

## Questions and Answers.

### Miscellaneous.

**Book.--Dry Silage.--Disinfectant.**  
Could you suggest the name and together with the book-shop it can be obtained, of a reliable veterinary

Having built a silo this year, and it, I wish to know if the corn should be cut and put into silo at once? or about one week before it is mowed, and it lay in the field during the week. Some one said it would be as it was put in too dry. Could you answer and tell me whether you think it will mould?

Could you suggest a good, cheap disinfectant to combine with whitewash the inside of cow stable?

J. E. S.

1. The Farmer's Veterinarian, by J. E. S., may be obtained through this office at \$1.50, postpaid.

The corn should not have been too much remaining out this year a week cutting. A great deal depends on the degree of maturity, and whether or not it was frosted before being cut. When corn is too dry going into the silo, it is sometimes thought better to add a small stream of water at filling time. If your district is as wet as most of Ontario has been, your corn should keep. However, it is not good practice to ensile it too

five-per-cent. carbolic acid, or Zenolene according to directions.

**and.--Feed for Mare.--Corn for Horses, etc.**

have a two-year-old filly which is badly cut in wire fence. Give best treatment to heal cuts without leaving scars.

have a mare twelve years old which has raised colts for years. She is very thin. Not being in foal this year, would like to fatten her and sell. Kindly give a way to feed her up

green corn cut fine with a cut-knife good to feed work horses in the winter?

corn that is stored in the barn to feed horses in the winter-time? corn is frozen on the stalk does much of its feeding value? have a three-year-old horse which worked hard all summer and fed on oats. Now when he stands on two his legs stock. What I do to check this when he goes into the winter?

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1. If badly cut, you may have to prevent scarring. Possibly the wound should be stitched. Wash out with a little carbolic solution and apply some healing salve, as used in vases.

that her teeth are in good condition. Then feed on plenty of good clover hay and rolled oats. Add a little oil-cake meal to the hay, and, if you have it, a little molasses. Some corn (grain) may be fed. Give as little exercise as possible. If you would fatten quickly, but do not put her off her feed or her constitution by overfeeding. Groom well regularly.

little of it might be all right, but it is necessary to avoid scouring. If working hard, hay and rolled oats would be better. A little, provided it keeps all right, no harm fed to idle horses. If frozen before mature, considerable feeding value is lost. Give the horse with 6 to 10 drams (according to size) and 2 drams of cod liver oil. After the bowels regain their normal condition, give a dessertspoonful of cod liver oil once daily for four days. Cut down the grain to half. Exercise regularly. Rub the horse and often. Care is necessary in feeding some horses predisposed to

night watchman at the college. Just then a star fell. "That," said the watchman, "that is a crack shot."

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### Veterinary.

#### Pigs With Cough.

Sow and her pigs, three months old, are all coughing, and a litter of pigs four weeks old are commencing to cough.

W. R. D.

Ans.—This is either infectious bronchitis or lung worms. It would require a careful post-mortem to determine which. Treatment is the same in either case, and in most cases is very unsatisfactory. Put the pigs in a close compartment and burn sulphur so long as you can stand the fumes, then open windows to allow air to enter. Treatment may be repeated in about ten days. In most cases it is wise to dispose of the pigs and thoroughly disinfect the premises before introducing fresh stock.

V.

#### Unthrifty-Mare.

Five-year-old driving mare has been sick and unthrifty for more than a year. She seems stiff in her body and generally run-down, and her feed does her no good. I have had her teeth attended to, and have given tonics and treated for worms. She frequently passes little, short, flat, lightish-colored objects, which have no head nor tail, but appear to be parts of a worm. Lately she has had sores inside of her lips.

T. H.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate tapeworm, which is often very hard to dislodge. Starve her for 14 to 16 hours. Then mix 3 ounces oil of turpentine with 1½ pints new milk, shake well and give as a drench. Allow nothing to eat for three or four hours longer, then give her bran and a little hay, and 1½ pints of raw linseed oil. Watch the excretions closely, and if she does not pass the worm, repeat treatment in ten days to two weeks. Dress the ulcers in her mouth twice daily with one part butter of antimony to three parts tincture of myrrh. Apply with a feather.

V.

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#### Horse Tail—A Weed on Sour Land.

Kindly publish the name of the enclosed weed, and explain some way in which it may be killed, if there is any. No amount of cultivation seems to affect it. We call it water-grass or water-weed, and generally consider that it signifies sour soil or soil with a cold bottom. However, it is seen to grow on rolling land, high-up or sandy knolls. "Some say that underdraining will stamp it out."

W. C.

Ans.—This weed is known as Equisetum or Horsetail. True, it may be seen growing beside railways, on sandy knolls, rolling land, and other places that are ostensibly dry. However, it is more commonly seen on low-lying land, which has every indication of being sour. The two ways of combating this weed are with lime and underdrains. The land is usually sour where they are seen. Furthermore, it is usually damp. Remove these two undesirable conditions, and cultivation will have more effect on it.

#### Brewers' Grain for Cows.

1. How do brewers' grains compare with bran as a feed for milking cows?  
2. Are they worth as much per ton?

J. H. B.

Ans.—1. In crude protein and fat, brewers' grains are superior to bran, but the latter feed contains a higher percentage of carbohydrates. This, of course, refers particularly to dry brewers' grains. When wet the percentages of the different food constituents are very much diminished. In feeding tests, bran and dry brewers' grains are very similar in results. In one instance, where two lots of seven cows each were fed with different rations to test the comparative values of these two feeding-stuffs, the lot receiving wheat bran gave an average of 20.8 lbs. milk daily, while those receiving brewers' grains gave an average of 21.4 lbs. This shows brewers' grains to be somewhat superior to wheat bran for milk production. However, under actual dairy conditions there might be little difference except with individual animals.  
2. Judging from the results of feeding tests, they would both have very approximately the same value.



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