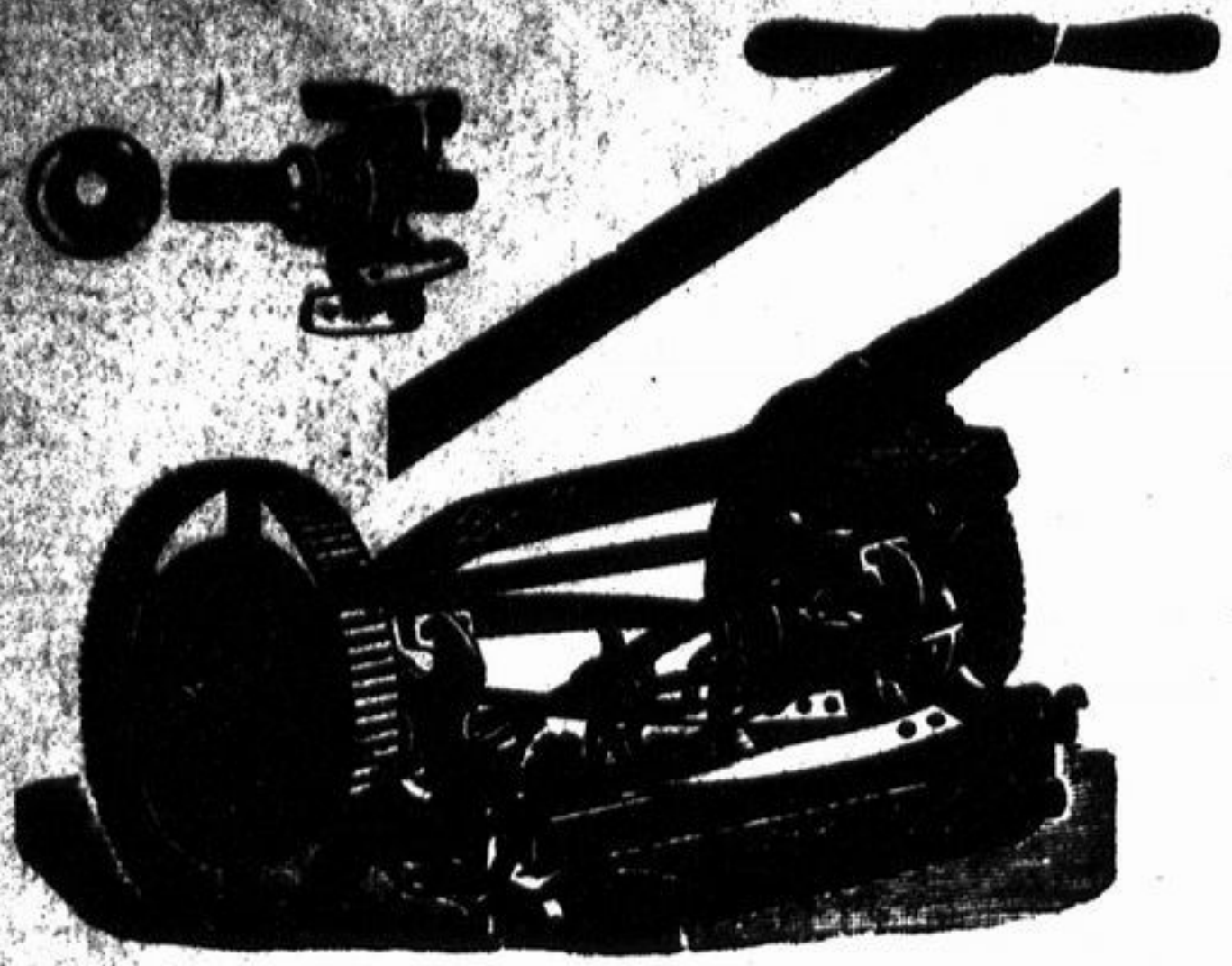


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Horses that have been well cared for during the winter months will be more able to stand the work of the busy season than those which have had to rough it.

When the early spring work begins horses should be especially well cared for, both in grooming and feed. The change from complete laziness to constant and hard toil that starts them downward and gives them that tired, dejected look we so often see.

This letter is for a two-fold purpose; first, to wash out the mouth, throat and stomach, and second, to keep from washing the feed out of the stomach before it has time to digest. During the busy season horses should have fresh water given them every time, and that often.

Take an hour or two of rest at noon and see if the horses do not work better in the afternoon. A good plan is to work early and late but rest in the heat of the day.

It is always best to have several pads for each horse. Never change from one horse to another, as they adjust themselves after having been worn, and do not fit any other horse snugly, and would, therefore, cause them to rub and make sore shoulders.

One is not able financially to have extra, then there is always an abundance of water, and they could be cleaned and dried before using again, doing away with that roughness, and making them soft and pliable. It is the continued sweating and rough collars and pads that cause so many sore shoulders and so much loss of time.

If horses are groomed at night as well as in the morning it is no trouble to keep them clean, and they should always, when worked hard in the dust, have their shoulders and backs well washed with warm, not hot water, then thoroughly dried. Their feet and legs should be well brushed and in fact they should be well brushed all over, and this too before washing.

Horses that are worked hard should not be put on pasture alone. Grass is too waxy to keep up their vitality. But they should be allowed some run on pasture to tone up the system. Too many people feed too much hay, thus filling them over full of dry feed and causing them to be short of breath and cannot go to do any good.

WORK IN THE POULTRY YARD. Neglecting to cleanse the drinking vessels invites disease. Fall is the best time of year to purchase geese for next year's breeding.

Some people make the mistake of selling all good birds and retaining the poor ones. Unless one understands the process of forcing, it is seldom wise to wait for prices to go up.

Carelessness in the matter of cleanliness about the roosting quarters is a very common cause of disease. Geese do not mate as readily as other fowls, and it is therefore advisable to procure them several months before the laying season arrives.

As a rule we should engage the stock some time in the summer. Have birds shipped after the weather gets cold. This gives the birds time to become accustomed to their surroundings.

Be careful in handling fowls, especially ducks and geese. Ducks have very weak joints and it always injures them more or less to catch them by the legs.

Overfeeding, overcrowding and lack of ventilation cause much loss among amateur poultry keepers. A large percent of the chicks die and those that survive are runty and undersized.

Even in cold weather be vigilant and see the whitewash pall and brush at least once a week. The mites are busy taking the life from the bodies of our best layers and a house-infested hen will not lay.—Home and Farm.

TUBERCULOSIS GERMS IN BUTTER. The danger from tuberculosis germs in butter is pointed out in a publication just issued as Circular 127 of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

U. S. Department of Agriculture. This circular reports experiments made by Dr. E. C. Schroeder and Mr. W. E. Cotton, at the Bureau of Experiment Station. Butter was made from the milk of a tuberculous cow, and after being kept for different lengths of time it was inoculated into more than 50 guinea pigs in order to determine how long the germs live and retain their virulence in butter.

The results of these experiments prove conclusively that tubercle bacilli may live and retain their virulence in ordinary salted butter practically four and a half months or even longer, and they give new evidence of the danger from the use of tuberculous cows for dairy purposes.

GOOD DAIRY COWS. A correspondent of Hoard's Dairyman says he has fourteen cows in 18 1/2 and for two weeks sold 5,978.5 pounds of milk at 14 cents per gallon. His milk tests 4.4 per cent cream fat. He feeds fresh malt, giving each cow all they will eat of it twice a day.

When buying a horse look for width between the eyes, a large brain, a pleasant look out of the eyes, and a fine coat of hair. When the little pigs are weaned, put the sows out of their bearing for a while.

The hog lots should be dry. Burn over the feeding places at least once each year. Charcoal, sulphur and salt should be kept in every pen and hog lot, as they are correctives and are relished by the hogs.

Take care not to allow food to sour in the pig troughs. Feed just what the pigs will eat up clean; if any remains clean it out.

HAYING. Cut clover hay when about half the blossoms are brown; cut timothy just as the bloom is falling. Curing clover: Cut it as soon as the dew is off in the morning. At noon shake out the bunches, rake into windrows before evening dews get on it, and let it lie until next day.

BOILING CROPS. We have to depend largely on corn silo for our roughage. What other crop can we grow to best advantage to lessen the grain required to make a balanced ration? I am sowing my herd, E. D. B. (For sowing crops alfalfa strongly leads in all places where it can be made to grow; next stands corn, followed by oats and peas, green rye, clover, rape and cabbage.)

SETTING FENCE POSTS. Some farmers argue that it is best to set posts early in the fall, when the ground is solid. Of course a post carefully set at any time will remain in its place, but the fall season is really a much worse time than in the spring. Digging the hole makes the soil loose and if done in the fall it has not time to become compact again.

WOMANLY WISDOM. To free a house of mice, sprinkle red pepper where they are likely to run in it. They will soon leave. Don't discourage the boy when he comes to you with his cares or troubles. Sympathize with him, and thank God he confides in you.

INSPECT THE DIAMONDS. Way of the De Beers-Premier Combination with Its Customers. Some jewelers were discussing the diamond situation and one of them told about a thing that was new to a merchant from out of town, says the New York Sun.

connected some years ago, and it is trying still to get back on the list. "When you realize that the other 2 per cent of diamonds comes from Brazil in a position to do things in that way."

He Had Gorgonzola. "Walter, have you any Gorgonzola cheese?" "Yes, sir." "It is very nice and white?" "Yes, sir, very white."

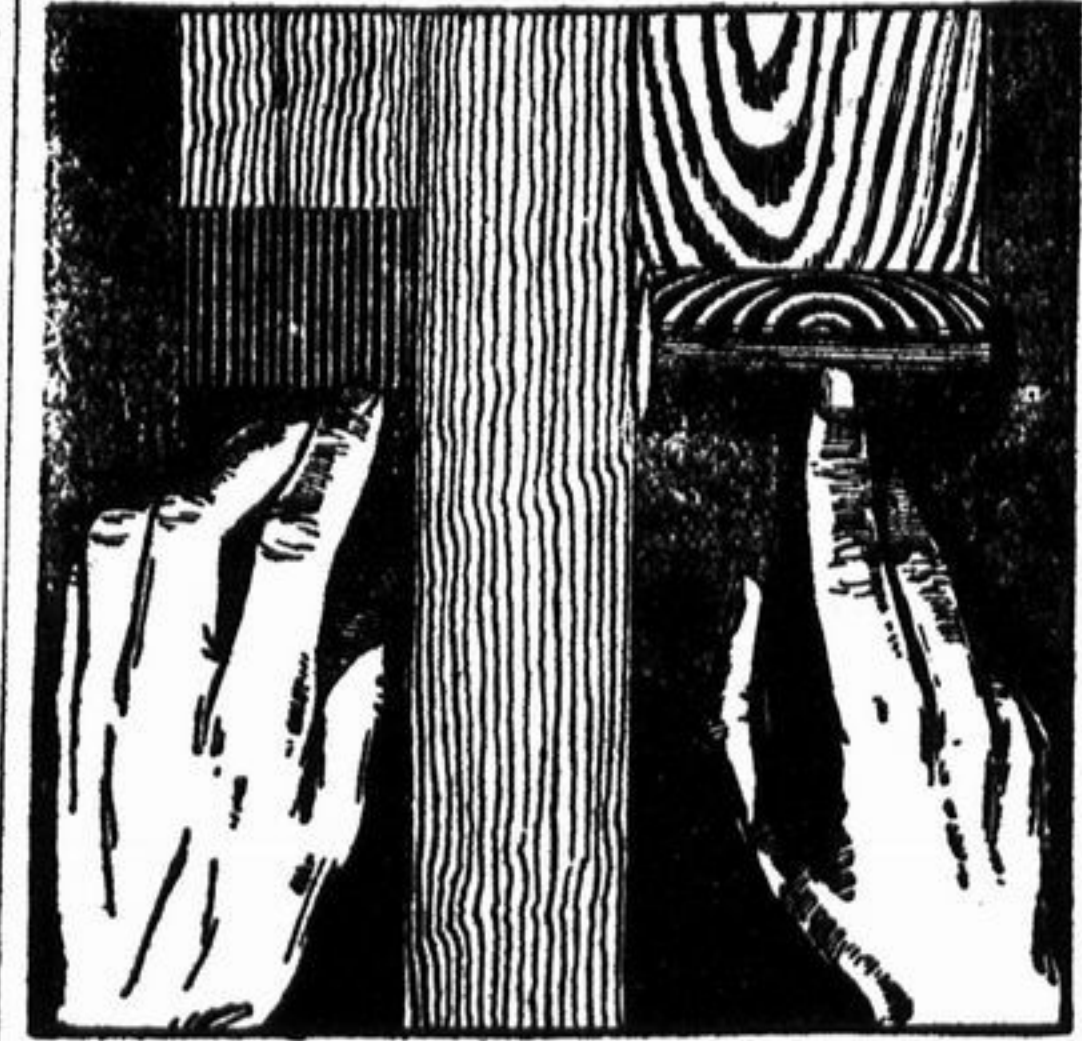
"And good and hard in the middle?" "Oh, yes, sir. Stone hard."

"Thanks, Gorgonzola cheese ought to be green and very soft!"—Body's Magazine

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