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Ans.—When there was no stated agree-ment we do not think he is in a position to claim wages.

Ginseng.

Where can I secure a book giving in-formation on the growing of ginseng? Where can I obtain the seed, and what is the price? A. K.

Ans.—A book entitled "Ginseng" may be secured through this office for 50 cents. Some of the seed firms advertise the seed of this plant. The price varies, so that we are unable to give the information for this spring. You may find it in some of the seed catalogues.

Fertilizer for Beans.

1. Is there a publication on farm machinery issued in Canada?

2. What fertilizer would you recom-mend for beans, on light soil?

3. Will beans ripen earlier on land that was in oats last year, or on sod plowed in the fall? N. B.

Ans.—1. We do not know of a farm machinery publication, except those put out by several of the manufacturing firms.

2. Acid phosphate and muriate of potash are recommended for beans, or, in fact, for all legumes. About 320 lbs. of the former and 130 lbs. of the latter makes a very good application per acre.

3. It depends a good deal on the nature of the soil. We would be inclined to say that the beans would possibly do better on the sod.

Fence Posts—Piggery—Ration.

1. Will steel fence posts heave out in low, wet ground?

2. Which would you prefer for a basement of a piggery, a stone or con-crete wall?

3. What is a good ration for fattening a bull? L. W.

Ans.—1. The steel posts are not likely to heave very much.

2. Both cement and stone walls are cold and damp. We would not care to build them over two feet high, and then have frame from there up.

3. Feed all the roughage the animal will take, consisting of roots, cut straw and clover hay. Then feed concen-trates according to his appetite. Oats and corn, with a little oil cake, make a very good fattening ration. The amount to feed will depend a good deal on the size of the animal. The man who is feeding can tell when the ration is over-done.

Silo.

1. I am thinking of putting up a silo next summer and would appreciate your advice on the kind to build. Is silage more likely to freeze in a cement silo than in a wooden one?

2. Does cement draw the moisture out of the silage?

3. Would a concrete silo cost more than a wooden one? I am thinking of building a silo 10 by 30 feet. I can get gravel and sand quite handily. R. W.

Ans.—1. Either cement or wood makes a very satisfactory silo. Concrete is generally considered to be more perma-nent, but the wooden silos made to-day from treated lumber will last a long time; in fact, their life-time is not known. One must be careful to have it properly gayed or stayed so that the silo will not commence to lean one way or the other. It is generally claimed that the silage will freeze a little more in the concrete silo than in a wooden one. At any rate, it will peel off the wood quicker than off the concrete.

2. Not to any noticeable extent.

3. It all depends on the price of cement, the distance you have to draw the gravel, and the amount a contractor will charge to erect a silo. A silo 10 by 30 feet would require approximately 25 cubic yards of gravel and 21 barrels of cement, with an 8-inch wall. It would take possibly six days to erect the silo. With this information you can figure out what your concrete silo would cost, and then compare it with the price quoted you on wooden silos.



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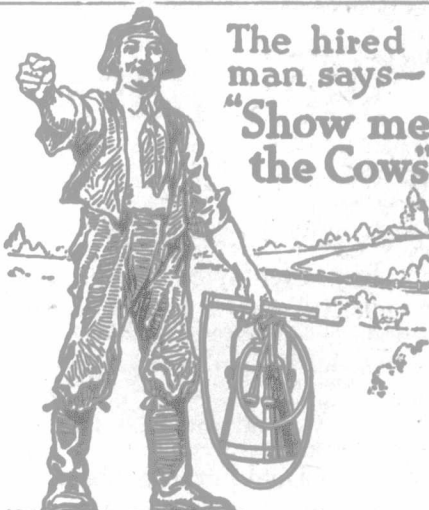
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