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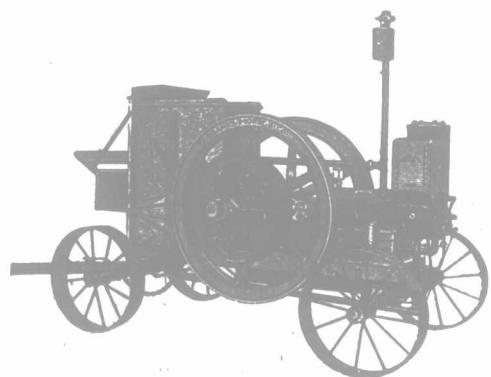
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G. H. C.

Ans.—For several seasons we have observed skim milk from the separator fed calves with no ill effects whatever. We have heard that swallowing large quantities of the foam was injurious; if so, skim it off.

HENS DYING.

I have been much troubled for a long time with my hens dying one by one. They seem to get bad very quickly, lose weight, and become almost unable to move. If they move, they walk very slowly and stiffly. At the last, sometimes their neck seems to twist so that the beak is turned upward, and the front bone seems to protrude forward. Some seem to have diarrhoea; others do not. After they take the disease, they seem inclined to stand still with eyes closed. I have tried Hess' food, turpentine and other remedies. Pen is kept very clean and sprayed often. Sometimes combs turn pale, and sometimes keep pretty red. I hope you can tell me what the trouble is, and how to treat it.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—I am unable to answer "A Subscriber's" question. I have not, in my experience, seen any fowl with symptoms similar to what she describes. The best she can do, that I know of, is to send one or two sick birds to the Bacteriological Laboratory here for examination. They will examine them free of charge, she, of course, paying express charges on them. **W. R. GRAHAM, Ontario Agricultural College.**

BLOODY MILK—LICE ON HENS.

1. Cow went wrong in two teats, and is now giving bloody milk. What is cause and remedy?
2. Our henhouse is full of lice, and some turkeys and hens are dying. What is best and quickest way to get rid of them?

3. When is best to plant strawberries, and how should soil be prepared?

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Ans.—1. It is uncertain what is the cause of the rupturing of the blood vessels of the udder. It may be from a bruise, causing inflammation, or from heat or oestrus, or from too much rich food, causing congestion. Little can be done in the way of treatment. Milking should be gently done. A purgative of one pound Epsom salts is advised, followed by giving a dessertspoonful of salt-petre daily in feed, and, if inflamed, bathing with cold water. If allowed to go dry, her udder may be all right after next calving.

2. Probably as good a remedy as is known, and certainly one of the simplest, is recommended by A. G. Gilbert, Poultry Manager of the Central Experiment Station, Ottawa, Ont.: First clean the pens, and keep them clean; burn the litter; sprinkle coal oil on the roosts, joints, openings and crevices. Next day, thoroughly whitewash with strong milk of lime. To make the whitewash adhere, add two or three handfuls of common salt to a pailful of the white. About two days later, jar the infested spots, and if mites appear, creeping about on the whitewash, repeat the application of coal oil. By way of prevention, Mr. Gilbert recommends sprinkling coal oil about the perches, nests, etc., every fortnight in summer, and twice during the winter. Another treatment recommended by an expert is chloro-naphtholeum in water, about enough in a pail to color the water up well. Sprinkle this about the walls, roosts, and especially in all crevices, using a brush. Repeat, if necessary. Dust the affected birds with insect powder, opening the feathers and getting the powder on the skin, or near it. Put a little lard or other grease on the heads, but only a little.

3. See answer to similar question in "Garden and Orchard" department, this issue.

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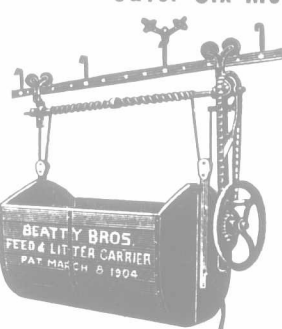
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