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2. Alfalfa is growing on an exposed hillside. I want to leave third crop uncut to hold snow. Will this injure the plants?

3. What is a good tonic to give horses when idle in winter, to keep them healthy? They are fed on hay and oat straw. They get a small run daily. O. A.

Ans.-1. If fed in too large quantities there is danger of it having a bad effect on the kidneys resulting in the legs swelling. When fed carefully in conjunction with other clovers or grasses there is little danger. It is doubtful if the danger is lessened by early cutting. 2. It is advisable to leave a certain growth to protect the plants. Of course

if the growth was heavy enough to lodge there might be danger of smothering the plants.

Careful feeding and regular exercise is all a horse requires to keep it healthy. A horse that is not worked will keep in fair condition on hay and straw. Too much hay is worse than not enough. One pound of hay per day for each 100 lbs. of horse is sufficient. A horse that is worked requires a little grain. A tonic should not be necessary, unless the horse is run down. An occasional feed of boiled oats, a little bran or linseed meal added to the regular ration aids in putting a horse in condition.

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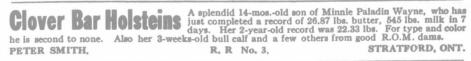
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