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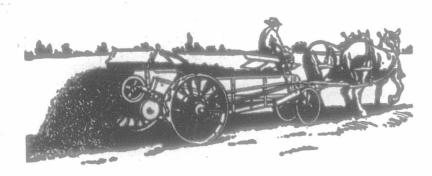
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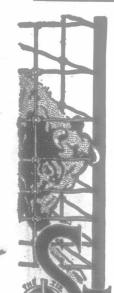
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Cement Floor

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Ans.-It is generally believed that it is better to cover the cement over in horse stalls with a layer of plank. This makes a warmer floor to lie on, one not so hard on the horses' feet, and one upon which they are not so likely to slip. We do not think cement is injurious to rubber or steel tires. They are used in liveries and garages.

Share Farming.

is the usual division to make, or you think would be fair in renting and m, the landlord to furnish everything in the way of machinery, horses, and breeding sows. There is not much done in the cow end of it, but what there is would need to be taken into consideration. It has been our habit to buy steers in the fall and feed loose in the yard till spring. The landlord would also pay taxes. The tenant to do all the work, and pay for threshing. Who would feed the horses? If the tenant, and he just rented for one year's crop, would he do so for the whole year, or just the working season? How about the seed? A. F.

Ans.-We cannot suggest any more equitable arrangement than the one we have always advocated, viz.: That the tenant pay 35 per cent. of the expenses, and receive 35 per cent. of the net proceeds. This agreement usually varies between 331 and 40 per cent., but 35 per cent. seems a fair average to strike, and it may be varied according to the particular conditions existing between landlord and tenant. This means that the tenant do all labor and pay for the hired help, as well as pay 35 per cent. of the taxes. The tenant would be expected to feed all stock for the year if the lease was drawn up for that time. The seed might be divided equally, or the tenant provide 35 per cent. of it, but the whole thing must be decided by the parties to the agreement, as we can only suggest a basis of calculation from our limited knowledge of the particular circumstances

Cream Ouestions.

1. If I make 13 lbs. butter from 44 cream, what per cent, butter-fat would that be equal to? (Made up butter.)

2. Have heard that sour cream gives a better test than sweet, by the testers used at dairies or creameries. Is that true?

3. Have heard, too, that if cream is frozen during time of gathering, it will not test so well. Is this true?

4. Would it pay a man with 10 or 12 cows to get a fat tester? He ships sweet cream. If so, about what size and price of same?

5! If cream is perfectly sweet when shipped, and is left through neglect where it sours during transportation, should company pay difference in price? .I. W. M.

Ans.-1. It is impossible to estimate exactly as the overrun in all cases is not exactly the same. That is, there is not the same amount of moisture and salt in all butter. Assuming that one pound of butter-fat made one and onesixth pounds of butter your test would be 24.6 per cent., but it might have been higher or lower, according to the overrun.

2. If the test is accurate there should be no difference in sour or sweet cream. 3. There might be a small loss, but if the cream is properly stirred after thawing out and hefore taking the sample for testing it should make little differ-

4. It might. Possibly its greatest value would be in testing individual cows to weed out the unprofitable producers. A four-bottle tester, costing between \$6.00 and \$7.00, should do.

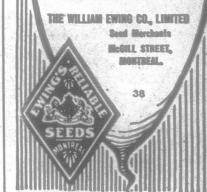
5. If you can prove that through the company's neglect a loss to you is caused they could be made pay, but usually it is somewhat difficult to prove that through their negligence alone the goods were damaged.

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