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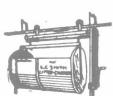
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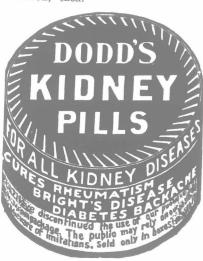
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

BARLEY OR SPRING WHEAT ON THIN FALL-WHEAT STAND.

Last fall I treated some fall wheat with formalin, and by using the solution too strong, killed a good deal of the wheat. I had put the stuff on some barley in the spring, and it failed to kill all the smut, so I made it a good deal stronger for the wheat, and, in consequence, very little of the wheat came up, except on the last two or three rounds of the seeder, which wasn't treated at all. Which would be the better to sow among the fall wheat in the spring, some spring wheat or barley, or plow it up altogether? D. G.

Ans.—It will probably be best to sow barley, merely working the land up early with harrow, and, perhaps, cultivator or disc. We hope our correspondent's experience with formalin will prove a warning to others. Formalin for smut in seed grain is all right when used carefully, according to conservative directions, but too strong a solution weakens the grain, or kills it outright. This is not the first case of the kind that has been reported through our columns.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} {\tt COWS} & {\tt GNAWING} & {\tt WOOD} - {\tt PIG} & {\tt GRINDING} \\ {\tt HIS} & {\tt TEETH}. \end{array}$

1. Two cows are eating wood every chance they get; in the stable, they are gnawing the manger.

2. What is the matter with a pig that is all the time grinding her teeth? What will I give her? C. H. W.

Ans.-1. This is a depraved appetite, generally induced in the first place by the lack of some essential constituent in the feed, and subsequently becomes a persistent habit. An application of bone meal or of acid phosphate to the land which grows their feed will sometimes prove beneficial. Meantime, feed a balanced ration, containing some bran and clover hay. Allow salt ad libitum, and twice a week give each one, in her feed, a small closed-handful of sifted wood ashes.

2. It may be worms, or some other digestive derangement, or largely habit. Give her a sod every day or so; keep pen clean, dry and well bedded; feed on shorts, barley meal and a little oil cake or skim milk, with a mangel or sugar beet daily. In a box before her keep a mixture of one part sulphur and ten parts of wood ashes or ground charcoal. A little salt should also be given, either in the mixtute or separately

THE WHITE-WINGED CROSS-BILL.

I am sending you a bird, which I would like you to name through the columns of "The Farmer's Advocate." and, please, tell something of its habits; whether it is destructive or not. It was shot as an English sparrow, and was one of a flock flying around very much as the sparrow. P. E. R. Halton Co., Ont.

Ans.-The bird you send is the whitewinged cross-bill, which, though it is not migratory, has the somewhat remarkable custom of coming down from the far north about every seven years, remaining here during the month of November. In a similar way, the pine crossbeak comes down every five or six years. Mr. W. E. Saunders, the ornothologist, has noticed a large flock of the former near London this season, but all have probably gone before this date. They have been observed at two succeeding intervals of about seven years. The peculiar cross bill, which our correspondent will have noticed, enables these birds to pick out the seeds of the cones of the hemlock and tamarack upon which they feed. Two explanations are given of their periodical southward visit; one that the supplies of seeds on which they feed may periodically fail in the north, and another that they multiply till their numbers exceed the normal food supply, for which they then go elsewhere, and in the migration, large numbers of them naturally perish from the incidental perils that beset bird life.

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