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Ouestions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Cabbage Sown in Drills.

Can you, or any of your readers, inform me if cabbage in the main or late crop, can be grown successfully, sown in rows with a garden drill in the field where they are to grow, and thinned out and cultivated and hoed similar to a root crop? The expense of transplanting in a large area could be obviated by this method if it were successful. Also, what time should they be sown, and how much

Ans.-If you have rich and fertile soil. you may be able to successfully grow a crop of late cabbage in the way you suggest. They should be sown early, about the time you sow mangels, and when they are all up some distance they may be thinned out to about two to three feet apart in the rows, the rows being three feet apart. This system has given success in the past, and there is no reason why it should not do so in your case. In the instance upon which we base this reply, the seed was sown with a turnip drill, at the rate of about two pounds per acre. You will have to try out your machine and decide upon the distance, but this quantity is about right. Some of our readers may also have had some experience in this direction which they would be willing to give our readers in print.

Silos and Blowers.

- 1. Are two small silos better than one large one?
- 2. Will silage keep as good in the small one?
- 3. Are they ever set in front of the barn? I should think they would be handier there, especially for summer use, and it would not be so much exposed to storm and wind.
- 4. Which would require the most power, carrier or blower?
- 5. Can a farmer put a blower on his cutting-box himself that will work all
- 6. Will the carriers work on any large box all right? I have a horse power
- 7. Which do you prefer, carrier or blower, to do my own work on a small

Ans.-1. This will depend upon the amount of stock you keep, or if you intend to feed from the silo in summer, in which case a summer silo would be advisable. If you just have an ordinary farm, a silo 35 x 14 will answer your purpose very well.

2. Silage will keep good in a small silo provided you have the height. silo which is not high will not give you good silage. We have in mind several silos erected last summer, from which the silage is coming out in poor condition, owing to the lack of weight from the surface layers of the silage.

3. They are usually set where they will be most convenient to the mixingroom, or where the silage may be thrown nearest to where it will be fed. It does not matter materially whether they are set at the front or at the back of the barn. If it would be more convenient at the front, there is no reason why you should not place it there.

4. Blowers require much more power than carriers.

5. If you are somewhat of a mechanic, no doubt you could attach a blower to your cutting-box, but we fear that it would not give you the proper satisfac-

6. The fans may be removed and the carriers connected up with a large cutting-box.

This a question which you are in a better position to answer than we are. A silo filled with a carrier by your own horse power, can be filled on two or three different occasions, allowing the silage to settle, and you will be able to get more in your silo. It will take you longer, of course, to fill with the carriers and the small cuttingbox than with a large blower, but there is that one advantage in favor of the carriers, that you can fill it at your own convenience and have more material in your silo than filling all at one time. If you are so situated that you can operate in the last-mentioned way, no doubt it will be to your advantage in the end.

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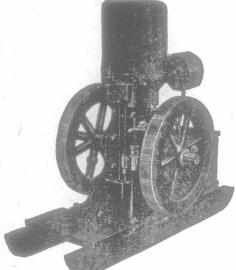
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