

Questions and Answers.

Miscellaneous.

Colt Lame.

Will you kindly give your opinion as to what is wrong with my colt, one year old last June, and a Percheron. When I let her out of the box stall she will drag toe of hind foot for a step or two, then the leg will spring up something like stringhalt, but when let out for exercise, after a short time you do not notice it at all? A. M.

Ans.—This is likely luxation of the patella. Watch carefully, and see if a small lump is not noticeable on what is known as the "stifle." Sometimes this joint slips partially out and in. If you become sure that this is the trouble, blister with the biniodide of mercury and cantharides as so often advised in these columns.

Timothy Seed—Pinworms.

1. I see in your paper the market prices of timothy seed No. 1, per bushel, \$1.90 to \$2.25, and No. 2, per bushel, \$1.25 to \$1.60. Would you please send me an address where I could send for timothy seed?

2. I have a five-year-old colt troubled with pinworms. He has quite a quantity of them. Will injection drive the pinworms out? If it will, please advise me what to use. D. D.

Ans.—1. Try some of the seed firms advertising in this journal.

2. First give an injection of warm soapuds to clean out the bowel, and follow it with one of salt and water (1 ounce of salt to $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water), or a decoction of quassia chips may be used. Quassia chips, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; rain water, 1 gallon. Mix, and boil down to $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon. Then strain off chips and inject with syringe and keep in for half an hour by holding down tail. Clean the rectum out, and give an injection once a week.

Annual Hay—Feed For Cows.

1. What would you recommend to sow next spring on land plowed last fall, to cure for hay for dairy cows?

2. How would you feed the following for best results: clover hay, oat hay (in barn), bran, and shorts, about \$30 per ton; dried brewers' grains, \$26 per ton; rye shorts, \$26 per ton? Would it be necessary to add anything else? McL. BROS.

Ans.—1. Oats and peas, cut in the dough stage, would make as good hay as anything.

2. Feed all the good clover and oat hay the cows will clean up. The brewers' grains, if of good quality, should prove a satisfactory feed. They are just a little better for milk production than wheat bran. They are a little low in carbohydrates and high in fiber. Oat hay would be necessary with the clover hay to bring up the carbohydrates of the ration, and it would be better to add some silage or roots to the ration.

Mares Switch—Tanning—Bad Leg.

1. Do you know why two of my mares switch their tails whenever a cow or calf bawls. Is it just a habit, or is there something wrong, and can it be stopped?

2. Is there any way to tan groundhog skins at home?

3. What can I put on a mare's legs to stop them from leaking? W. W. Y.

Ans.—1. Likely habit, or nervousness. We can see no connection between a calf's bawl and a mare's tail.

2. Soak for two or three days in soft water. Scrape off all flesh, and when thoroughly cleaned, place in a tan composed of equal parts alum and salt dissolved in water, 7 lbs. each to 12 lbs. of water. Leave skin in brine 2 days, then hang up and scrape off to soften. After softening, place back in the brine for a day or two and hang up again. After this, apply a coat of oil and roll up in damp sawdust and lay away till dry.

3. What is meant by "leaking" we scarcely know. It may be grease. If so, feed moderately to lightly on grain, and purge with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, given as a ball. Feed bran mash until purged. Follow up with $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces Fowler's Solution of Arsenic twice daily for a week. Apply linseed poultices locally.

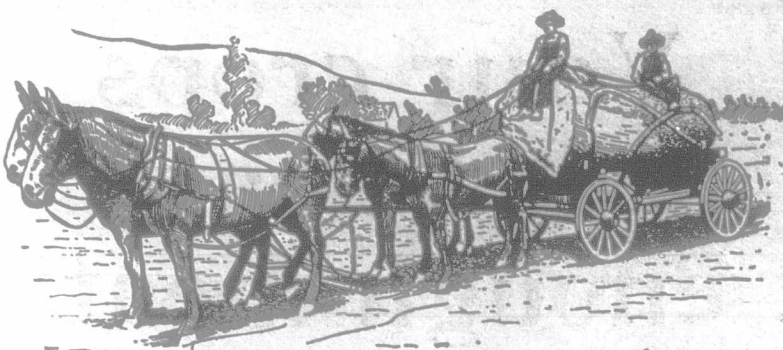
Finish This Story

A WORKMAN in an IHC wagon factory was explaining the various stages of wagon construction to an interested visitor. He picked up two pieces of long leaf yellow pine, which to all appearances were sawed from the same board, and asked the visitor to notice the difference in the weight of the two pieces. The lighter piece, he explained, was kiln-dried. The heavier piece was air-dried and more thoroughly seasoned. It had retained the resinous sap which adds strength and toughness, while in the kiln-dried piece of lumber this sap had been drawn out by the too rapid application of heat.

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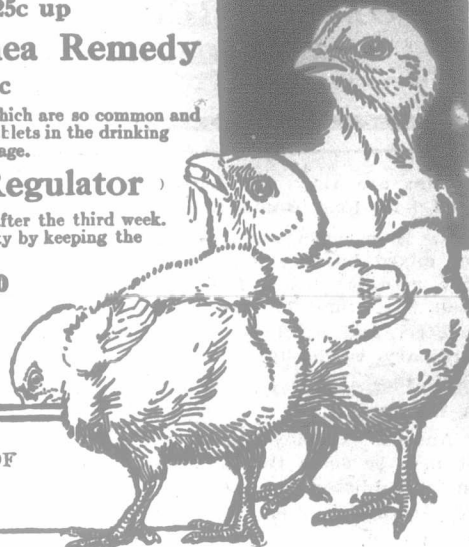
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