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Ouestions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Sweet Clover Seed. Can sweet clover seed be used for any other purpose than for seed? G. B.

Ans.-We have not heard of it being

Ans.-A mixture of 250 lbs. nitrate

of soda, 450 lbs. acid phosphate and 200 lbs. of muriate of potash is found to be good for onions. It may be drilled in

Paint. What is a recipe for making paint? J. A. M.

Ans.—One recipe for making paint for outside work is to stir into one gallon

of milk, 3 lbs. of Portland cement and add coloring to suit. This may be put on with a brush and it sets very quickly. The material must be frequently stirred to keep the cement from settling to the

Quicksand in Well.

satisfactory. Quicksand runs in and fills the space for the water. We can only pump a few pailfuls at a time. How can we get rid of it? T. R. R.

We have a drilled well but it is not

Ans.—It is difficult to check the sand

unless the well is drilled deeper and a

casing used to prevent the sand from getting in. In the end it would no

doubt pay to sink the well below the vein of quicksand.

Fertilizer

Can I obtain suitable fertilizer by plowing down a field of drilled corn that stands about 30 inches high? I wish to

prepare the field for tobacco next year.

2. Is rye a good substitute for clover to use on a clay loam soil? J. G. C.

plowed under enriches the soil consider-

a substitute for red clover as it does not increase the nitrogen content of the soil as does red clover.

Validity of Recipts. I have been buying on the instalment plan, and have made three payments,

receipts being received after each. I did

not notice until lately that they had

been written and signed in plain lead

Ans.—1. We have heard that corn

Rye plowed under helps to loosen a clay loam soil, but cannot be termed

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Are they of any value, when in lead pencil? 2. If not, what can I do to avoid paying the first three instalments the second time?

J. Y. R.

Ans.—1 and 2. The pencilled receipts are legally quite valid and sufficient.

Fly Trap. How can I make a fly trap? T. R.

Ans.—It is not stated whether the flies are to be caught on a small or large scale. As good a trap as we have seen is to take a barrel, remove both ends and put wire netting in the bottom, in the form of a cone, with the small opening at the apex. The top is also covered with netting. This barrel is set a few inches off the ground and some substance which attracts flies placed underneath it. As it is comparatively dark at the bottom and light at the top, the flies naturally rise towards the light and go through the small opening in the apex of the cone-shaped screen, from which it is difficult for them to escape.

Material for Wall.

How much cement will it take to build a wall 36 feet long, 7 feet high and 8 inches thick? How many bags of cement are there to a barrel?

2. I sowed sweet clover with rye last spring but I only see a spear here and there. Is it likely to come up next spring? I sowed the seed out of the same bag with oats and it came up very well.

Ans.—1. The wall would require about 9 cubic yards of gravel and 7 barrels of There are four bags to a barrel. 2. If the sweet clover is not growing now, we doubt if it would be advisable to depend on crop a next year.

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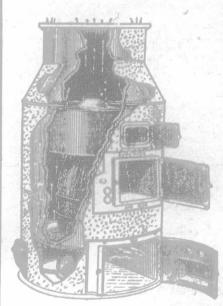
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