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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Flax.

How should flax seed be sown? J. M. Ans .--- It is customary to sow it broadcast in the spring on well-prepared land. It is frequently sown on new land. The yield depends a good deal on the soil and the season. In many localities the yield this year was very poor.

Weight of Bushel of Turnips.

How many pounds are there in a bushel of turnips? Some buyers claim there are fifty. T. B.

Ans.—According to the official weights of vegetables, the Dominion standard for turnips is 50 lbs. per bushel.

Foxtail for Feed.

1. Is foxtail seed of any value as feed for stock? R. H. M. Ans .- Foxtail would possibly have some feeding value, but just how much we are not in a position to say, as we have not the analysis of foxtail seed at hand. A considerable quantity of this

seed is used as stock feed, as it is embodied in screenings which are sold for feed.

Mounting Birds.

What is the recipe for making the composition for mounting birds and, animals? J. W. T. Ans.—By writing the North West School of Taxidermy, 508 Elwood Build-ing, Omaha, Neb., you would be able to secure full instructions as to the composition for mounting, and other details of the work.

Preventing Rust.

What can we put on a range to prevent it from rusting? What is best to clean nickel with? G.IS.

Ans.—Going over the range with a cloth moistened with coaloil will help to remove the rust. Some of the black stove enamels would give the stove a new appearance, but the trouble with this material is that it soon burns off. There are nickel polishes which may be secured at most hardware stores.

Difficult Urination.

For two months one of my cows has had to strain very hard to pass urine. She voids little and often and sometimes it is a very dark color. A. C. B.

A. C. B. Ans.—There may be a calculi (stones) in the bladder. If so a veterinarian might be able to remove them, but the administration of drugs would be use-less. If the trouble is due to irritation of the mucous membrane the administra-tion of 2 or of the tingture of human tion of 2 oz of the tincture of hyoscyamus in a pint of cold water as a drench 3 times daily should give good results. V.

Pumpkins for Feed.

1. Is there a pure-bred black sheep? Where could they be purchased? 2. Are boiled pumpkins g good small pigs? Are they as good as turnips? Are pumpkins good for milch cows? Would they be of any use for hens? T. K.



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Ans.-1. We do not know of a purebred black sheep.

2. They are very seldom fed to small pigs, but should be as good as turnips. Some feed a considerable quantity of pumpkins to cows, with satisfactory results. We doubt if hens would eat pumpkins.

Wintering Cattle.

1. What is it worth per month to winter cattle on straw and turnips?

2. I have a driving mare that scours when driven seven or eight miles. She is fed on clover hay and oats. R. K.

Ans .--- 1. With the present shortage of feed, it is rather difficult to put a fair estimate on the cost of wintering cattle. A couple of years ago, we know of several lots that were wintered at \$2.50 per head per month, but with the scarcity of both roots and straw in many sections, we imagine that the price would be considerably higher this winter.

2. Two ounces of laudanum and 4 drams each of catechu and prepared chalk is given every four hours until the diarrhua ceases. Adding lime-water to the drinking water is sometimes effective. The clover hay may be one cause of the trouble, although clover is fed very satisfactorily to some horses.







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