

Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

Horse With Cough.

All winter 7-year-old horse was very fat, and worked well until this spring. He coughs now and has become very thin and does not care to work. H. R.

Ans.—It is not possible to diagnose with reasonable certainty without details as to the nature of the cough. Try giving every morning 2 drams solid extract of belladonna, 1 dram powdered opium, 1 dram camphor, and 20 grains digitalis, add sufficient oil of tar to make plastic, roll in tissue paper and administer as a ball, or mix with a pint of water and give as a drench. Also dampen all his food with lime water. V.

Mare Tires Easily.

I bought a 9-year-old mare that seems to have weak spells. When I started to work her in the spring I worked her only half day for the first 3 days. I then commenced to work her full days, but she is not able to do a full day's work. I fed her about 3 quarts of oats at a feed. E. A. P.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate that she was not properly prepared for steady work. Probably she spent several months in idleness with little grain before you got her. In our issue of April 8th last, there is an article by "Whip" that treats in detail matters of this nature. Mix equal parts of powdered sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger, nux vomica and bicarbonate of soda, and give her a heaped tablespoonful 3 times daily, unless she is quite a small mare, give her at least a gallon of good oats 3 times daily. So soon as she shows the first symptoms of inability to work, unhitch her, you will find that she will gradually improve and soon be able to do a full day's work, but if you work her each time until she shows exhaustion, she will improve very slowly, if at all. V.

Miscellaneous.

Seeding to Alfalfa.

1. Can alfalfa or sweet clover seed be sown on fall wheat in the spring the same as we sow red clover and timothy?

2. I have 6 acres of summerfallow to sow to wheat, and I purpose sowing 400 or 500 lbs. of Basic Slag with it, and then seed with alfalfa in the spring. Is Basic Slag a paying proposition?

3. Are two drakes enough to mate with six ducks in the spring? G. P.

Ans.—1. Alfalfa or sweet clover can be sown quite satisfactorily as you suggest. In fact, we have seen excellent catches down on wheat ground at the last snow in the spring. If the ground is a little hard, some delay seeding until the ground is firm enough for the harrows, and a stroke with the harrows is given after the seed is sown, but, of course, this must be done within a few days after sowing the seed.

2. Basic Slag has shown marked results on fall wheat and meadows and also on turnips and mangels. Some have very good results by sowing it on spring grains.

3. Yes. Some breeders use one drake to every six or seven ducks.

Dog Injured.

I was driving in to a village the other day with a car and happened to run over a dog but did not kill it. It got up and went away, but the owner called me on the phone the following day saying that I had run over his pure-bred dog and he thinks it must have gone away and died for he hasn't seen it since. Let me know whether or not I have to pay for the dog? H. F.

Ans.—I do not see that you are liable to pay damages as suggested. It is possible that you may be so liable; but it may very well be that you are in a position to prove that there was not any negligence on your part, which resulted in the injury to the dog, but that such injury either resulted from pure accident or that the animal was injured as a consequence of its own awkwardness or recklessness, or perhaps, having regard to the By-laws of the Village Municipality, had no right to be running at large. It looks to me as though the owner would have great difficulty in making out a sufficient case against you to enable him to recover any damages; and I think you would be justified in resisting any claim on his part.



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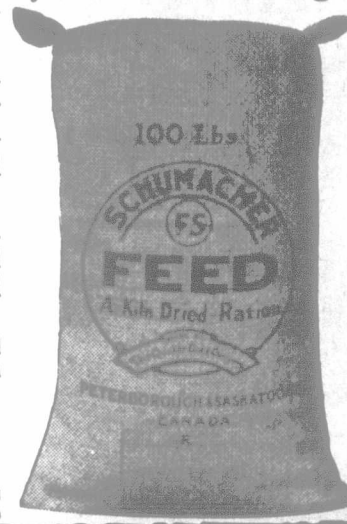
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