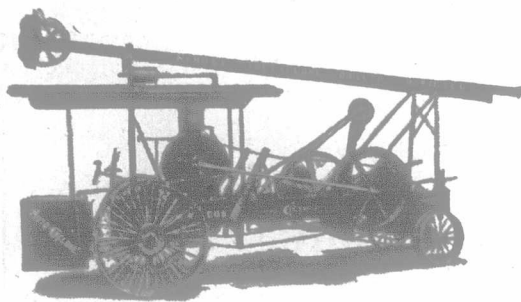


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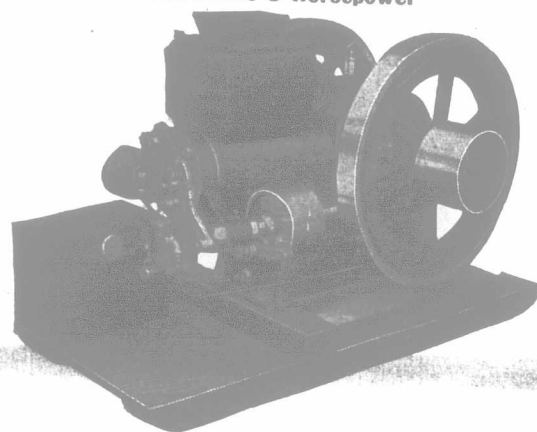
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Heavy colt, two years old in the spring, is puffed on hind leg where bog spavin appears. Noticed it about two months ago. What would you advise?

L. M.

Ans.—Get a blister made of 1½ drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces vaseline. Clip the hair off the parts. Tie so that he cannot bite them. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third day apply sweet oil. Turn loose in a box stall now and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, tie up and blister again, and after this blister once every month until the colt can be turned out to pasture.

FERRETS.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

In January 4th issue, "One Interested" asks for information in regard to ferrets. I have been raising for several years. They come in season anywhere between February 20th and May 1st. When they come in season, put pair together in a nice roomy box, and leave for three or four days, then separate. They carry young six weeks. They raise from three to ten at a litter. When young ones come, be sure to feed mother plenty of meat; also bread and milk. I raised mine after they were about half-grown, on flour and water mixed. It helps to make smaller ferrets. The pen or box should be cleaned once a week; cleanliness prevents distemper.

CLARENCE SIFTON.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

SHEEP COUGH—COW CHILLS.

1. I bought an Oxford Down ram about a week before Christmas which had been dipped during the warm weather at that season, and he had a bad cough. I notice my ewes are taking the cough; one ewe lamb coughs very hard. They are kept in a dry, comfortable pen, with a large window to the south, have free access to the yard every day, and are fed oat straw, corn sheaves, and occasionally a small feed of roots. They are failing in flesh, but seem to be hearty. What will stop the cough?

2. Cow got a chill, and after noticing her shivering I blanketed her. She is kept in a stone stable, and I gave her a drench of two teaspoons ginger, one of red pepper, and one of soda, in a pint of warm water, which stopped the shivering, but when allowed to drink cold water she will again shiver, but a few minutes with a blanket on will stop it. She had calved about two weeks before she took the chill, and was out to water when she got it. I give her water with the chill off it now, and still sometimes she will shiver. What will stop it?

3. Would barley testing 42 lbs. cleaned for marketing, be any use for seed, providing I clean it thoroughly again, and put an extra heavy seedling on? The barley is bright and clean.

4. Would some of the readers of "The Farmer's Advocate" kindly tell us if they have a plan of keeping little pigs from dirtying their berths, or how to build berths that would prevent this?

TEAMSTER.

Ans.—1. Smearing the nose of the sheep with tar is recommended for cough. A good plan is to place salt in a very narrow trough under cover, and daub tar on back-side of trough, so that sheep will smear their noses while eating salt. To improve their condition, give a pint to a quart daily of oats, according to age.

2. We can only suggest giving her water in stable, and, if necessary, taking the chill off by adding a little hot water, or keep her blanketed.

3. Of course, it is not as good or safe as plump seed, and the only safe plan is to test the seed by counting say 100 grains, and placing in a plate between two sheets of blotting paper or woollen cloth, kept moistened, but not swimming, and covered with another plate, to ascertain what per centage sprouts.

4. Raise the sleeping berth in corner of pen four or five inches above the main floor, and keep it bedded with dry straw

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