid to the general health of the animal. Give one teaspoonful of saltpetre every night in the feed. If proud flesh springs up, apply some burnt alum. If both the scratches and the health of the animal are neglected, grease is the usual outcome. In bad cases, every night in prevention is the best. Never wash the feet or legs in cold or wet weather, and when they are wet, see that they are dry and clean again as soon as possible.

### Killing "Live Forever"

Could you tell me through the columns of your valuable paper any way by which I could rid a piece of ground of a verdant growth of "Live Forever"? It has been in the ground for years and has spread over an acre. I would like to know how to kill it.—Ross McLean, Oxford Co., Ont.

This plant is so common. The only possible way that we know of to get it out of the ground is by plowing and thorough cultivation. The roots grow and spread out so that it is impossible to get them out of the ground otherwise. If the field is not in crop, plow right away and keep the top soil thoroughly cultivated the balance of the season. If there is a hoe or corn crop on it, cultivate thoroughly between the rows and hoe and weed out between the plants. If a grain crop, begin working after harvest or during as dry a period as possible. Aim to keep the roots near the surface where they can easily be killed by top working.

### Flies on Cows—Salt in Butter

(1) What is a good mixture for the prevention of flies on cattle and what is the best way to apply it? I think myself, the best way to apply it is by spraying. We have used a mixture of turpentine and other ingredients. I don't remember what it was, and applied with a brush.

(2) What is the exact amount of salt necessary for a pound of butter? I mean just enough salt so that the butter will keep and be neither too salt nor too fresh.—SUSCHABER, Bruce Co., Ont.

(1) In his excellent book, "Canadian Dairying," Prof. Dean gives the following recipe for cows in fly time:

"Cows should have shade in hot weather, or be kept in a darkened stable during the day. A mixture of fish-oil (one-half gallon), coal oil (one-half pint), and crude carbolic acid (four tablespoonfuls), mixed and applied to all parts of the cow except the udder, once a week, will keep the flies from about twenty-five cows. Light mixtures may be sprayed on once a day for this purpose." This mixture could be sprayed on and should prove effective in keeping off flies.

(2) One of the objects of salting butter is to preserve it. But salting also affects the taste, and consequently the amount of salt to be used will depend upon the market to which it is going. This is especially true of creamery butter. For the home market, from three-quarters to one ounce per pound of butter is sufficient. Export butter should not contain more than three per cent. salt in the finished butter. Butter salted at the rate of one-quarter of an ounce per pound of butter from the churn will contain about one per cent. salt in the finished butter. For the farm dairy, from one-half to one ounce of fine, pure salt is all that is required. One ounce to the pound is sufficient to preserve butter for a long time, provided that it is kept in a proper place.

## ABOUT RURAL LAW

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### Draining Land

Q—A plow furrow that I can mow and reap over, takes the water off one of my fields, and if it were tile drained, a two or a three-inch tile would do it. 1. Does the law compel me to put in 8-inch tile to drain a neighbor's swamp?—R. J., Elgin County.

A—If your neighbor can get no other outlet for his drain he can take certain proceedings (see last issue of FARMING WORLD) to compel you to give him an outlet over your land, but of course he would have to bear the extra expense of the larger sized tile was of no benefit to you.

### Rights of Succession in Manitoba

Q—A died in Manitoba without a will, leaving a mother and brother and sisters. 1. How should his estate be divided? 2. The estate is being administered by the Toronto General Trusts Corporation. Should they settle everything and give the heirs their share, or will I have to have a lawyer? 3. Will they take their pay out of it?—W. F. B.

A—1. It should be divided among his mother and brothers and sisters equally. 2. Not necessarily, unless there is something in their accounts which you don't understand or wish to object to. 3. Yes; the amount of it will be fixed by the judge.

### Hire of a Horse

Q—I was hired at \$25 a month to carry the mail for a company from the town thirteen miles away. The company was to supply me with the horse. I had been doing this for six

months when the company put the horse up for sale, and I bought him. I am still using him to carry the mail. Can I make the company pay me extra for his feed, and for the trip to town every day? 2. Is \$25 a week too much to charge for feed, and is \$100 too much for a trip to town?—D. W., Alta.

A—1. If your agreement was that they were to supply the horse, you can make them pay you extra if you use your own horse. That extra would be whatever a horse is worth in your part of the country for doing that particular work, and, of course, I could not tell you what that would be. 2. You could not charge them separately for the feed, and the trip. You would have to charge them for the trip alone, which should be sufficient to cover the whole thing, i.e., whatever is the usual charge for horses for that work in that part of the country.

### Barn Burned by Lunatic

Q—A, who is a lunatic, burned down my barn, as I can prove. He is well off and has a large estate. 1. Can I claim damages from him for so doing, or would the fact that he is a lunatic excuse him?—J. M.

A—No; You would be entitled to damages, but you could not prosecute him criminally for arson.

### Defective Buggy

Q—My father bought a buggy from a manufacturer, to use as a family. The manufacturer knew, by my father and his family. After it was purchased I was riding in it, and one of the hubs broke, the buggy was wrecked and I was badly injured. I can prove that there was a large crack in the hub, but the manufacturer had caused it to be covered with grease, and the cracked hub fell out. Can I sue the manufacturer for damages?—J. W. S.

A—Yes, since the manufacturer knew that you might use it, he would be liable to you if you were hurt while using it and owing to defect in the wheel such as you allege.

### Broken Wagon on Street

Q—A was driving his wagon along the street with a heavy load on it, when the axle broke, and he had to leave it there till he went and got another wagon to take the load off, so that he could move his wagon. About two hours after it broke down, B came along and ran into it and was injured. Can B recover damages from A?—J. M.

A—No, not unless, having regard to the difficulty of removing the wagon, it had been allowed to remain there for an unreasonable time. The wagon would not become a nuisance or obstruction to the highway if the two hours were not an unreasonable time. We do not think that it was under the circumstances.

### Going to South Africa

Messrs. E. J. McMillan and Stewart Galbraith, two graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College, have accepted positions with the government of the Orange River Colony. The former will have charge of the Experimental Farm to be established in that Colony, and the latter of the field plot experiments. For several years Mr. McMillan has been secretary of the Department of Agriculture of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. W. J. Palmer, who went from Toronto to the Orange River Colony last fall as Director of Agriculture, has been appointed a member of the Joint Legislative Council of the Orange River and Transvaal Colonies.