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OLD REMEDIES MAY STILL BE GOOD ADVICE

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CURE FOR BALKINESS. A Simple Remedy Which Will Start a Horse Ninety-Nine Times Out of a Hundred. For the benefit of those who have been caused a great of anxiety by a balky horse, lost trains as well as tempers, and even sometimes ruined the horse, says a correspondent in the *Horseshoer's Journal*, I will give your readers a remedy which, no matter how bad he is, will start such a horse 99 times out of 100. Of course it may fail one time in a hundred. When a horse balks, no matter how badly he sulks or how ugly he is, do not beat him; don't throw sand in his ears; don't use a rope on his forelegs or even burn straw under him. Quietly go and pay him on the head a moment; take a hammer or even pick up a stone in the street; tell the driver to sit still, take his lines, hold them quietly, while you lift up either front foot; give each nail a light tap and a good smart tap on the frog; drop the foot quickly, and then chirp to him to go. In 99 cases out of 100 the horse will go right on about his business, but the driver must keep his lines taut and not pull or jerk him back. If I have tried this once I have tried it 500 times and every time I have suggested it people have laughed and even bet five dollars and bottles of wine that I could not do it. So far I have won every bet. This may make you smile, but a horse has more common sense than most people are willing to give him credit for. The secret of this little trick is simply diversion. I am a firm believer that with kindness and proper treatment a horse can be driven with a string.

Fattening Growing Fowls. It is often difficult to make growing chicks take on a desirable amount of fat ready for market. The tendency is for their food to make bone and muscle instead of fat and more food simply makes them grow faster. If they are fattened at all, it must be done in strict confinement and very quickly. They should be cooped up and fed all they will eat of corn meal and ground grain moistened with milk for about a week or at the most ten days. After that they will be likely to sicken and die from lack of nitrogenous food. In this time half-grown chickens should be made to gain one-fourth of their original weight. -Prairie Farmer.

Moles and Seed Corn. To prevent moles taking seed corn, first pour melted grease of any kind over the corn, then sift Paris green in over the greased corn and mix well. Just enough Paris green to make the corn green. The Paris green adheres to the grease on the corn and does not injure in the least. We have tried this two seasons where the moles has taken it, and secured a good stand of corn by using the Paris green. -Mrs. H.C. Campbell, in *Epitomist*.

Poultry Yard Notes. There is a renewal of the agitation about the color of egg shells. Feed the fowls properly and the color of the shell does not matter. It takes good feed to make good eggs. The best preventive of roup and other infectious diseases is perfect cleanliness about the poultry house and ground. No medicine can successfully combat filth, darkness and dampness. It is nonsense to talk about "wild" breeds and "tame" breeds. The so called "wild" breeds are tame enough when properly cared for and these are the breeds that lay the most eggs. Feed the hens the best when they lay the fewest eggs. If they are molting they need heavy feeding to help them to a new suit and if they are not laying it is because they are not properly fed. -Commercial Poultry.

How To Keep Cider Sweet. During the fall several of your readers asked for a recipe for keeping cider sweet. Enclosed find one that has been used for many years in this neighborhood and gives good satisfaction. I hardly think the amount used would have a deleterious effect on the system: Beat three eggs and six pounds of granulated sugar together. Dissolve two ounces of salicylic acid

and one half pint of alcohol or rum and stir into the sugar. When the cider is just right, add this mixture to a barrel (43 to 48 gallons), shake the barrel well and allow to settle for a few days.
-Rural World.

Infestation By Boil Weevil Here Is Not Serious. From the state plant board comes the information that in many sections of the state the infestation and damage by boil weevils has increased very materially during the past two weeks. While that is true in a general sense the report on Alcorn county is very satisfactory showing the minimum of infestation and damage. Tishomingo shows entire freedom from the pest in the fields that were tested. Less than one out of four farms in this county showed infestation. The department at Jackson is advising the farmers here to be on the watch and prepared to fight boil weevil immediately on its appearance, and thus minimize the damage.

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