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Bumble Foot.

A few years ago we had a turkey that took swelled feet, and ever since our hens have taken it. What could I do to get rid of it?
E. A.

Ans.—This is likely bumble foot, a non-contagious disease, caused very often by the birds jumping from high roosts. If taken early, wash with strong vinegar, and apply tincture of cocaine. If the abscess is well developed or long standing, open by making two cuts in the shape of an X. Wash out all pus with warm water containing carbolic acid, and apply nitrate of silver, 10 grains to one ounce of distilled water.

Miscellaneous Queries.

1. What is the cause of geese laying soft-shell eggs? I have fed two young geese all winter on wheat, barley, and buckwheat, mixed, all that they could eat, and all the eggs that they have laid are soft shelled. Can I do anything to prevent this?

2. What is the best thing to feed young ducks when first hatched?

3. What is the cause of lambs coming wrong. I have lost two lambs and one ewe. One lamb came with its head turned on its side. This ewe died. Another came with its front leg turned back.

4. The pipes in my cistern are so rusted that I cannot get them apart. What can I put on them so I can unscrew them?
J. R.

Ans.—1. This is likely due to an over-fat condition, or lack of lime in food. Let the geese have a free run, with access to the ground and grit, and they will likely be all right. Also cut the feed down if necessary.

2. Nothing is better than shorts dampened.

3. Malpresentations cannot be accounted for. They frequently occur under most favorable conditions.

4. Try coal oil.

Trees Injured—Cedars—Horse Queries

1. Last spring I planted a dozen apple trees, which grew well. One of those soft days in January the cattle got out of the yard and ate the trees off below any of the limbs. Would like to know if those will grow? If so, what treatment would they need?

2. I intend planting a cedar hedge around a lawn this spring, and would like to get information in regard to how far apart and what time of spring to plant trees.

3. I have a blood colt rising two years old. This last while a puff about the size of an egg rises on the front on the inside of the right hind leg, at the hock. The puff is soft, and practically goes away sometimes. She shows no signs of lameness.

4. Horse got kicked on the hip. Would you kindly prescribe a wash for same?
T. C.

Ans.—1. This depends upon the amount of injury done, and upon the vitality of the tree. The trees, if hardy, will likely throw out new shoots this spring. Of course, if the injury is too severe, they will likely die. If they are badly peeled on the trunks, these areas should be wrapped up to keep the sun and air from drying them out.

2. The last of May or early in June, is a good time to plant. The distance apart depends upon the size of the trees, to some extent, and to the method of pruning the hedge. Small trees are, usually, the best growers—say, trees from one to two feet high. Set these so close together that their branches touch. Have seen very fine hedges where the trees were several feet apart, but they required more training.

3. Try one of the proprietary remedies advertised in this paper. If this fails, get a blister of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with 2 ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts; tie so he cannot bite them, and rub well with the blister daily for two days. On the third day, wash off and apply sweet oil. Let loose in box-stall now, and oil every day until the scale comes off.

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