

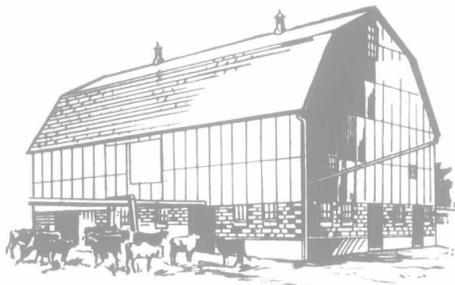
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Miscellaneous.

AILING HEN—FIRST FEED FOR NEWLY-HATCHED CHICKS.

1. I have a hen that cannot walk but a few steps at a time, and falls over when put down on the ground. I keep her away from the other hens and give her the same feed as others. She has been this way all winter. Will she get well, or what will I do?

2. How long after chickens are hatched should they be fed?

3. I am interested in poultry-raising. Could you give me any valuable information through your paper? M. J. B. W.

Ans.—1. It is impossible for us to diagnose this case satisfactorily. The chances are, your best plan would be to kill the hen.

2. About thirty-six hours.

3. Yes; plenty of it. Read our Poultry Department from week to week.

COW DRIES PREMATURELY.

Have a cow, grade Jersey; is extra-good cow until four months before calving, then she will go dry; she is fed well, and in good condition; had calf last year, and will calve in July this year; has been dry one month now. I did not raise her, so do not know how she was treated as a heifer. Would you advise raising this cow's calves? Would they be like the cow? J. P.

Ans.—It is not improbable that this tendency has been induced by the cow having been allowed to dry off prematurely in her first lactation period. If her heifer calves are properly raised, they will, in all probability, prove satisfactory performers at the pail, as Jersey breeding generally manifests itself in a well-developed inclination towards persistent milking. To overcome the tendency in the cow, breed her to freshen the end of September or 1st of October, and then the flush of pasture will renew her when she inclines to go dry.

STRAWBERRY WEEVIL.

For the past two years I have been troubled with a bug which eats around the stem, under the bud of my strawberry plants. It is a small, green bug, and it eats around the bud just before it opens, and the bud dries up and falls off.

T. H. F.

Ans.—I think the insect referred to must be the strawberry weevil. It has the habits of the pest mentioned, but differs from the description in color, being never green, but always of a blackish or chestnut color. The weevil is a tiny snout-beetle, only about one-tenth of an inch long. The female lays her eggs in the buds, just before they are opened, and immediately after laying them punctures the bud-stem (petiole) in such a way that it soon breaks off. The young grubs hatch out in the dead buds, and feed on the pollen that has already formed there. There is only one brood in a year.

The insect is a very difficult one to combat, and for this reason it is fortunate that it usually disappears of its own accord in a few years. Best results have been got so far by covering the plants with muslin or cheese cloth, putting this on a week before the blossoms appear, and removing it as soon as the first berries are ready for market. It also does much good in some seasons to mow the plants as soon as the crop is harvested, scattering a little straw over the vines, and as soon as the leaves are dry burn the whole plantation over. This does not injure the plants, and gets rid of numerous pests, as well as helps to keep fungous diseases under control.

Staminate varieties are worse attacked than pistillate, therefore it is wise to set out chiefly pistillate plants where this insect is troublesome.

A few fruit-growers report good results from spraying the plants with Bordeaux and arsenate of lead when they are beginning to bloom. L. CAESAR.

J. A. Gerswell, Bond Head, Ont., writes: "Our Oxfords have come through the winter in capital form. We have a grand crop of lambs, that makes one feel good. We had six ewes, which increased their number by eighteen lambs. The results of my advertisement have been very satisfactory indeed, far beyond my expecta-

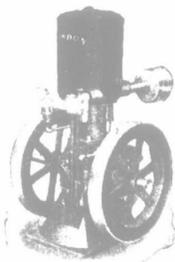
TRADE TOPIC.

Those wishing to dispose of cream should consult the advertisement of the T. Eaton Co., appearing in this issue. Cream is wanted for direct shipment to Toronto, where butter will be made, and the product sold direct to consumers.

GOSSIP.

SALE OF A HIGHLY-BRED CLYDESDALE STALLION.

W. Fredrick Kay, Ravensdale Farm, P. Q., has purchased from the Ormsby Grange Stock Farm, Ormsby, Que., the three-year-old imported Clydesdale, Baron Barlae (13972) [85621], sire Baron's Pride, dam by Macgregor, granddam by Cedric, a well-bred one and a good individual. Mr. Kay has acted wisely in securing such a sire for his stud as a Clydesdale breeder.



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