

GOSSIP.

J. A. James, Nilestown Ont., advertises Ayrshire heifers, calves and young bulls from deep-milking cows.

C. & J. Carruthers, Cobourg, Ont., write: "These two Shorthorn bulls we advertise are got by Count Amaranth (imp. in dam), a Nonpareil bull of good individual quality, are bulls that are of the low-down, meaty sort, having good, straight backs, well-sprung ribs, with lots of depth, have good handling qualities, and will make ton bulls when matured. They are dark roans in color, and will be sold at low prices, if taken at once. Parties desiring to see them will be met at station, if notified. We are offering Yorkshires, both sexes and different ages, at greatly-reduced prices for one month, which will be sold as described to inquirers."

Eight miles from Huntingdon Station, on the G. T. R., in the Province of Quebec, is the home of Mr. D. C. McFarlane, owner of one of Quebec's choicest herds of Ayrshire cattle. His stock bull is Lessnessock Reliance (imp.), bred by Robt. Montgomerie, Lessnessock, Scotland, sired by Rare Style of Saturland, dam Snowdrop of Lessnessock. Mr. McFarlane's herd at present numbers 35 head of such rare-producing cows as Stately of Crosshouse (imp.), who tests 4.90 per cent. butter-fat; Victoria of Kelso, tests 4.70 per cent. butter-fat; Martha of Kelso, tests 5 per cent. butter-fat; Maggie of Kelso, tests 4 per cent. butter-fat, and Maud of Kelso, tests 4 per cent. butter-fat. From the above it will be seen that Mr. McFarlane's Ayrshires are money-makers of a very high order, and coupled with that, their type is perfect as well. Last fall at Huntingdon Show, this herd won first on herd, first on year-old bull, first on two-year-old heifer, third on one-year-old heifer and first on cow, and this in a ring with very strong competition. Anything in the herd is for sale. Mr. McFarlane reports sales as the best he ever experienced. Write Mr. McFarlane, to Kelso P. O., Que.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

ROPE BURNS.

Mare got front of hocks made raw while caught in a rope. One healed, but the other has a crack and scab on it.
J. B.

Ans.—Wounds of this kind are practically burns and hard to heal, especially in front of the hock where the skin relaxes and contracts at each step, which tends to perpetuate the wound. Keep her as quiet as possible, and dress with four ounces raw linseed oil four ounces lime water and two drams carbolic acid, three times daily. If proud flesh forms, apply a little butter of antimony, once daily, as long as necessary.
V.

LUMP ON HOCK—TROUBLE WITH HENS.

1. Mare got kicked in front of the hock, and as a result there is a movable lump, the size of a hen's egg.
2. Hen's crop became full and hard. She was thus for a week, when we killed her.
3. Hen has nothing in her crop, and her head is drawn back, and keeps moving all the time.
4. Hen's head is swollen to twice its normal size, and her eyes are almost closed.
J. M. Ont.

Ans.—1. Lumps of this kind are very hard to remove without operation, which is dangerous, and can be performed only by a veterinarian when in the region of a joint. The daily application of compound iodine ointment will reduce it in time, but it requires, in most cases, a long time.
2. Hen was crop bound, and an operation, which consists in cutting into the crop, removing its contents, stitching up the wound, and feeding very lightly until healed would have cured.
3. This one has disease of the brain, and should be killed.
4. This one has roup. It will be better to kill her, and give the flock a little permanganate of potash in their drinking water to prevent the spread of the disease. The henhouse should also be disinfected and whitewashed as soon as possible.
V.

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Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectively clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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Drumbo Station, om
WALTER HALL, Washington, Ont.

IMPOTENT BULL.

Bull, sixteen months old, refuses to serve. He is in good health, and all organs apparently healthy.
J. R.

Ans.—Cases of this nature, due to congenital weakness or imperfect development of some of the genital organs, which cannot be even suspected from the general appearance of the animal, occur in all classes. In other cases, all organs are perfect, but there is an abnormal difference shown by the animal. In either case medicinal treatment or extraneous interference of any kind is unwise. Keep the bull in good condition. See that he gets plenty of exercise. Allow him to run with the cows and heifers, and if in a few weeks there is no change, feed for the block.
V.

COW WITH SPLIT TEAT.

Cow got her teat split. I kept a rubber band on it, but it healed in two sections. The milk duct is in one side, and it leaks.
J. F. McK.
Ont.

Ans.—The sections should have been carefully sutured with catgut or silk sutures when the wound was fresh. Nothing can be done now until she goes dry, when she can be cast and secured, and the opposing surfaces of the sections scarified (or practically skinned) until they are completely raw, then placed carefully in opposition and carefully stitched with carbolyzed catgut or silk sutures. The wounds should then be dressed, three times daily, until healed with a five-per-cent. solution of Zenoleum, Phenyle or carbolic acid. It will be good practice to keep a teat syphon in the duct until healed, to prevent occlusion of the duct. It will require a veterinarian to operate successfully. Instead of this operation, the blind section can be entirely removed, but this will leave an imperfect teat.
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Miscellaneous.

STAMP COLLECTION.

A. R., if you write Mr. Andrew Dale, 281 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont., you can obtain the information you desire regarding stamps.

RABBIT-PROOF FENCE.

H. P. writes: "Will some reader tell us, through the 'Farmer's Advocate,' what size of a mesh a wire fence surrounding garden should have to keep out rabbits?"

WHICH BREED OF COWS.

Would you kindly advise me as to which would be the better breed of cows to purchase for cheese factory in summer and butter in winter, Holsteins or Ayrshires?
D. J. M.

Ans.—Properly selected and handled, a herd of either breed would give good results, and we cannot undertake to forecast which would be "best." It's something like forms of government of which the poet says: "That which is best administered is best."

GRADING UP A HERD.

I have a small herd of milch cows. Seven are Ayrshire grades, the rest common native stock with very little breeding, all healthy, hardy little cows, wonderfully good milkers, too small to be of much use for beef.

1. What would be your idea of crossing those cows with a Shorthorn bull for two or three years, keeping all the female calves, the males to be fattened and sold at three years old; then using an Ayrshire bull for one or two years, keeping all the heifer calves to replenish the herd?

2. Would the calves sired by an Ayrshire be less like an Ayrshire in case of his being used after a Shorthorn, than if an Ayrshire had been used continuously?

3. Will a cow which has just dropped a calf, sired by a decidedly beefy animal, give less milk this season than if her calf had been sired by a bull of one of the dairy breeds?

YOUNG FARMER.

Ans.—1. We would feel safe in advising the use of a good pure-bred Shorthorn bull to your cows, and to continue in the same line; but it is contrary to all the principles of intelligent breeding to change off from one breed to another as you suggest.
2. No. 3. No.



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