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#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

#### FAT SOW TO FARROW

Sow, bred at five months of age, on January 8th, 1910, not supposed to be in pig, fed for pork on a mixture of corn and oats and barley, scalded, up to March 1st, fit for the butcher, now proves to be in pig. Am now feeding on a mixture of bran and ground oats, with raw roots, and giving plenty of exercise in yard. At present her weight is 300 lbs. With this feeding and treatment, would it be risky to keep her to farrow? Is it risky on account of her age? Will be 34 weeks old at farrowing time. Would you advise making into pork? There is demand for little pigs at \$2.50 each.

E. H. W. Ans .- There would be no great risk in keeping sow to farrow, and that is what we think you had better do. The feed and treatment you are giving is very suitable indeed, though it would be well if the sow's weight could be reduced somewhat. Plenty of exercise is very

### FEEDING POTATOES.

1. Are potatoes good feed for sows heavy in pig, and nursing little pigs " How should they be fed ?

2. Are they good feed for pregnant mares? I am feeding them successfully to new milch cows. Is there any danger of overfeeding, so long as the cows do L. F. B.

Ans.-1. Potatoes cooked so as to leave them dry and mealy, then mashed and mixed with meal, make a palatable and satisfactory hog food. We see no reason why they should not be good for sows. either with pig or suckling litters.

2. We have no experience on this point, nor can we find any very conclusive data on the subject. We should not consider potatoes a very satisfactory horse feed, however, unless fed in small quantity. 3. In some experiments on record, potatoes fed raw and sliced seemed to stimulate milk production when fed in such quantity as to furnish not over half the total dry matter consumed. Fed on potatoes exclusively, the cows shrunk in weight, and after a time took their feed with repugnance.

#### NURSERY STOCK - TREES FOR PLANTING.

1. I have been told that nursery stock from the Ottawa district grows better in Eastern Ontario. Could you give me he name and address of a reliab sery in that district?

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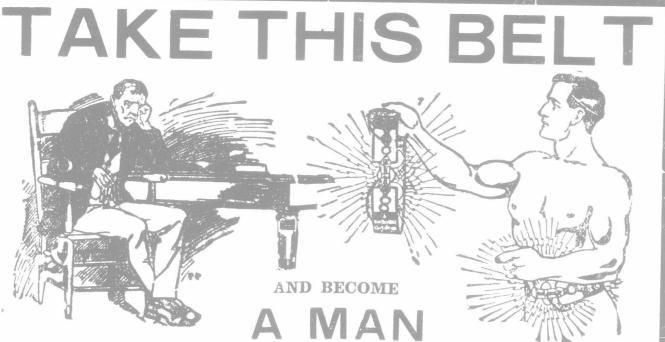
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2. What kind of trees are most suitable for planting around a house on limestone land, soil from one to two feet in depth? Where could they be obtained. and what is the best time for planting. and probable cost. D. F. F.

Ans.-1. The kind, or variety, of tree. is more important than the part of Ontario in which it is grown. Good stock of hardy varieties is about as likely to do well if the trees have been grown in Western Ontario as if they had been grown in Eastern Ontario. Sometimes the trees make very vigorous growth in the rich soils of Western Ontario, and may not be thoroughly ripe when dug, hence are occasionally liable to suffer the first winter after planting, but on the other hand, trees grown in Eastern Ontario may sometimes be affected with "black heart," which is against them, so that there is not much choice between them. For addresses of nursery firms consult the advertising columns.

2. Trees which should succeed in the soil mentioned and be ornamental about the house, are the European Cut-leaved Birch, the European Mountain Ash, the Hard Maple, Bechtel's Double-flowering Crab Apple, and almost any variety of Crab Apple, Schwedler's Norway Maple. Ginnalian Maple, Red Oak, and Japanese Catalpa. Good evergreens are the White Norway and Blue Spruces, the White. Austrian and Dwarf Mountain Pines. The best time to plant these is early in the spring, as soon as the ground is dry enough to work. The cost depends on the size of the tree planted and the variety. Prices are obtained on applica-

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