### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

HOG-FEEDING QUESTIONS. 1. At what price could wheat be more profitably fed to hogs than sold?

2. Which would be the cheaper to feed, wheat at 68c. per bushel, or corn at \$21 per ton?

3. Will it pay better to buy middlings at \$22 per ton to feed young pigs along with oats and barley, or oats and barley fed alone ?

4. Will it pay better to feed mangels or sugar beets, with a little grain, than to feed grain exclusively ? N. K. W. Ans .- That depinds on the price of pork, the price of other feeds, the skill of the feeder, his facilities as to stabling, and a number of other factors. In general, it may be said that wheat is a valuable food for swine; worth more, pound for pound, perhaps, than any other leading grain, except peas. As a purely fattening food, it is hardly equal to corn, though a combination of wheat and corn would give greater gains than either alone, while the addition of some wheat would insure the production of more lean meat and a better quality of bacon. An idea of how wheat compares with other grains may be gleaned from the following figures, quoted from Henry :

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Wheat	10.2	69.2	1.7
orn	7.9	66.7	4.3
Barley		05.6	1.6
.)ats		47.3	4.2
'eas		51.8	

At the prices named, buy wheat chiefly for the young growing pigs, for the finishing stage make freer use of corn. 3. It will certainly pay to feed young

pigs one-third to one-half middlings at price quoted.

4. It pays to provide pigs with a few roots in addition to their grain ration, but chief reliance should be placed upon the meal rather than the roots.

MILLET FOR HAY-GREEN MA-NURING-MARE ON TREAD-POWER.

1. Seeding down with clover last spring was almost a failure in our sec-Would millet make a good substiion. tute for hay? How would you prepare a field for it that is already plowed in the fall? What time is best to sow, and how much seed per acre?

2. Could you suggest anything to sow early in the spring to make good growth enrich a field by plowing it under, and have it in time to sow rape for fall feed, the field being plowed in the fall ?

3. Is it injurious in any way to use a mare that is in foal on the tread-power in hort spells, if she is kept well shod



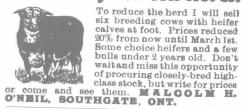
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no danger of slipping, and only walk at a slow gait? A. G.

Ans.-1. For such a purpose, millet will give fairly good satisfaction, though our own preference would be to sow a mixture of outs and peas to cut in the milk stage, and make into hay. Land for millet should be harrowed or disked as early as convenient, then worked repeatedly until time for sowing. The soil should he well fined. There is no use sowing hefore settled warm weather arrives, say. the last of May or first of June. Of the smaller varieties of millet, sow from two to four pecks of seed per acre. Cover lightly with harrow.

2. It is doubtful whether it would pay to sow a crop as suggested. If anything is tried, we would suggest peas, 2 bushels per acre.

3. We should doubt the wisdom of working an in-foal mare on a tread-rower owing to the risk of slipping or straining in getting in and out of the box, but much depends on the disjosition of the mare, and care in handling her. The position of the mare on the tread-power causes a pressure towards the rear, which might bring on abortion, if the mare had any tendency that way. Getting on and off the power is also attended with some risk. It is probable that the mare might be used on the power until a month or so before foaling without iniury; at the same time there is an element of risk.

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