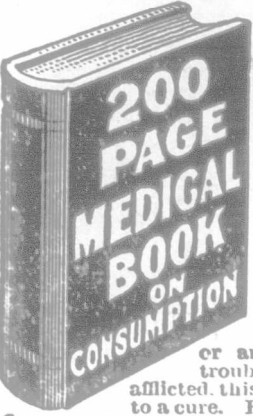


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Enclosed please find a specimen weed, the name of which I do not know. I found two quite large plants in my field. The plants were about 18 or 20 inches across and 12 inches high. Please give me the name of it.—P. R., Man.

Ans.—The specimen you enclose is Russian thistle, a very noxious weed. It is a great moisture consumer and when ripe the prickly plants injure horses' legs. This plant varies greatly in appearance at different stages of its growth. When quite young it has the appearance of a skeleton plant, the leaves are mere threads. When fully ripe the plant is nearly round and becomes a tumbling weed. Where there are only a few specimens they should be hand-pulled; when numerous summer-fallow and harrowing before the grain is sown and after the crop is up is a very effective way of eradicating it.

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SCHOOL CLOSED

The school trustees last April levied a \$11 school rate. On account of the teachers' illness in June, they gave him six months' holiday, and closed the school until January next. Are the taxpayers liable for the full twelve months or only for the six months the school was opened?—H. F.

Ans.—The annual rate levied should be sufficient to cover annual expenses of running the school. The fact of the school being closed for six months would not entitle you to refuse payment of the tax levied.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

VETERINARY

CARIOUS TOOTH

I have a horse rising four years of age, and one jaw bone is much thicker than the other. There is a small hole in the hide from which matter runs. There is a very bad smell from it. It seems like as if a fork had pierced it some time. Kindly tell me the best way to cure it.—A. W. R.

Ans.—The thickening of the jaw bone, and the fistulous opening are the result of a carious tooth. You must consult a veterinary surgeon. He may be able to remove the offending molar. In the meantime, you may keep the part clean by syringing the cavity with peroxide of hydrogen twice a day.

SWAMP FEVER

A horse, nine years old, has never been sick since I got him, except a touch of indigestion a year ago last July. He became very dull and started to fail, and was so bad that he staggered walking around the pasture. I did not work him but very little since. I doctored with a veterinarian for six months to no effect. A sound like running water inside him can be heard at a distance. His legs swell when standing over night. It seems a burden for him to walk. He holds his head down, and eyes are dull; his coat looks fine. He eats and drinks well. He is on pasture all summer. Some times he gains in flesh and loses it again. His weight is 1,500 pounds. He has no ambition now, but had lots before he took sick. He doesn't seem to have any pain, and very seldom lies down. The veterinarian doctored him for swamp fever. Please tell me what to do.—F. W.

Ans.—Your horse is a victim of swamp fever. For this disease, we are sorry to say, we do not know of any remedy that would bring about a cure. No doubt your veterinarian has treated the case along the lines these cases are usually treated, but with the usual unsatisfactory results.

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