

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Feeding Rabbits.

I have four young rabbits about the size of kittens and would like to know what to feed them. I have been giving them a little new milk, grass and clover hay. J. P.

Ans.—The ration is very satisfactory, but you might add a turnip or carrot occasionally.

Planting Trees.

Would it be advisable to plant cherry and apple trees where trees died some years ago? Should oats be planted around young trees? How large should the holes be? R. A. P.

Ans.—It is not generally considered to be a good plan to plant young trees in the same place where old trees have grown. The soil is more or less depleted of fertility by the older trees and, therefore, it is harder for the young trees to make satisfactory growth. The size of the hole will depend largely on the extent of the root system of the trees. Dig deep enough so a little surface soil can be put in the bottom and when the tree is set it will be the same depth as it was in the nursery. It wants to be wide enough so that the roots can be spread out similar to the way they naturally grow. Oats are sometimes grown in a young orchard, but two or three feet at least should be left on either side of the trees. If the idea is putting a few oat kernels around the tree roots, we might say that it is not a general practice although we have heard of such being done with small plants.

Wool in Stomach—Raising a Calf.

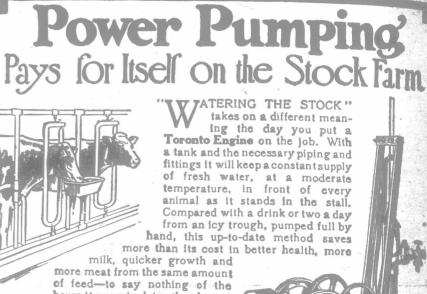
1. I have a young calf which is allowed to run with its mother in a large box stall. I was told that the calf would do better if kept by itself and allowed to suck three times a day; which plan is the better?

2. A lamb died suddenly a few days ago and thinking the cause was wool taken into the stomach, I had a postmortem examination but could find no wool. Where do you look for wool in the stomach. Could there be any other cause for death?

3. I have a horse which, when pulling hard, breathes with a loud sound or roar. It is not heaves. What is the cause and how can I cure it? Is there any danger of the horse dying suddenly?

4. I have a young sow which was very cross with her first litter of pigs. She killed a number and we endeavored to raise what was left on the bottle, by feeding oil and diluted cow's milk with sugar. However, they all died. Is there any preventative for the animal's wildness? Is it safe to breed her again? Can young pigs be successfully reared in an artificial way?

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Ans.—1. Either way gives very good results. When the calf is allowed to run with the cow they can both be turned on pasture and will give no trouble night and morning. The other way the cow very often becomes uneasy and occasionally comes to the stable during the day in search of her offspring.

2. The wool ball would be found in the passage leading from the stomach. Lambs frequently die without any apparent cause. It is sometimes difficult to diagnose the case or give successful treatment. 3. The loud noise or roaring under extra exertion is generally due to weakness of the larynx following distemper, influenza, or local injury to the throat. Once established it is generally considered to be incurable. In the early stages repeated light blistering helps. There is always the possibility of the trouble seriously affecting the throat and causing death. However, under ordinary work it is not probable that death will result directly from this disease.

4. Prevention is in having the sow acquainted with her pen and quieted down as much as possible by frequent handling. It is a difficult problem starting young pigs on cow's milk. After they are a week or two old and they can be taught to drink out of a trough or pen they get along / fairly well. Warm cow's milk, sweetened a little, is readily taken by the young pigs and after they once get a start they do fairly well. 5. Yes.