

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

APPLE BARREL.

What is the legal weight of a barrel of apples, exclusive of the barrel?

L. W. K.

Ans.—The only regulation fixing the contents of a barrel of apples is that it shall be at least twenty-six and a quarter inches from end to end inside of the head; diameter of head, seventeen inches, and of middle eighteen and a half inches; representing as near as possible ninety-six quarts. The weight is not considered in Canada.

POTATO PLANTER AND SPRAYER.

A reader in Huron County asks: "Where can I get a potato planter and sprayer?"

J. P.

Ans.—We have not been able to learn of potato planters being made in Canada. American manufacturers have been asked to place planters upon our market, but they claim there is not sufficient business to be done. As for sprayers, any of those advertising in the "Farmer's Advocate" can be recommended.

CHICAGO VOLUNTEER.

Will you kindly let me know through the "Advocate" the breeding and register number of Chicago Volunteer. He travelled through Glencoe, Wardsville and Newbury; I think, the seasons of 1880 and 1881?

CONSTANT READER.

Ans.—The American Trotter Register Association Studbook has the following: 2611 Chicago Volunteer (4) b. h., foaled 1871, by Volunteer 55, dam Lady Diamond, by Billy Rex, etc. (see Vol. 14); bred by H. C. Goodrich, Chicago, Ill.

GEESE AND TURKEYS.

Would you kindly describe to me the best nest for geese, and also the best nest for turkeys, and the proper way to manage turkeys while hatching.

O. McC.

Ans.—We discussed the raising of turkeys in our February 11th issue. As for nests, secluded places about fences arranged by leaning boards from the ground to the fence, or in some such manner, are generally considered the best nests for turkeys and geese. These fowl prefer to make their own nests, but the devices mentioned encourage them to nest in desirable places.

PLANTING HEDGE.

1. Is it best to buy cedars for a hedge from a nursery, or will those got from a cedar swamp do as well?

2. Is it best to plow a row for the hedge, or just dig holes for each tree?

3. How far apart should the cedars be planted and how deep?

4. What time in the year should the hedge be set out?

C. D.

Ans.—1. Cedars from a nursery would, no doubt, make a better start, but taken from a swamp they do all right. It is well to choose those about three feet high, and when planted, cut down to an even height of one and a half feet. They do better than smaller ones which need no cutting back. It is a good idea also to plant a few extra ones in a clump in the garden to replace any that may die.

2. It is best to plow. An ordinary double furrow is a good place in which to plant a hedge. A width of at least a foot on each side of hedge should be thoroughly hoed or mulched for the first two years.

3. About a foot and a half apart will do very well, though many plant only a foot apart, and no doubt they might be put much wider. They should be put from one to two inches deeper than where they grew.

4. Just after spring grain seeding is as good a time as any, perhaps the best.

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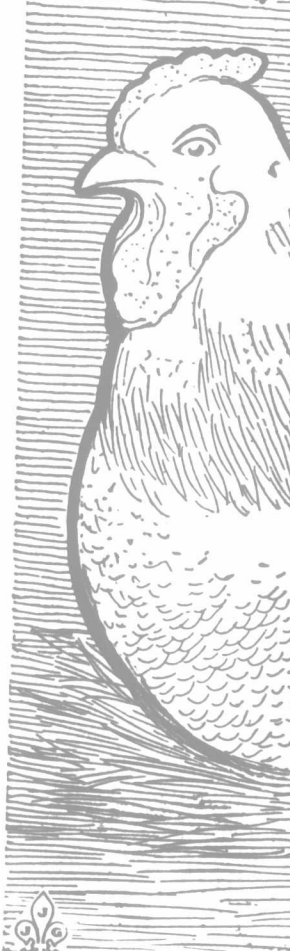
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