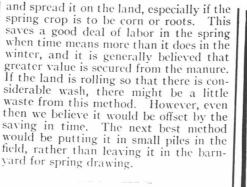


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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Pasture Crops -Sweet Clover.

I. What kind of seeds should I sow on the flats of a creek or river to give good pasture, as the wild grass dries up so early?

2. I have a patch of ox-eye daisies; how can they be eradicated? I have pulled them but still they grow.

3. Do you advise mixing chop with the milk for young pigs, or is it better to feed the chop dry and give the milk afterwards?

4. Is salt good for pigs? How much should be fed? 5. Is white sweet clover a profitable

crop to grow for hay or pasture?

6. I have a pasture field which has not a very thick bottom. I want to leave it for a few years yet. Would sweet clover sown in the spring on the snow be of any value for pasture?

How much cottonseed meal should be fed per day to fat cattle?

8. I have a turkey hen and her head is swollen below the eyes. There is a dis-charge from the nostrils. What is the cause and cure for the trouble?

9. Is fine gravel and sand as good for laying hens as grit? J. A. H.

Ans.-1. Red top grass and alsike clover would give as fresh a pasture the season through as any crop that could be grown. Orchard grass gives an early and late pasture but it makes a bunchy sod.

2. Ox-eye daisies are a pasture and hay-land weed. They are seldom found growing in a cultivated crop. It is very difficult to eradicate them from perma-nent pasture or sod. If the field could be brought into a regular rotation it would be the quickest and most satisfactory method of getting rid of the weed. Otherwise, preventing it from going to seed will in time reduce the number.

3. For young pigs, where only a limited amount of grain is fed, we prefer mixing it with the milk. There is less waste in this way.

4. Pigs require a little salt, the same as other animals. There is no definite amount which should be fed, as it will depend on the pigs. An occasional handful in the feed proves satisfactory, or the pigs might be given access at all times to a mixture of salt, sulphur, charcoal, etc.

5. Cut at the right time, sweet clover makes very good hay, but if allowed to get too woody, it is rather unpalatable. It gives splendid results as a pasture and continues growing through the heat of

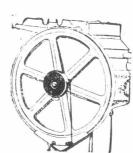
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clover, if sown this spring, will no doubt give a certain amount of feed in the fall, but will give best results the following year. There will doubtless be enough plants go to seed in the pasture to save applying seed each spring.

7. Two or three pounds of cottonseed in combination with other concentrates is very good feeding. S. This is evidently a case of roup.

Bathe the head in a solution of commercial roup cure or a 5-per-cent. solution of potassium permanganate. Isolate the diseased bird from the main flock; keep the pen well ventilated and free from draft. It is advisable to disinfect the houses occasionally to prevent spread of 9.

A gritty gravel and sand would possibly be as good as the grit which you buy for hens, but particles of sand and gravel which are rounded do not serve the purpose as well.

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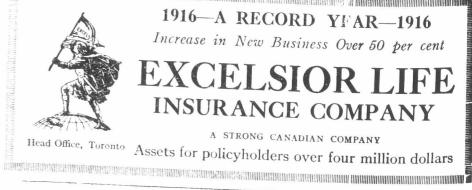
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