



SO FAR THE month of March has shown a disposition about like that of this lamb. Sunny and mild days are drying the ground, making many farmers consider planting a few more acres of spring oats if possible. The lamb, incidently, is one of the spring crop at Green Meadows farm, Bareville. (LF Photo)

Stop 'Hardware' By Picking Up Wire, Metal

A spring cleanup around the barnyard on most farms can help eliminate one of the chief causes of "hardware disease" in cattle, according to a suggestion offered today by the American Foundation for Animal Health.

Cows have a peculiar trait which sometimes causes them to develop "hardware" trouble. Foundation authorities say it seems that cattle cannot separate from their feed the bits of metal, nails, wire, fence staples, and such items which may have been left in barnyards or pastures.

These pieces of metal collect in the fore stomach and may then work their way through the wall, piercing such vital organs as the heart or liver, and causing death. The best way to prevent this problem is to make a systematic cleanup of lots and pastures, collecting all such items. The foundation suggests that now, before the heavy work season, is the time to do it.

Where owners wish to guard

valuable animals against this condition, veterinarians generally insert a special magnet in the fore stomach. This magnet collects the metal particles and holds them in a position where they cannot do harm.

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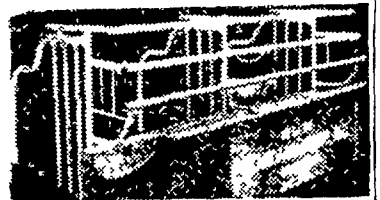
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