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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Miscellaneous.

CLEANING INK BARRELS.

Would you please tell me the best way to clean barrels that have contained SUBSCRIBER. printers' ink? Ans.-Two plans are suggested: one to lightly sprinkle the interior of the barrel with coal oil (kerosene), touch it off with a match, and let it burn out; the other, to turn the barrel upside down, raised on four piles of bricks, 4 or 5 inches above the ground, and build a small fire underneath, the heat causing the ink to shrivel and peel off. Our correspondent might carefully test one or both of these plans, and report results.

CARE AND GRADING OF HIDES. Could you not give, through the columns of your paper, an article on how to value sheep skins, etc. ? How to estimate the quantity of wool, also value of pelt, also how to grade wool?

ONE INTERESTED. Ans.-It is hardly possible to put in print rules that could be applied in practice for valuing hides and wool. That knowledge can only be gained by experience. There are, however, some points of very great importance affecting the value of hides, which farmers and butchers should observe. First of all, do not cut or nick the pelts in removing them from the animals, else a No. 1 hide may be converted into a No. 2, and a cent per pound knocked off the price. In the next place, if beef and other skins are rolled up or thrown in a heap while the animal heat is still in them, they may quickly become No. 2 or No. 3, or, perhaps, worthless. Spread them out on the flour, or hang over a pole, till the animal heat is gone, and then sprinkle on salt lightly. Don't waste a pailful on a single hide. Don't leave them lying about too long before salting, else rats or mice may cut holes in them.

GOSSIP.

Sixty-five farmers in an Indiana county have petitioned for a license to carry arms, asserting that their lives and those of their wives and children are constantly in danger from reckless automobile drivers. In noting the action of these 'Indiana farmers, the Saturday Evening Post says: "In other localities, the gentle idea of discouraging inconsiderate autoists by taking a pot-shot at them has made some progress in the rural mind. Along all main-travelled roads, the rushing motor-car presents an agricultural problem of large and rapidlygrowing importance. The horse, that mainstay of the farmer, is unfortunately a creature of the poorest mental capacity. A harmless ash-barrel, a bit of paper floating in the breeze, the timidly-skurrying squirrel, the flustered hen; in fact, almost every object, except oats, that meets his vision is, by his rudimentary brain, transformed into a horrible menace to his well-being. Probably it will require generations of patient trainingwith how many million broken whiffletrees, upset wagons and exasperated educate him out of the misconception that automobiles eat horses raw. Thus, for a long time, with the most considerate handling, the auto is bound to be a heavy affliction to the farmer. Most autoists realize it, for most of them are gentle, civilized men and women. There are some, however, who run their machines in the face of a frightened team with all that delicate consideration of others which is observed in a drove of swine that scents the succulent swill as it is poured into the What to do with them is a trough. baffling question. For obvious social and moral reasons, we cannot approve pot-shooting them. Various legal devices of licenses and speed regulations have, so far, made only an indiffernt impression upon them. We may think it would be pleasanter if it were so ordered that every new instrumentality of power which comes into the world were accompanied by an effective ring for the smout of those who will seek to abuse it. In fact, however, finding the ring is always a matter of long and painful endeavor.' The thing that will best answer the purpose of a mose-ring is a term in prison for deliberate and reckless violation of the rights of others on the part of automobilists. A fine is laughed at, but imprisonment is very apt to result in converting a reckless dare-devil driver into one quick to know and recognize the

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