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Shoeing A "Tender" Horse.

How can I shoe a valuable horse which is thin in the front feet so he will not go lame? Have tried bar shoes.

Ans.-About the only thing we know is to place some kind of pad (rubber is good) under the shoe.

Mixing Oats and Barley.

Would you kindly inform me, through your valuable paper, whether, in mixing O. A. C. 21 barley and Daubeney oats for sowing, the oats and barley should be mixed, a bushel of one to a bushel of the other, by weight or by measure. I ask this as the Daubeney oats I have are a very heavy sample. Ans.-Mix by measure.

Seed Box for Cultivator.

I have a cultivator, but no seeder, and I would like to know whether a seed box put on the cultivator would be as good as a seed drill? I have seen the cultivator and seed box used, but have had no experience myself. D. O.

Ans.—A seed box on the cultivator gives good results. We have worked them, and know that they do good work Of course, only broadcasting can be done with them, and nowadays it is believed that drilling in the seed gives a little better returns. It is a question for yourself to decide. Either will sow the seed. The seed box may save a little time, while the drill may give a little better crop.

Fertilizer for Strawberries.

I saw an inquiry in "The Farmer's Advocate" re strawberries. I should like to know what time to put on the ashes, and what amount of bone-meal to mix with the ashes? What time would you sow it, when they are dry or when they are damp? J. G.

Ans.-Forty-two bushels of hardwood ashes, unleached, as they come from the house, will contain about as much fertilizer ingredients as 300 lbs. of the ordinarily mixed, complete fertilizer. If 30 bushels of ashes and from 100 to 150 lbs. of bone-meal per acre were applied, it would be a fairly liberal dressing. This should be sown in the spring or in the fall. It will not be too late after this answer appears to sow the ashes broadcast on the patch, without regard to moisture or climatic conditions.

Hunters.

1. Which size of Hunter is the most valuable -16,  $16\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $16\frac{1}{3}$  or  $16\frac{3}{4}$  hands high-providing all are equally well pro-

portioned? 2. What should be the weights of Hunters of the above heights, respectively?

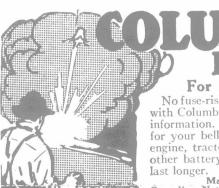
3. Does weighting to develop higher action for carriage purposes, impair their value for saddle purposes?

SUBSCRIBER. Ans.-1. Any one of the four sizes, "up to carrying different weights," would be of as much value as another, provided all were equally well put together and sound.

2. Ten to eleven hundred and fifty pounds, according to condition. 3. High action is not desired in saddle horses, and it might to a slight extent.

Alsike Prospects. I own 100 acres, and have 10 acres in wheat. It was alsike-clover sod and it might seed itself again. I have 11' acres fall plowed which I intend to sow with oats, and intend to put a ton of fertilizer on it and seed it down. I bought alsike seed to seed it with, but now I don't know which would be the better, to sow it, or change it and sow red clover instead. If the other field would catch, that would be enough to risk for seed, as we don't reckon much on alsike for hay. And the question is: How will the price of alsike seed be effected after another year on account of the war? Is America likely to use the seed for coloring purposes if Germany does not? The price of alsake seed is good enough yet.

Ans.-We make no attempts to forecast seed prices. Growers must take a chance. The war may be over long before the seed crop of 1916 is harvested. Prices may be low or high. Ten acres would seem a fair amount to risk unless it is extra good alsike land.



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