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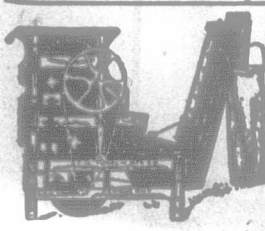
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Wages.

If A hires B for a certain length of time, and B leaves A before his time is out, without any reason, can B collect his wages if he does not come back?
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Ans.—The magistrate, or judge, in the event of an information being laid, or suit entered, might allow B some amount in respect of the time he has worked, but certainly could not properly give judgment in his favor for the full amount of his wages.

Gains in Colt.

I raised a draft filly this year, and would like to know how the gains compare with the gains of other colts. At 2 months ours weighed 380 lbs.; at 3 months, 500 lbs.; at 4 months, 600 lbs.; at 5 months, 700 lbs.; at 6 months, 800 lbs. Is this a reasonable gain? Am weaning the colt now, and would like to know how much grain (rolled oats and bran) it should be fed to keep it growing properly. It has been used to having all the grain it wants, eating with the dam, she having been liberally fed. I might say it is a registered Shire.
L. M.

Ans.—These are remarkably good gains. Have any of our readers heard of better? Feed the colt about three to four quarts of rolled oats and bran, mixed, per day at first, and gradually increase the ration. With some colts it is advisable to feed all the grain they will eat.

Skunks—Speckled Trout.

1. On our place there are 1½ acres of sand and gravel knoll, around which runs a never-failing spring creek, which is obstructed by undergrowth in places. The creek is the habitation of speckled trout. There are also mink and muskrats around this creek. On the opposite side of the creek there are about 2½ acres of a cedar swamp inhabited by rabbits. There are also a few dens of skunks and ground-hogs on the knoll. What kind of a fence is necessary to make this piece of ground skunk-proof, and at what cost?

2. What is necessary to encourage the speckled trout to remain?
N. A.

Ans.—1. Place a woven-wire fence with a heavy strand all around it. Floor it with this same fence fastened securely to the outside fence, and underground some distance. At the top of the fence, which should be six or seven feet high, a flaring portion of the wire should extend in over the pen to some distance to keep them from getting out over the side.

2. Do not fish them out. Partially dam the stream in places to make pools and rapidly-running water.

Obstructed Drain.

A and B own adjoining farms of 100 acres each. A's outlet is across B's farm, consisting of an open ditch of from three to four feet deep. A has dug this ditch half-way across B's farm for an outlet, it being agreed upon by the former owner of B's farm that he would take care of the water after that. B's farm is a pasture farm, and the outlet starts at the line, as A has his farm tiled. A has to clean this ditch out yearly, as the cattle are continually tramping it in and blocking the tile. B, not doing his part to take care of the water, the water stays in the ditch the year around.

1. Can A fence this ditch on both sides to keep back the stock, without B's consent?

2. If not, can A collect damages from B?

3. What steps can A take to get a satisfactory outlet?

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Ans.—1. No.

2. We do not think so.

3. He should make an earnest effort to effect a friendly arrangement of the matter with B. In the event of the failure of such negotiation, it would then be in order for him to take advantage of The Ditches and Water Courses Act, first giving the notice to B provided for by Sec. 8 of the Act—which will be found in the Ontario Statutes of 1912 (Chap. 74).



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