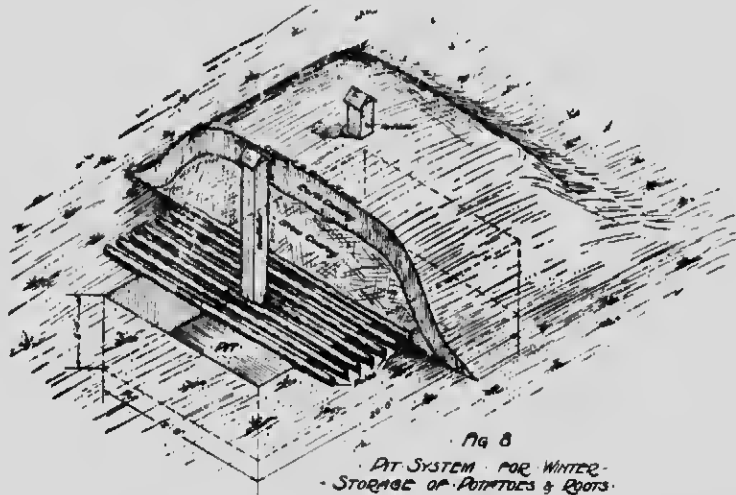


the weather is cold, then they should be stuffed with old bags or straw. The large amount of straw placed on the pit not only serves to keep out frost but also absorbs the moisture thrown off from the potatoes.



The chief objection to the pit system is that the potatoes cannot be got at during the cold weather. Pits are therefore only used by farmers who intend to carry over a certain part of their crop until the next spring.

