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DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

Father was of an economical turn of mind, and hated extravagance with all his heart. He had since the earliest days tried to instill ideas of a similar nature into the brain of his small son, aged 8.

His grief was terrible to see when one day he came upon the budding economist stuffing himself with a slice of bread generously covered with a layer of butter, which was surmounted by a young mountain of jam.

"My boy," he said sadly, but severely, "surely you do not realize what you are doing; yet you ought by now to comprehend the wicked extravagance of eating butter and jam together!"

"Why, I'm being most economical, father!" replied the young hopeful. "Don't you see that I'm making the same slice of bread do for both?"

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Tenant and Straw.

Can the renter take the straw off the farm if not mentioned in the lease? Ontario.

Ans.—If by "renter" you mean the tenant, we would say that he can legally do so, provided there is no established custom of the locality to the contrary.

Hens Go Blind.

Some of my Barred Rock pullets became blind in one eye, and then got dumpish. After that they went blind in the other eye, and in a short time died. Kindly give name of disease, and remedy for same.

F. L. F.

Ans.—From the description, we are not absolutely certain of the disease, but it may be one of the many forms of roup. It is sometimes induced by chickens being exposed to draft, but is directly caused by germ. Under ordinary conditions, it is advisable to kill the birds. At least isolate all diseased birds. Place some permanganate of potash in their drinking water, about what will lay on a 5c. piece, to a gallon of water. It generally does not pay to treat affected birds. Clean up the premises.

Tapping Trees—Feeding Chicks and Cows.

1. When is the best time to tap maple trees?

2. What is the best kind of feed for small chicks?

3. What is the best kind of feed for milk cows?

J. S.

Ans.—1. This depends upon the season. In the spring, when the weather warms up in the daytime to start the flow of sap, and while it is freezing nights.

2. Feed nothing for from 24 to 48 hours after hatching, then give grit, cracked wheat, chick food, some green feed, and milk to drink.

3. There is a wide variety of good feeds for milk cows. In winter, good corn silage, roots, clover and alfalfa hay, and a mixture of concentrate meals is best.

Pigs Close to House.

1. If I had a pigpen within 100 feet of my own house, could I be fined for keeping pigs in same?

2. I have a drive-house, the first door being 60 feet from dwelling-house door, and it runs 50 feet west of house, and at the end of this I have a pigpen, being under the same roof, between drive-house and pigpen. I have a partition, and from dwelling-house door to pigpen door it is 98 feet. Could I be fined for keeping pigs in this pen, and compelled to move them?

ANXIOUS ONE.

Ans.—Unless you live in an incorporated village, town, or city, where it is unlawful to keep pigs, and unless you are maintaining a public nuisance, you would not be likely to be fined, but we would not care to have the pigs so close to the door of the house. For sanitary reasons, you should keep them farther removed from your residence. If your local Board of Health should inspect your premises and find them unsanitary and likely to harbor disease, you could be forced to make different arrangements.

Poultry House—Stallion Enrollment, Etc.

1. Give description of, or best method to finish the interior of a hen house 12 feet wide by 30 feet long.

2. How many stallions were enrolled in Ontario in 1913?

3. Has the Provincial or Dominion Government made any investigation into the cause, or preventive measures, or made any report on the outbreak of abortion so prevalent in the in-foal mares in many districts last year?

A. F.

Ans.—1. Many good houses have only rough lumber for interior, and some are boarded up with matched lumber. Place the roosts horizontally all on the same level, about two feet from the ground, and all hinged to the back of the pen, unless dropping-boards are to be used, when the roosts must be higher up, and when nests may be placed under the dropping-boards and at the ends.

2. Write the Secretary of the Enrollment Board, R. W. Wade, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

3. We believe some investigation was made, but have so far received no reports of the same.



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