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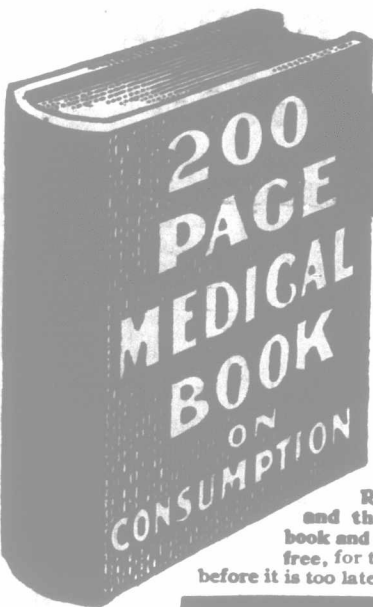
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

- 1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.
- 2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.
- 3rd.—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.
- 4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1 must be enclosed.

Miscellaneous.

ALLOWANCE FOR OPENINGS IN MASONWORK.

Is a mason allowed all the openings, such as doors and windows, in laying brick? The mason laid by the thousand.

D. K. M.

Ans.—Not when he is laying by the thousand. He is only entitled to payment for the number of bricks he lays.

THE GROUND-HOG PEST.

I have lately become a subscriber and reader of your valuable paper, which I prize much. I am a young farmer, and wish to ask if your correspondents can give some way to destroy ground-hogs, or woodchucks as some call them. I find them destructive in clover. I have now a field of turnips near the clover pasture, and they eat them for quite a distance in the field.

C. M.

Ans.—Shooting, poisoning and drowning are the commonly-advised remedies. Will some reader, with experience, tell how?

PURCHASE OF FARM.

I bought a farm, March 6th, 1907, for \$800, without interest, and paid \$50 to bind the bargain. We were to meet in town to get the writings. A week after he wanted interest, so I told him not to-day; but the lawyer said he left a place for the interest and to-day was the time to do it. So my wife signed the agreement for two per cent. and paid \$100 on March 13th; but we did not get the mortgage and deed drawn that day, and had to come in and sign them after. He signed them, but we have not, so they are left unsigned on our part. We have done our agreement, paid \$150 down, and have to pay \$50 next March, and \$100 a year for six years more. What steps should we take? The interest would make the farm \$855 at the end of the time. His sister heard the agreement. We have improved the place about \$100, just the same as if the agreement was settled; but I intended to give him the \$50 as I agreed in March, 1908, and no interest. We went to see him, but he was away, and his sister told us she would see that interest was struck off, as she said that was the bargain, and she never knew him to go back on his word. I gave him about \$100 more for the place to get out of paying interest.

Ontario.

L. F.

Ans.—We think that if you were to go to the man and remind him personally of the arrangement in respect of interest, and propose that he accompany you and your wife to his solicitor's office and have the mortgage amended by omitting the provision for interest he would fall in with the proposition, especially if you were to refer him to his sister for corroboration of your recollection of the agreement on the point in question. You ought, also, to arrange for your own solicitor to be on hand at the closing of

the matter to see that the deed and mortgage are proper, and, in the meantime, to examine the title for you, and generally to protect your interests.

HORSE RUBS HIS TAIL.

1. What will stop a stallion from rubbing his tail?
2. What will make hair grow on a tail where it has been rubbed out? What will take itchiness out of stallion's legs?
3. Could you recommend anything to help a stallion that teeters in front knees a little?
4. Is Epsom salts good to feed to stallion in his oats? Will it cool his blood?

If so, how much a feed would you recommend?

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—1. First wash well with warm soft water and soap; rub dry. Then dissolve one dram of corrosive sublimate in a quart of water, part the hair, and rub a little well into the skin once daily, till itchiness ceases. Also give, internally, one ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic in feed, or as a drench in a pint of water, night and morning for ten days.

2. After itchiness ceases, rub in lard or sweet oil every day or two. The corrosive-sublimate solution, applied in same way to the legs, will cure the itchiness.

3. See that the floor he stands on is level; shoe with a flat shoe; feed off the floor, and blister the back cords, tying for a few hours so he cannot bite the parts. After three days, grease the parts. Repeat blister in a month.

4. Yes, a closed handful of Epsom salts given twice a day for a week, in feed, will cool the blood, and may answer the purpose instead of the arsenic solution. Remember that both corrosive sublimate and arsenic are rank poisons.

CARE OF ONIONS.

Through a business transaction I got an acre of onions, about half of them are sets.

1. Should the tops of the large onions be broken down? If so, about what time?
2. Should the tops of the onion sets be broken down?
3. How are onions harvested?
4. How are the sets taken up?

J. F. B.

Ans.—1. Many onion-growers break down the onion tops about the middle of August, but the best authorities are agreed that the practice is of no benefit.

2. No.

3. When most of the onion necks have turned yellow and the tops dry, though many may be still green, onions should be pulled and thrown into rows. Some first use an implement that cuts below the row of onions. They are generally left outside until cured, which takes place in a week or ten days. After a rain, they can be stirred gently with a wooden rake. If the weather is very wet, it is advisable to cure them in open sheds.

4. Onions grown for sets, when they have attained the proper size, are pulled by hand after having been cut under with a wheeled hoe. They are cured outside, being turned when necessary, the process occupying about a month.

T.

BLUESTONE FOR SOW THISTLE

I saw in "The Farmer's Advocate," a year or so ago, something about using bluestone for killing sow thistle. How many gallons of water should I use for one pound of bluestone, as I would like to try the bluestone?

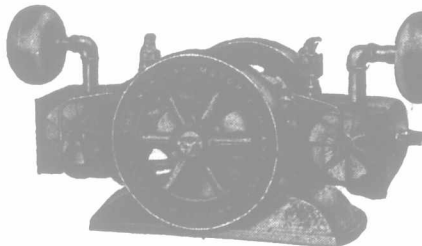
C. G.

Ans.—Bluestone has not been recommended through these columns within our recollection for the killing of sow thistle—certainly not editorially. A spray solution of 10 pounds bluestone in 40 gallons of water will destroy wild mustard without seriously injuring the grain among which it grows; but bluestone is not an effective means of combating sow thistle. It is true that the annual sow thistle is more or less sensitive to the bluestone solution, but, to be effective, the solution would require to be so strong as to injure the foliage of other plants, and, even then, it is by no means certain that the annual sow thistle would be killed outright. For the perennial sow thistle (the more pernicious kind) attempts to eradicate by spraying with bluestone solution would certainly be a waste of time and material. Thorough, persistent cultivation is necessary to cope with it.

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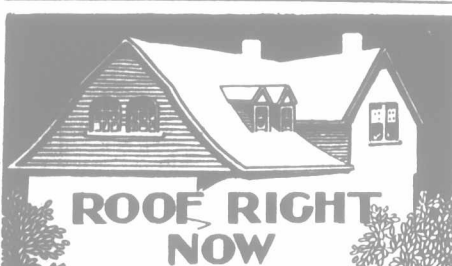
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WHEN A WOMAN THROWS.

A man who runs a truck farm in Virginia tells of the sad predicament in which a negro named Sam Moore, who is in his employ, recently found himself. Sam had had considerable difficulty in evading the onslaughts of a dog from a neighboring farm. Finally the dog got him, as Sam kicked at him.

Sam's wife, hearing a tremendous yell, rushed to the rescue of her husband. When she came up the dog had fastened his teeth in the calf of Sam's leg, and was holding on for dear life. Seizing a stone in the road, Sam's wife was about to hurl it, when Sam, with wonderful presence of mind, shouted:

"Mandy! Mandy! Don't frow dat stone at de dawg. Frow it at me, Mandy."