

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Ouestions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Crippled Pig.

I have a pig which is a cripple. It cannot walk. Last winter it started to lie around, but I did not think anything about it until I noticed that it did not come to its feed as usual, and when it was touched it would squeal as if it was sore all over. At that time I was feeding it shorts, and I changed its feed to chop and it seemed to get better, but it never has been able to walk. It does not seem to grow any although it eats quite heartily. I turned it outdoors and am feeding it milk, raw potato peelings and pig weed, etc. Would you advise me to pig weed, etc. change its feed? Would potato peelings be better cooked? Could you recommend some treatment so that it would regain the use of its limbs? H. E. R.

Ans .--- The pig has rheumatism commonly known as crippling. Keep it out-side as much as possible. Keep dry, however. It is necessary to have a shelter in the paddock. Nothing could be better than sour milk for the pig. Give also a little light chop and plenty of green feed. Pig weeds are all right. Clover would be better. Try a little Try a little Epsom salts in the feed for a few feeds. Boil the potato peelings. The pig may recover but it takes time.

Muscovy Ducks.

Are Muscovy ducks a desirable table fowl?

2. How much would they weigh when fit for market?

3. How many ducks is it advisable to mate with one male?

4. Do they require a creek for swim-ming in or will they thrive without running water? Give a few instructions on feeding and care from the time they are hatched until they are mature.

5. Do they lay many eggs?

- 6. Are they inclined to be broody?
- 7. Where could I get eggs for hatch-

8. How are the drakes distinguished from the ducks?

9. Will they stand confinement?

10. Are they quarrelsome with other poultry?

11. Can they be forced for market at ten or twelve weeks old?

12. Are they good foragers?

13. Are they susceptible to disease or J. R. C.

Ans.-1. They are a very good table

fowl.

2. Standard weight for a young drake is 8 pounds, and a young duck, 7 pounds.



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