

them. When dried or sifted, and the juice of the fibrous matter separated they will keep like starch for ages. These rasped potatoes put into a linen bag, and well pressed, then divided into small cakes become friable and very proper to be used in Soups, &c.

For fattening Swine.—Wash Potatoes clean, boil and mash while hot—mix in at the same time oats and pea meal. Put the mixture into a large tub, which must stand till it becomes sour but not putrid. Keep a quantity of this on hand, always fermenting and giving it to your hogs as often as they will eat. It is said that Pork may be fattened in this way and make a saving of one third of the food and time consumed in the usual mode.

CANADA THISTLES.

Worcester, July 23.—Mr. Editor,—Having seen several articles in your paper relating to the Canada Thistle, and having had the satisfaction of destroying several bunches of them in a manner different from what I have seen described, I feel disposed to communicate it to the public. In 1822, I discovered the Canada Thistle in a pasture where I kept 20 sheep; I mowed them twice or three times in wet weather, but they appeared to grow the faster for it, and had by the next spring spread over three times as much ground as they first occupied, and were in a flourishing state. I caused them to be cut once more. I then took about two quarts of salt and spread over the thistles, and the sheep being hungry for it, they soon ate what they could, and continued on the spot until they had stamped much of the grass and thistles into the dirt. I continued to throw on salt once or twice a week for several months, and frequently put in other cattle when they needed salt, so that the ground in a short time was almost bare, and what few thistles were to be seen were covered with rust. The next season I ploughed and planted and sowed it, and I believe there is now not a single thistle on the piece. I discovered another bunch of them in another piece the next year, which I treated in the same manner, and have now on the ground a piece of corn, but have the satisfaction to say there are no thistles in the field.—*American paper.*

Caterpillars can easily be destroyed. Put a brush on the end of a rod or pole, and wash the nests from the trees, while the worms are in them, with strong soap suds. The suds will instantly kill every caterpillar, large or small, that is wet with it, and at the same time help to freshen and invigorate the tree.

Hot water applied to the roots of trees will resuscitate them if they be worm-eaten. Many trees in a decaying condition have been saved by scalding them in this way. Pour the water round the tree slowly, and be careful that it penetrates to the