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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

#### THE KING'S NAME.

What is the full name of King George V.?

A. W. Ans .- The King's full name is George Frederick Ernest Albert. The family name is Guelph.

## PRUNING CURRANT BUSHES.

Will you kindly inform me as to the right time and method of pruning black currant bushes? My bushes are three years old, and are set 6 x 8 feet, and are touching each way at present. J. C.

Ans.-In the spring, before the leaves are out, is a good time to prune currant bushes. No very definite rule can be given for pruning currants grown in bush form, because the kind and amount of pruning necessary is in each case determined by the condition and individual habits of growth of the bush to be pruned. Bushes require very little pruning the first two or three years, except to head back the new shoots so that the fruit spurs will develop all along the cane. If this is not done, the fruiting branches and fruit spurs will be found mostly near the top of the cane. A11 drooping and broken branches should be removed. The new wood is that which produces the finest fruit, consequently it is necessary to cut out the old wood each year. It is seldom advisable to leave any wood over three years old. Leave only the strongest, healthiest shoots, and keep them renewed every year. From five to eight shoots make a nice bush.

#### SILOS-EGGS-WEEDS.

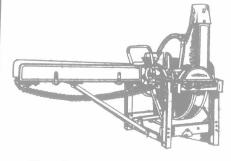
Please give explanation of the merits and disadvantages of the different kinds of silos; also approximate cost of medium-sized silo of each, where good gravel could be laid down for \$4 per cord? 2. I would infer from the market reports in "The Farmer's Advocate," that the farmer who sells good eggs in the outlying country districts is being robbed through the antiquated system of collecting them, to the extent of three or four cents per dozen. Now, I think if the eggs were candled when collected, instead of waiting till they reach Montreal or some other destination, most of the explosive eggs would be used as a fertilizer instead of being turned over to the country storekeeper in exchange for highpriced goods. Could not "The Farmer's Advocate" do something to start a better system of handling this important crop? 3. The pathmasters appointed by our Township Council seem to be all dead as far as the thistles and weeds on the roads are concerned. Please suggest best means of resurrecting them. R. C. A.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

Ans.-1. Cement slop wall silos and cement block silos are discussed in an article on pages 1239 and 1240 of "The Farmer's Advocate," issue of July 27th, 1911. Frame silos Farmer's Advocate" by firms who are advertised in would be pleased to furnish their catalogues of information. Cement slop wall makes a good silo, and probably scarcely as expensive as cement blocks. Frame silos are also found satisfactory, and, while perhaps not so permanent, if well built and seasoned lumber is used, they last many years, and the first cost is less than that of the cement. They can be quickly erected. The cost of cement silos is discussed in the article referred to. All styles of silos are better to be 2. Co-operative egg circles are the means of solving the bad-egg problem. Their rules make it necessary to gather the eggs regularly and often, and candle them when they are delivered at a local point several times per week. Persons marketing bad eggs are fined, consequently the eggs receive greater care and attention, and a higher class of product is produced, which sell at a higher price. 3. The best thing to do, if bringing the matter before the pathmaster personally is not effective, would be to take it before the Council. Time is often gained by cutting the weeds along one's own term, which is usually less trouble than getting someone else to do it. This work is counted along with roadwork in staty districts.

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