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NURSERY STOCK QUOTATIONS.

1. Could you give me a recipe for making hams? Also, for the making of the pudding called "Jam Roll"?

2. What price should I give for young apple trees? 3. How long would it be before they

would bear fruit? I have been reading "The Farmer's Advocate" for some months, and have

lately taken it myself, and must say I like it very much. Sincerely yours, Ans.-1. To Cure a Ham.-Boil to-

gether for half an hour 6 qts. water, lb. brown sugar, 1 oz. saltpetre, 2 lbs. salt. Skim well and set aside until cold, then pour over the fresh ham. Let stand for 2 weeks in a cool place, then drain and wash well. Without wiping, roll the ham in bran until thickly coated. Smoke for a week, then brush off the bran, wrap in brown paper, and hang up. A very large ham should be smoked from ten days to two weeks. Another method Mix 1 pint salt with 1 pint sugar, and rub every part of the hams; repeat the process 3 days in succession, keeping the hams in a vessel. As the moisture oozes from the meat, dip it over as you rub on the salt and sugar. In 3 weeks smoke the hams, rub pepper on the surface, put Jam Roll.-Sift 1 teaspoonful baking

in cloth bags, and whitewash the bags. powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt with $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. flour. Stir in tablespoonful sugar then rub in 1 lb. firm butter. Make into a dough with a little cold water. Roll the dough out in a sheet, spread thickly with jam, then roll up, wetting the edges and pressing together. Brush the top of the roll with milk, and bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour. Serve with cream.

2. It will depend somewhat upon varieties and other conditions. The following cash prices have been quoted by nursery firms. One says: 1-year-old whips, 2' and up, \$225 per thousand 2-year-old %" trees, \$250 a thousand 3-year-old standard trees, \", 5-7', \\$300 a thousand. Another firm quotes two and three year old apple stock, graded, 3" and up, 5 to 7 feet, at the rate of \$5.00 per dozen; \$35.00 per 100, or \$300 per 1,000. The demand is brisk, and stocks running low.

3. It depends upon the varieties and the system of low pruning adopted. Spies grown and cared for in the usual way may not bear much until they are fifteen years planted. But with the modern practice of low heading, scientific pruning and good culture, they may be induced to bear much earlier. Mr. Case the President of the New York State Fruit-growers' Association, speaking at the recent Ontario fruit-growers' convention, said in his section they were now getting their orchards to throw paying crops in seven years after planting.

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