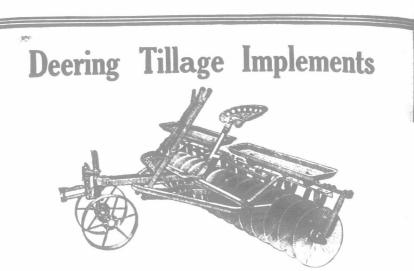
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## THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

**Questions and Answers**. Miscellaneous.

A Septic Tank on the Farm. I am thinking of building a new house and of having a water-supply system but do not know just how to dispose of the sewage, and would be obliged if you could give me some information through your paper. I have heard of septic tanks, but have been told that a hole dug in the ground is just as good. The lay of the land from the house is toward a creek which runs past the house, but has running water in it only a part of the time, as the main springs rise about 20 rods further down. My nearest neighbor's well is about 60 rods from here, on the same side of the creek as we are, and is higher up than we are There are neighbors living further down the creek about half a mile who use the creek water for household purposes. Do you think a hole dug in the ground would do just as good as going to the expense of a septic tank ? If so, I would like to know how deep it should be dug how far away from the house; what size of pipes to use; how it should be covered, and any other information you think I might need ? INQUIRER. Ans.-Under some circumstances a cess pool might give satisfaction in a case like this, but the ground must be very porous, and the disposal of solid matters cannot be very large. It would be wise when installing a service of this kind to establish a septic tank instead of a cess pool. When one considers the amount of digging and labor with a cess pool. the cost of a septic tank is not very The two important features of a septic

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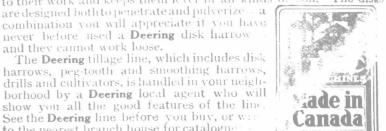
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