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JOKE ON ROYALTY.

The Prince of Wales is fond of telling a good story on himself in connection with his visit to Ottawa some few years ago.

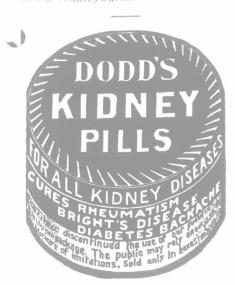
It appears His Highness is an enthusiastic bicyclist, and while at Rideau Hall a very prominent member of the Government, knowing his liking for this form of exercise, presented the royal visitor with a cushion-frame "Cleveland."

The Prince, then Duke of York, stole away for a quiet spin early one morning, and in his ramblings met a farmer, headed marketwards, his waggon temporarily stalled by the loss of a nut belonging to the whiffletree bolt. His Highness, with his usual democratic assisted the man to find the lost nut, and to couple up again.

In parting, the farmer expressed his rough thanks, and asked if he might know the name of the "person" whom he was indebted. The royal cyclist replied, modestly: "I am the Duke of York, and may I ask whom I have the pleasure of addressing?"

A broad, amused smile beamed from the farmer's face. He puffed out his chest, and said: "Me! Me! Why, I'm your uncle, the Czar of Russia."

The Prince saw the humor of the passage, and laughed heartily as he wheeled countrywards.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

SWEET CLOVER.

1. Is sweet clover sown alone, or is it sown with a nurse crop, as other clovers

2. Can the seed be obtained from the seedmen? If so, at what price per pound? 3. How many pounds of seed should

be sown per acre?

4. If cut for hay before it goes to sred, will it die out, or will it grow again? P. E. I.

Ans.-1. Inasmuch as sweet clover is a crop not liable to be grown, except as a means of improving poor soils not likely to be capable of growing a very good crop of grain, it would seem wise to sow it alone, though it may be successfully seeded with a nurse crop that does not shade it unduly. Sweet clover, by the way, is not a clover in the strict sense of the term, belonging to the genus Melilotus; whereas, the true clovers are of the genus Trifolium.

2. We find it listed in the catalogues of a couple of seed firms, including that well-known and reliable one, Wm. Ewing & Co., Montreal; price 25c. per pound Large lots would probably be cheaper. 3. About 15 pounds.

4. Sweet clover is supposed to be a biennial, and to die out after the second year of its growth, although, like common red clover, it may sometimes persist longer. It will, however, bear two, if not three, crops of hay in its second year, providing it is cut each time before coming into bloom. We would not recommend the use of sweet clover as a hay or pasture crop, where red clover alsike or alfalfa can be grown. Its great virtue is as a soil renovator, as a hee pasture, and, in some cases, possibly, as a means of inoculating the soil with the nitrogen-gathering bacteria requisite for the successful culture of a following crop of alfalfa. It is probable that this latter object might be more advantageously attained by treating the alfalfa seed with nitro-culture.

SMUT IN BARLEY-FORMALIN FOR SCABBY SEED POTA-TOED - POTATO SPRAYING.

1. Is formalin used for treating barley infected by smut the same way as for oats or spring wheat? As my barley was quite smutty last year, I would like to destroy the smut germs this year before sowing, but have never heard of anything being used for barley.

2. How is formalin used for treating seed potatoes that have been sorted out of a pit containing scabby potatoes? 3. As I have a barrel Spramotor for

syraying my orchard, would it be necessary to treat potatoes with formalin if I used some kind of a solution on the potato stocks while they are green for killing bugs, and, also, to prevent rot and scab? If so, what mixture would be best ?

"ONE WHO WELCOMES THE 'ADVOCATE.'"

Ans.-1. Yes; formalin is recommended for barley as well as wheat and oat smuts.

2. Soak the whole tubers before cutting for two hours in a solution of 8 ounces formalin in 15 gallons water, or 1 ounce formalin in 2 gallons of water. After treatment, keep the potatoes from contact with vessels that have contained scabby potatoes.

3. No spray or other treatment that can be applied to the tops will be of any avail in preventing scab. Treatment of the seed potatoes, as above, is the means of coping with this disease. It destroys the spores on the tubers. Of course, other spores may be present in the soil in which the potatoes are planted, in which case the treatment may be nullified. For fuller particulars con cerning this disease, and preventive precautions, see article on page 738, issue of April 23rd. Thorough spraying of the tops with Bordeaux mixture in proper season will safeguard the crop against attacks of blight, and the particular form of rot associated with it. Bordeaux mixture may be combined with the later applications of Paris green. For particulars, see "Calendar Guide to "The Farmer's Advo-Spraying " in cate" of March 26th. The subject will, also, be treated again more fully in due season.

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