# THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

### Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

## Testing Cream.

Two farmers desire to send cream to a creamery but neither has sufficient cream to ship separately. Would it be possible for them to invest in a Bacock tester and each test his cream before mixing it? Would they get the same percentage fat as would they get the same creamery? Does operating a tester require much skill, or does it take long to make a test? L. J. T

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Ans.—There are a few simple rules which must be followed in order to get an accurate test with a Babcock tester. Anyone can learn to do the work, and a test can be made in about fifteen minutes. Theoretically, the average of the two tests should be the same as that secured at the creamery. However, it might not always work out in practice and there might be a point or two variation. If each farmer carefully weighed and tested his cream, there should be little difficulty in dividing the proceeds.

### Tuberculosis in the Flock.

A number of my hens are dying. On opening one I found the liver considerably swollen and there were spots under the skin. The head was dark blue color. What was the disease and what treatment do you advise?

Ans.-The swollen liver and the spots indicate that the birds suffered from tuberculosis. Other symptoms which frequently accompany this disease are lameness, and going light in weight. Tuberculosis is a disease for which there is no cure. The birds may have the disease and linger on for some time but seldom are infected birds profitable, and they are certainly a menace to the remainder of the flock. Birds which show pronounced symptoms should be killed and their bodies burned or buried deeply. Give the pens, yards and all poultry-house furnishings a thorough cleaning, then spray with a good disinfec-tant. If the entire flock appear unhealthy it is advisable to destroy them and start with new birds. However, it may be that only a portion of the flock is diseased and such drastic measures would not have to be resorted to.

#### Sweeny-Quarter Crack.

I desire advice regarding a crack on a horse which I have been trying to heal. I secured several bottles of liniment but they gave no results. He is rising six years old, and I would like to get this healed so that I can sell him to better advantage. The other day I was advised to put in some dry line, so I am trying that, and also putting salts in his feed. 2. Is there anything that will help a sweeny of long standing? I blistered it twice and have been working him



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Ans.--1. It is not stated what part of the anatomy is affected by this crack. However, we presume it to be a sand crack or quarter crack. Both of these are a cracking of the hoof, due to a drying condition of the horn which renders t...e structure brittle and thus liable to crack.Lameness is caused by the pinching of the sensitive laminæ by the crack as it opens and closes when the foot is in action. If dirt or foreign material hasgotten into the crack it must be cleaned out and an endeavor made to bring the edges of the crack together and to encourage the growth of the hoof. A blister made of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides mixed with 2 ounces of lard or vaseline should be rubbed around the top of the hoof. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days, then apply sweet oil and turn loose in a box stall. Oil every day until the scale comes off, then blister again. Special shoeing i cometimes necessary and hoof ointment may be applied to soften up the hoof.

2. It is doubtful if anything can be done to fill out the shoulder where the falling away was caused by sweeny some time ago. Blistering might be continued with good results, and frequent brisk rubbings will also encourage the growth of the muscles.

3. The growth spoken of is natural to horses, therefore it is not advisable to apply anything that would prevent or interfere with its development.



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