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seeking. Salt, pepper, mustard, etc.,
act as appetizers, and may be given with
the mash.

6. We would advise that the hens be
given their grain in litter, so they will
have to scratch for it for their break-
fast. Feed their mash or soft feed at
noon, and grain again in the evening,
placing the latter feed where they can
secure it easily. It is well that hens should
have a substantial meal of grain before
going to roost. Mashers are too easily
digested, and allow the hens to get hun-
gry before their morning feed is acquired.

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Planting Walnuts and Seeds of Roses.

Please give me advice through "The
Farmer's Advocate," on the following:

1. How to plant black walnut nuts?
2. How to plant seeds of rose bushes
in the pods? This year I have some
pods on one of my rose bushes which re-
semble raspberries, and they are full of
seeds.

W. R. S.

Ans.—1. Walnut trees are planted when
one or two years of age, preferably the
latter. Where a number are being set,
they are planted in orchard form, in
squares 50 feet apart or less. The trees
make very little growth the first year,
but after that they grow rapidly. The
young trees are very tender, and should
be supported by a stake to prevent
swaying. A strip of cloth is used to
make the tree fast to the stake. Any
other tying material might injure the
tender bark and trunk.

2. The growing of roses from seed is
not so easy as one would suppose, for
one can never foretell how long it will
take them to germinate. The hips con-
taining the seed should be gathered in
the autumn, the seed freed from its
covering, and planted at once. They
may germinate the following spring, or
not till the succeeding spring. By plac-
ing the hips in warm water for a time
they will ferment and the seed can be
rubbed clean. The seed should be plant-
ed at once, either in a well-manured bed
out of doors, or in flats in a cool green-
house. It would probably be well to
separate the seed and plant them in sand
this fall if the ground is frozen too much
to prepare a suitable bed for them.
Leave the sand and seed out of doors so
they will stratify or crack open, then
plant in the spring.

Mare's Leg Stocks—Ferrets.

1. I have a mare four years old and
she appears to be in perfect health, but
when she stands in the stable all night
she stocks in one hind leg. When put
to work it nearly all disappears.

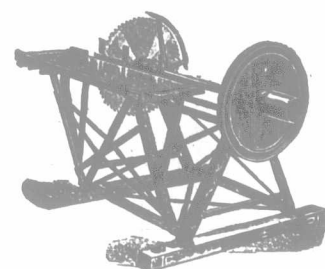
2. Also, after taking a drink she
coughs two or three times.

3. What are ferrets? What size are
they, what are they good for, and what
are they worth? Some tell me they are
for hunting, and that you can send them
into a hole and they will bring out any-
thing in it. Is that so? J. H.

Ans.—1. If not in foal, feed on bran
only for 12 to 18 hours, then give a
purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams
ginger. Feed bran only, and give water
from which the chill has been taken, until
purgation ceases. Give one dram iodide
of potash night and morning for twelve
days. Feed lightly and give regular ex-
ercise. Some horses are so predisposed
to this condition of the legs that it can-
not be prevented, except by pretty con-
stant and regular exercise, while in
others the above treatment will arrest
the tendency for the winter.

2. This cough is probably a sequel to
a cold or distemper, and such troubles
are difficult to combat. Feed the ani-
mal on first-class feed only, and limit the
amount of hay; dampen both hay and
grain with lime water, and give night
and morning two drams solid extract of
belladonna, one and a half drams gum
opium, one dram camphor, and twenty
grains powdered digitalis; moisten with
treacle and give in a ball, or shake up
with a pint of water and drench.

3. Ferrets are weasel-like animals
about 14 inches long, usually white or
yellowish-white, with red eyes. They are
used to drive rabbits out of their holes,
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