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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

OLD SEED—MUSTARD—SPAVIN.

1. I have several pounds of mangel seed and other seeds left over from last year. Would it be safe to sow them this spring?

2. Has spraying mustard been a success where tried? What is the proper time to spray, and what mixture should be used?

3. I have a roadster that developed a bone spavin. I have been for the past eight months applying a guaranteed remedy advertised in your columns. I reduced the enlargement considerably, but she is as lame as when I began the treatment. What would stop the lameness?

R. S.

Ans.—1. Make a germination test of the seed by planting about 100 seeds in a box. If a good percentage germinate, it would likely be safe to sow the seed. A larger quantity should be sown than of new seed. However, this will be ascertained by testing.

2. Yes. The material used is either copper sulphate (bluestone) or iron sulphate, the former in a solution of 10 lbs. to 40 gallons of water, and the latter 80 lbs. to 40 gallons of water. Either is effective. Apply when the plants are all up, and about four to six inches high, or before blossoming. Give a good application of the mixture, which burns the mustard, and does not injure the grain crop. Owing to the fact that mustard seed remains in the land several years without losing its vitality, it is necessary to repeat the operation several years.

3. In young animals, blistering will often cure lameness resulting from both bone and bog spavins. It might be well to try blistering, and if a cure is not effected, firing by a competent veterinarian could then be resorted to. For blistering, take 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides mixed with 2 ounces of vaseline. Clip hair off the spot. Tie so he cannot bite them. Rub daily with the blister for two days, then wash off and apply sweet oil. Oil daily, when the scale comes off, repeat the blister. A third application could be made one month after the second.

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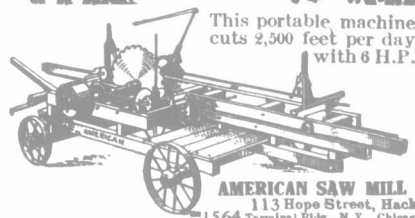
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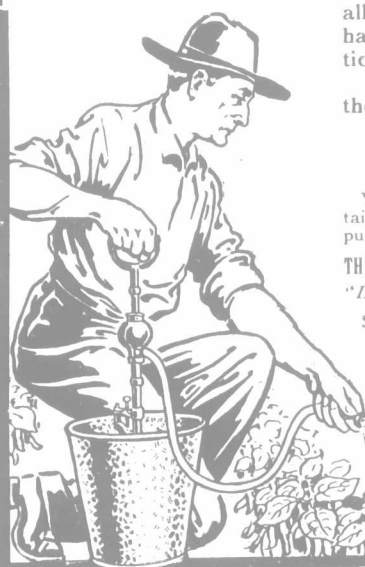
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

FATALITY IN COW.

Three days after calving cow was swollen in throat, brisket, between legs and back, along the belly to the udder. I treated for garget, but she died.

S. H. F.

Ans.—The symptoms are not those of garget, in which the seat of disease is the udder, and the swelling may extend along the abdomen, but does not reach the brisket and throat. I am of the opinion that your cow had erysipelas, which often proves fatal. Treatment should have consisted in purging with 1½ lbs. Epsom salts and 1 ounce ginger, and following up with 6 drams hypophosphite of soda three times daily. Local treatment should have been bathing the swollen parts long and often with hot water, and after bathing rubbing well with camphorated liniment, keeping comfortable, and keeping up the strength by drenching with boiled flaxseed and ale.

V.

SWELLING IN FRONT OF KIDNEYS.

Mare has a swelling about ten inches long in front of her kidneys. She had the same trouble each spring for the last two years. My veterinarian treated it both times, but did not make a permanent cure.

A. T.

Ans.—Without a personal examination, we are unable to tell the nature or cause of this swelling. There is no specific disease that causes a swelling in this region. Your veterinarian evidently treated the former attacks successfully, and that is all that could be expected. It is not possible for him to render the mare immune from future attacks. I would suggest frequent bathing with hot water, and after bathing, rubbing with camphorated liniment, and clothing warmly. Also give her a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and follow up with 3 drams nitrate of potash twice daily for three days.

V.