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Ans .- We can suggest nothing but letting her go dry and feeding her liberally. Occasionally, a cow is found that will not come in season while milking, but it is a rare case that goes so long after calving as the one described without showing signs of æstrum. Some stallioners claim that a forced service will generally bring a mare in season in a few days, but we have never heard this applied to cows.

FEEDING A BOAR.

Would feeding turnips and chopped screenings, which consist principally of foxtail seed and light oats and other seeds taken from cleaner at threshing time, have any effect on a boar not being successful as a stock-getter, he being successful before, being fed above-mentioned articles? Have been advised to quit feeding turnips, they being the cause of his being unfertile. Kindly inform me of your opinion. D. T.

Ans.-I do not think the feeding of a moderate amount of turnips would cause any injury, but that the trouble likely resulted from not feeding sufficient nourishing food along with the turnips The screenings were probably not sufficient to maintain the vigor of the animal. A few turnips are an excellent thing for a boar, but it must be remembered that a sufficient amount of nourishing food should be fed with it, and, in addition to this, the animal should receive plenty of exercise.

O. A. C. G. E. DAY. ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS.

I read an article in your issue of Feb 13th about artificial fertilizers, and would like to know something about how to treat peaty or swampy land.

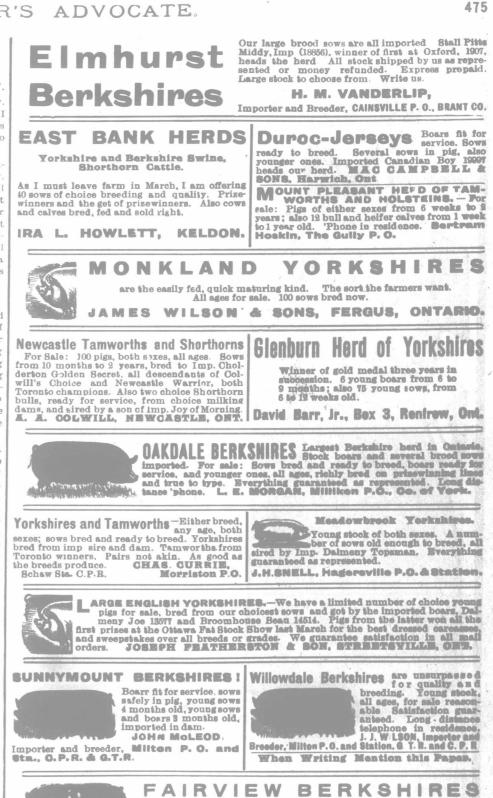
1. Where can I get basic slag? What is it likely to cost? 2.

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acre 7 4. What is the best way to apply it?

5. Would it do any good to put it on the top of a field of grass?

Would like these five questions answered in regard to potash fertilizer as well through "The Farmer's Advocate." Ans .--- Usually the first step in the improvement of peaty or swampy land ought to be a thorough underdraining. Although these soils are naturally very rich in organic matter, still some have been known to benefit by a moderate dressing of stable manure. The artificial fertilizer requirements of such a soil would be met by an application of basic clag and muriate of potash, both being thoroughly mixed together before using. 1. Basic slag, also muriate of potash, may be obtained from the Messrs. W. A. Freeman Co., Hamilton, Ont. 2. A high-grade basic slag (16 to 18 per cent. phosphoric acid), and only highgrade brands ought to be purchased, would cost about \$1.20, and muriate of potash (50 per cent. actual potash), \$2.75 for 100 lbs., but in larger quantities the price per 100 lbs. would be proportionately reduced. 3. The quantity to be applied per acre will depend on the crop to be grown: For hay or pasture apply 400 lbs. basic slag and 125 lbs. muriate of potash; for potatoes, 500 lbs. of the former and 160 lbs. of the latter; for root crops, 600 lbs. of the former and 140 lbs. of the latter, and for cereals, 300 lbs. of the former and 100 lbs. of the latter 4. The method of application in this case is to broadcast the fertilizers over the surface of the ground previous to seeding. This may be done either by hand or by fertilizer distributor. As basic slag requires to be in the soil for some time before its phosphoric acid becomes available to plants, it is advisable to apply the slag, and the muriate as well, as early in spring as possible. Phosphoric acid and potash are firmly retained in the soil, so there is no danger of leaching. 5. These fertilizers may be applied to a field of grass without risk of detriment to the herbage, but preferably before growth commences. B. L. E.



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