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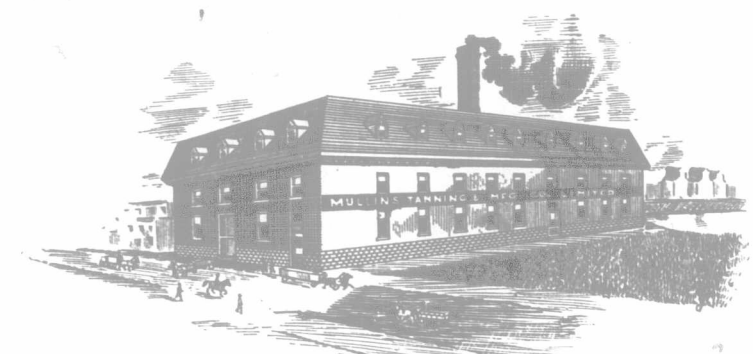
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I would like to get one or two good books on agriculture and stock raising. I have a homestead about 100 miles northwest of Edmonton, and purpose going in for mixed farming.

H. E. C.

Ans.—It is a very difficult matter to get the information desired in a book or two. The best authors generally cover a particular phase or feature of the branch of agriculture studied by them. In livestock few writers undertake to cover all classes of stock. Further, it is impossible to get a book that deals with agricultural problems met in northern Canada.

Of course, the general principles outlined are worthy of study and the intelligent farmer can decide for himself what would be suited to the conditions under which he works. For a discussion of soils and general treatment of them, "Soils," by S. W. Fletcher, is good. "Soil, and Crops of the Farm," by Morrow and Hunt, also can be recommended. In livestock "Profitable Stock Feeding," by H. R. Smith, is one of the best. But at the best these books can be used only for general suggestions. For up-to-date methods and practices we commend a weekly perusal of the columns of "The Farmer's Advocate." It con-

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STALLION BECOMES STERILE

A stallion about 1800 pounds, 11 years old, was brought from the East about 4 years ago. The first summer he was turned loose in pasture with about 50 mares. He left 35 or 40 colts. The second year he was turned loose again and got a few colts. The third year he seemed to have got none. I bought him in the winter, kept him up and took the best care of him, and by breeding time he was in fine condition. I worked him a little at light work. The first time I led him out for service he seemed to be full of ambition, he covered the mare once, but passed no seminal fluid. I let him cover her again, but with the same results. The mare came round again. After that he did a little better, but I never could depend on him, sometimes he would be all right for 8 or 10 days; then he would refuse to serve mares. I never bred more than two a day. What do you think the trouble is?

E. S. P.

Ans.—There are many causes of sterility, most of which can be eliminated when the horse has been a successful sire. The diseases and conditions, one of which may be the cause of the trouble in your horse, are: (a) Inflammation of the testicles, resulting in induration; (b) fatty degeneration of the testicles, due to excessive feeding on starchy foods, and lack of sufficient exercise; (c) fatty degeneration of the excretory ducts of the testicles; (d) inflammation or ulceration of these ducts; (e) nervous diseases which abolish the sexual appetite; (f) excessive service. Of course we cannot tell which of these conditions prevail in your horse, but it is quite evident that whatever the exciting cause of the condition may be, the result is apparent, i.e., the secretory functions of the testicles are impaired, and have ceased to secrete the semen. This may be only temporary and if given a chance he may recover.

Examine the testicles carefully. If they feel hard, they are indurated, the result of inflammation. The best treatment to follow in that case would be smearing the testicles once daily with a weak iodine ointment, strength 1-16. Keep this up for about a month; at the same time feed him well, and give a fair amount of work or exercise to invigorate the system. If the condition proves to be due to fatty degeneration the following foods should be avoided: Potatoes, wheat, corn, or anything containing sugar or starch. The horse should be fed on hay, oats and bran. If the cause be of nervous origin fluid extract of nux vomica may be given, in 2-dram doses, mixed with his feed three times a day for two weeks. If the trouble was brought about through excessive service the horse should not be put to mares for a year, and treated as described above, and when of nervous origin he should be well fed and exercised regularly.

WE PAY FOR PICTURES

I have a few pictures of farm scenes. Do you pay for same? If so, give me particulars.

INTERESTED READER.

Ans.—Yes, THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE is always willing to pay reasonable rates for clear, sharp photographs of farm scenes or operations on the farm that bring out any particular feature, or serve in an educational capacity. Frequently, however, we receive photographs of farm homes that serve no particular purpose other than advertising that the sender has a home. For these, of course, we can allow no remuneration. Photographs are return-