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as to treat large columns of grain very rapidly, elevating the grain directly into the wagon tanks, and others are constructed simply to soak the grain, while some of them, though having comparatively small capacity, are very effective for the use of the person who farms in a small way. Furthermore, there is no excuse whatever for anyone raising either stinking smut of wheat, loose smut of oats, or flax wilt, on new lands for want of machinery. It is not necessary to have anything more than a good sprinkling pot and sense enough to sprinkle and shovel over the grain until it is evenly moist. A small three-gallon compressed air sprayer is the most satisfactory type of machine for doing this sprinkling and shovelling method, the pres sure sprayer allowing the solution to be thrown in a fine, forceful, misty spray, so that all the grains are quickly made evenly wet. The writer belives that this is the most satisfactory way of treating flax seed, although some farmers have successfully used some of the different types of dipping machines with flax, stirring in dry flax after the dipping process to eliminate the excess of water. In any case the essential in treating flax is to grade the grain until only plump vellow seed is left, and no sticks or chaff or shrivelled grains. Our late studies upon wheat also show that this is a matter of great im-portance with wheat. Many of the shrivelled grains in the ordinary wheat crop are found to be infested with the filaments of indefinite fungi which attack the young seedling and later produce blighting, root-rot, and soil infection. Before treating seed wheat it should be thoroughly graded so that only plump heavy wheat remains. This will eliminate many disease bearing grains and the treatment used, whatever it is, will, in most cases, destroy spores of fungi which may be on the exterior of the grain, thus preventing new points of soil infection.

## Shoeing the Farm Horse

The farm horse is generally an all-around purpose animal, and, for this reason should be shod. In addition to its being obliged to do the ordinary farm work, it is also used for hauling farm products to market, and for a pleasure animal for the family.

The farm horse should be shod with a moderately heavy shoe, one that will be durable and protect the feet. The shoes should have low calks in order that the frog may touch the ground. In winter the calks should be sufficiently long to get a good foothold on the slippery roads. If the feet are obliged to have shoes with the long calks for 3 or 4 months, then a bar shoe is to be recommended. The neverslip calks have became popular of late years for the reason that the calks are quickly removed and new ones replaced, thus saving time and money.

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