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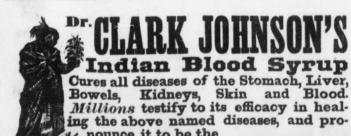
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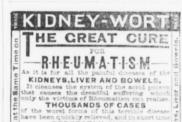


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much towards creating certain kinds the person's body. Take hold of the of horse stock that are greatly larger lamb's tail with a thumb and finger inated. But this could never have from its body, draw the skin of the breeding for size been practiced by possible. The other person with a acting upon the truism that light cuts off the tail close to the holder's feeding gives scant growth. While fingers. This will leave the bone of it is not expected that any man will the tail three-quarters of an inch attempt to secure a growth of twelve shorter than the skin. Then with a hundred pounds on an animal bred little paddle dipped in some pure to have only ten hundred and fifty, tar stick the skin above and below Ir you are troubled with daisies when matured, still, as stated, the the bone together by the tar sticking mow early and make hay of them. symmetry of such a horse depends in the wool. The skin being brought They make a pretty fair fodder if cut largely upon his muscular growth together over the bone soon heals having been pushed to a reasonable and as it grows, improves the ap-June is one of the busiest of "the limit during the whole of his devel- pearance of the sheep by growing busy months," but no one of its du- oping years, including his colthood, fat. The tar holds the skin together from the beginning. Full muscular while healing, and is a perfect safevigor, ambition, and agility in his guard against flies. Another way, movements, cannot be secured unless | but not so good, is to hold the lamb Don't forget that the best thing he has been freely nourished and ex- on a block as above described and to fill a vacant corn hill with is a creised. The exercise is undeniably cut the tail off by striking on a chisel cabbage plant. It will make more an important factor; but bear in with a mallet, and tar as above demind always, that the colt will have scribed. neither muscular tone nor courage to stand up to his exercise, in the absence of full rations.

starveling colt, so called, grows one ers, and may be so still to some exend one year, and the other end the tent, that grass ought to be cut as Major Alvord says that the value next year. Certain it is that the close as possible to the ground, for of corn for fodder is about the same insufficiently fed colt becomes weak it was so much thicker at the bottom, whether dry or made into ensilage; in his digestion, hence does not make that an inch there was worth two or and also, that while a ton and one- the most of the food given. Not a more at the top. This may be true third of dry fodder must be handled little passes through the bowels, thus or not, according to circumstances, in order to get a ton of solid food, robbing the tissues of their due. and the kind and quality of the grass five tons of ensilage must be handled Exposure of the colt to inclement to be cut. If it be the natural weather while yet of tender age en. growth on the broad meadows of the feebles digestion, and interrupts the | Connecticut, or similar river bottoms, Agricultural Commissioner Lor- growth. No amount of pushing, so or a very fine-stalked variety, like ing fails to satisfy the farmers, the far as the feed is concerned, will June grass, or the short-growing agricultural press and other well avail anything while the disturbance white clover, then an inch at the wishers of agricultural progress, but from this exposure continues, but base may be worth two at the top. it is reported that he is a great suc- will, on the other hand, aggravate If it is Timothy, orchard, or any the difficulty. The old Scotch saying, other coarse-stalked grass, or red that "the breed goes in at the mouth," clover, then two to four inches at the attended by all the political notables while very far from being true, still bottom may not be worth one at the at the capital. The handsome doc- shows quite clearly, that the Scotch top, especially if left standing until tor shines more brilliantly as a poli- discovered the potent influence ex. passed blossoming and the seed betician than as an agriculturist or an erted by food in perfecting the forms gins to form. of domests animals. No people know | Coarse, rank grasses are usually WE congratulate the farmers of better than the English and Scotch, divested of leaves near the ground Pennsylvania upon the prospect for whose very living depends upon their when attaining their full growth; the establishment of an Experimental success with their domestic animals, and if they are cut close, the stubs Station in the not distant future. that to be profitable and always in are left so short as to be no protec-The bill authorizing the station and demand, they must be well nourished, tion against the hot summer sun.

manured for apples as well as for cutting too close, a fair second growth potatoes or corn?

the station in operation at as early a boys can make with a jack-knife, will be at least a good protection for the day as the details of the plan can be keep birds out of a cherry tree in roots during winter, and give an

Water for irrigating strawbarries crop in having time. can often be provided with some expense and a little energy, and made has given the farmers a great advan-A LANCASTER county farmer clean. per cent. during some years. Water they can so set the bars and cutting ed off a piece of land and treated is of immense benefit to berries dur- knives, etc., of these, as to cut high

money and time had been wasted" in to get a full crop now and then most four different stages of growth. of his competitors have the same. When a man's location for small fruit-growing is good he had better utilize it for all it is worth in preference to trying to grow the larger

How to Dock Lambs.

Cor. of Practical Farmer. The inhumane, savage and destructive manner in which lambs are often docked, by catching hold of the no lice will appear in three weeks.lamb's tail with one hand and slash- Phila. Press. ing it off with a knife in the other. while the little innocent is struggling with all of its strength to get away, rior to form, but in animal breeding thus tearing the bone of the tail half and seed breeding alike, for profitable or three-fourths of an inch longer use, pedigree and form must be allied than the skin, exposed to the flies in order to secure maximum results. and scorching sun for weeks to heal __Dr. Sturtevant .. over, if it ever does heal, many of them dying from the work of maggots-this custom, we say, induces us to give a mode far more humane

The operation requires two per- times a day.

sons. One sitting on a bench should hold the lamb on its back between Crossing to secure size has done his knees, the lamb's head towards than the stock from which they orig- of both hands one and a half inches been accomplished had not this tail as close to the lamb's body as men who fed well from the start; sharp pair of toe or pruning shears,

Cutting Grass for Hay.

If dry weather follows for a few weeks subsequently, it will greatly injure the grass, and sometimes kill

Why should not the ground be it. When protection is left by not is ensured, which, if not sufficient by A little windmill, such as some autumn, for rowen or pasture, it will case a tiny bell is attached to it. earlier start in spring and a better

to pay a hundred, if not a thousand, tage in harvesting their grass, for part of it with lime and left another ing a dry season at ripening time. or low, as desired. There is a con-One thing is always to be said in siderable difference of opinion still favor of small fruit culture over existing among farmers as to the of his field no better than that where large fruits: The grower can count, best time for cutting their grass for lime had not been applied. He had with decent care, an annual crop. hay. Some contend, if for milch therefore come to the conclusion that Pears, apples, peaches, plums, etc., cows, it should be cut before the great deal of money and time had fail totally every few years, but the grass begins to blossom, if for other been wasted on an article that had berries do not fail one season in ten; kinds of stock, at the time of flowdone no good.' Probably if that and when they fail partially the high-ering, while some contend that for same farmer should give one of his er prices make partial or total horses the seed should be nearly ripe. farm horses a good feed of oats, amends for the small crop. Berries, In order to settle this point satisfacleaving the other without any, and at too, can be raised in one year, or torily, it would be well for the Agrithe end of twenty-five days should less, after planting, but for the large cultural Colleges to extend their find one no better than the other, he fruits one must wait three or four careful experiments with the various would conclude that "a good deal of years at least, and when he happens grasses and clover cut at three to

> June is not a good time to have hens engaged in the incubating business. It is too favorable to the breeding of lice. Still a little of eternal vigilance and kerosene will go far to prevent the evil. Set the ben in a nest box, scald it out first, then rub it well with kerosene, especially the cracks, use clean litter (first scalded) for a nest, and ordinarialy

As in animals, breed seems supe-

A FARMER who wants to do the best possible with a crop of potatoes or corn, can hoe and cultivate every day to advantage, or indeed several