

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

BUYING CORN TO FEED.

Will it pay me to buy half as much corn as the number of bushels of grain I raise on my farm, and feed everything up to a lot of pigs, and keep a lot of good cattle and buy a certain quantity of feed?

C. R. I.

Ans.—It will depend largely upon how good a buyer, seller, and feeder you are, and upon the care taken of the farm-yard manure. Unless you are a first-class manager, it is very questionable.

SIZE OF EGGS—BREWERS' YEAST.

1. Which of the three following breeds lays the largest eggs, and which are considered the best all-year-round layers, B. Rocks, White Wyandottes, or R. I. Reds?

2. Are White Leghorn and Rose-comb B. Minorcas considered fair winter layers?

3. Give recipe for making brewers' yeast.

J. A. T.

Ans.—1. Of these three breeds, the Wyandottes lay the smallest egg. As between the other two, we do not know that there is much difference. Possibly the Rocks would have it. They are all fairly good layers.

2. Yes; fair.

3. If some special recipe is meant by this, perhaps some reader may be able to oblige.

ROOT CELLAR, SILO AND STRAW SHED.

I have decided to build a cement root house at the end of the barn nearest the hill. When my root house would be built, the cement portion would just reach the surface of the earth. Over this I would like to build a frame structure in which to put my cut straw.

1. Do you think it would be wise to have my silo floor in one end of the root house?

How would you advise me to complete the roof of the silo, and also how to form the roof of the shed around the silo?

3. Do you think the silo could be injurious in any way to the roots?

4. What kind of ceiling would you recommend for the root house?

5. I have been advised to have a large trough in which to mix the food; but as I do not quite understand what is required, I would feel grateful for any information you could furnish.

W. J. C.

Ans.—1 and 2. We are not sure that we clearly understand the proposal. If it is to build a root cellar along the whole end of the barn and then take out part of the space for a silo, we would not approve. It is a waste of wall to enclose the ground area of a silo. A fairly commendable arrangement would be to build the silo at the south or east end of the root cellar, merely running the latter up to the silo. A feed chute might connect silo and barn, thus completing the end of the straw loft above. The straw being piled against north or west side of silo would reduce difficulty from freezing of silage. As the silo would probably run above the roof of the straw loft, we would cover the former with an ordinary circular roof (not forgetting one or two dormers), and build the roof of the straw shed up against the silo and silo chute, taking great care to flash the joints.

3. The proximity of silo would not seriously affect the roots, but the atmosphere of a root cellar might not conduce to the longevity of a stave silo.

4. All things considered, we would recommend a reinforced cement slab as being more durable than plank.

5. Never mind the trough. All you need is a bit of cement-floor space on which to pile silage and cut straw. This might be provided off the corner of the root cellar, which is next the silo chute.



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BARNS BURNED IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

Farmers Lose Live Stock and Crops—Planing Mill at Niagara Falls and Large Stock of Lumber Destroyed—Other Fires.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Lindsay, Sept. 15.—A more than ordinary electric storm, doing considerable damage, passed over this section this morning at about 1 o'clock in the rural districts. Several barns were destroyed by fire from lightning. Among others the following have been reported: The barn of Nicholas Ops, containing the season's crop, was destroyed by Mrs. Shea, total loss \$1,000. The barn of Wm. H. Skuce of Mount Pleasant, containing the season's crop, was destroyed by lightning, total loss \$1,000. The dwelling house and barns of Mr. Lamb of the township of Verulam are reported destroyed, but no particulars have been received. In the township of Lindsay the storm was

Another Barn Burned.
St. Catharines, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Lightning struck and set fire to the barn of John Bertram on the town line between Louth and Clinton, about a mile north of Vineland, on Tuesday night. There was a heavy electrical storm in that vicinity, and the barn was entirely destroyed, with its contents, including two valuable horses. Most of the implements were destroyed. The loss will be about \$1,000 or \$2,000. The barn was a storage for crops and sheaves of grain.

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TRADE TOPIC.

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