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ALFALFA QUESTIONS-PEA-VINE HAY.

I am only a new subscriber to your paper, but I think it is a very valuable one to farmers, as it deals with all the improved methods of farming, and that is what farmers want, especially round here, where there is a total absence of anything bordering on scientific farming. But what I am writing to you for is to find out if I will have any chance of having a good stand of alfalfa on a piece of ground that I am preparing for It grew a good crop of clover and timothy in 1906, and was plowed early after haying, and well worked during the fall. Last season 1 sowed barley on it, and seeded it down again to Mammoth. There was a good catch, but the dry weather through the summer killed it, and so I plowed it up about September 25th, and harrowed it. This winter I gave it a good coat of good stable manure. It is well drained, and no water lies on it. There is one fault, and that is that the snow does not lie on it on account of the wind blowing it off.

1. Do you think if the grain was cut high that the stubble would hold enough snow to protect the alfalfa from being winter-killed? I am thinking of sowing about 15 pounds per acre, with 5 of Mammoth, so that in case the alfalfa would be killed, the Mammoth would be left. Would it be better to sow 20 pounds of alfalfa, and no Mammoth?

Qn account of the previous good catches of clover, would it be necessary to inoculate it with nitro-culture?
If it is sown behind the hoes of the seeder, will the harrow cover the seed enough?

4. What are the digestible constituents of clover (red) and pea straw (green)? Would you advise me to sow some peas to be cut green to take the place of clover hay, as I will have none, and there won't be any to be bought, or would it pay better to let the peas ripen and feed timothy hay? What time should peas for hay be cut, and what time would they require to be sown to be ready to cut at or after July 12th?

A NEW SUBSCRIBER. Ans.-1. It would appear that this field was of a nature and in a condition to promise fairly good success with alfalfa, especially if, as the inquirer suggests, the grain stubble be long and a good autumn growth of alfalfa is always left. If the manure applied this winter is at all dirty, weeds will give trouble, unless special precautions are observed by working the land over a few times this spring at intervals of a few days so as to germinate and destroy the weed seeds. This will also incorporate the manure with the soil, and bring the land into a splendid state of tilth to be sown about the middle or last of May, which is the date we would advise in this case. The plan of sowing a few pounds of clover seed along with the alfalfa might be worth trying on part of the field, only we would recommend common red instead of Mammoth, as the latter matures so late that any alfalfa in the meadow would be long overripe before the Mammoth was ready to cut. On the whole we incline to favor seeding the alfalfa alone, for if it fails it is probable that the clover would fail also, and the chances of a first-class stand of alfalfa will ordinarily be better if the alfalfa has the ground to itself. On no account sow any grass seed. 2. The previous growth of clovers will have done nothing to inoculate the soil with the particular species of nitrogengathering bacteria that work on alfalfa Melilot, or sweet clover, is the only other legume which inoculates the soil for alfalfa. Send to the Bacteriological Department, O. A. C., Guelph, for a bottle of nitro-culture for alfalfa. 3. Not deep enough for best results; besides, it is thought that if the seed is treated with nitro-culture, the vitality of the bacteria may be reduced or destroyed by exposure to light before the

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other fodders, but it would appear that peavine hay corresponds rather closely to red-clover hay. We do not require analyses, however, to demonstrate that peavine hay, or even pea straw, has a very considerable feeding value. A combination of peas and oats, if cut early, constitutes a forage crop of high nutritive quality, much appreciated by farm stock, especially sheep and cows. The mixture has the advantage of being easier to harvest than peas alone. It would, no doubt, be wise to sow some peas and oats quite early for curing as hay, and probably a field of peas alone to be harvested and threshed. For hay, to be cut July 15th we should judge it

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4. We are not so well supplied with information concerning the precise chemical composition of field peas as some would be necessary to sow the mixture, in Dufferin Co., guite early in spring. Cut when the pods are forming.

LUMP JAW.

I bought a heifer at an auction sale. There were four in the bunch, all drove out at once. I bought the first pair, and, after giving my note for them, I found one had lump jaw. Can I recover damages, or what is the law governing the sale of lump-jaw cattle ?

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Ans — There is no law against selling live animals affected with lump jaw, but it is unlawful to sell for food the flesh of an animal affected with the disease. We do not see that you are in a position to recover damages.

COBBLESTONES IN SILO WALL

In your articles on cement siloes, which I am pleased to read, I notice that the writers do not mention the use of cobblestone in the concrete. I have some stone heaps which I want to move, and I thought that this would be an economical way of getting rid of them. Kindly advise. C. A. S.

Ans.—Many correspondents from time to time, as well as our editors, have recommended embedding stone in the wall when building siloes and other concrete structures. As much as one-third of the total bulk of the wall may be of stone. to the great saving of cement and gravel. None of the stone should be allowed to come flush with either inner or outer face of the wall, and it is better to use small stones; or, if large ones must be used, they should be broken to small sizes.