

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

How many feet in length is a surveyor's chain, and how many inches in a link? Is there a standard measurement, or are there different chains? I refer back to about the year 1834.

Ans.—A surveyor's chain is 66 feet in length, and there are 7.92 inches in a link. In railway surveying, a chain 100 feet long is often used, but that is only for convenience. The standard for the real surveyor's chain is, and always has been, 66 feet.

ANGORA CATS—FLOOR POLISH—
MAPLE CREAM.

1. Where can Angora cats be purchased, and at what price (not prizewinners)?
2. What brand of floor polish is considered best for hardwood floors?
3. Please give recipe for making maple cream candy.

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Ans.—1. Angora cats could doubtless be purchased through a small advertisement in the Wants and For Sale column of "The Farmer's Advocate."

2. Consult your local hardware dealers.
3. Break a pound of maple sugar into small pieces, and put it over the fire with a cupful of milk. Bring to a boil, add a tablespoonful of butter, and cook until a little dropped in cold water becomes brittle. Take from the fire, stir until it begins to granulate a little about the side of the pot, then pour into greased pan. When partly cold, mark into squares with a knife.

TRANSPLANTING APPLE TREES.

Some twelve or thirteen years ago I planted an orchard of about twenty-five trees. The fourth or fifth winter they all died but thirteen, mostly on account of ice lying on the lower land all winter as the plot is rolling. I replanted once but none of them grew. Will you please tell me as to the advisability of moving those trees to a more suitable location? They measure across the trunk, near the ground, from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches. Give the best method and time of year for doing so.

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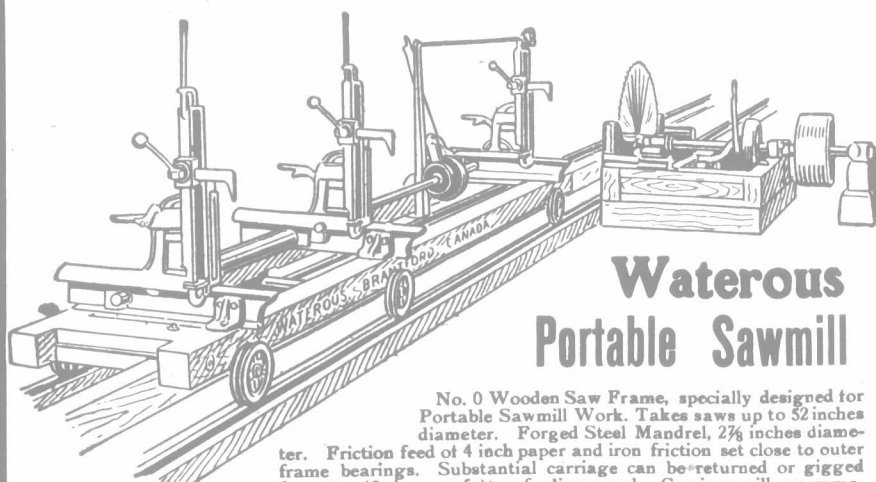
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VARIATIONS IN FAT CONTENT OF MILK.

I have difficulty that I would like to explain. Unless I am mistaken, I noticed in one of your back issues, in the Questions-and-Answers column, that by no method of feeding could one increase the amount of fat in a cow's milk. If this is so, does it not mean that the cow will always give milk containing the same amount of fat? If it does mean this, what is the object of testing a cow's milk more than once? Or is it a mistake of mine to think that they do test more than once?

R. A. J.

Ans.—A cow's milk varies in its fat content according to many influences, chief among them being the period of lactation, though length of time between milkings, disturbance of cow before and at time of milking, and a great many other factors, come in to complicate the problem. A great deal depends upon the individual caprice of the animal. What reduces the fat content of one cow's milk may have the opposite effect upon another. Changes of feed often cause a marked fluctuation, one way or the other, but no particular feed, by reason of its constituent quality, will permanently increase or decrease to any material extent the fat percentage of any cow's milk.