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Silage in Newfoundland.

Being a constant reader of Canada's best farm paper, I should like to get information on the following:

1. What could be used in Newfoundland for silage, as corn is not grown?

2. Not being in a position to build a silo, and having several large molasses puncheons on hand, their capacity being 100 gallons, could they be made to keep silage successfully if placed one on top of another and the joints cemented?

SUBSCRIBER. Ans.-1. For feeding in Newfoundland, we would be very partial to roots. They could be pitted, or kept in a crude cellar. Crops, such as peas, clover, alfalfa and others, are sometimes ensiled, but they are far better when mixed with

corn.

2. We are dubious regarding your proposition with the puncheons. If you could make them firm, another trouble would arise when the silage settled. The wall not being straight, in consequence of the bulge in the puncheons, air spaces would form with untoward results. Total exclusion of air is necessary, and you could not procure it. We advise you to depend on roots if you cannot grow corn and build a silo.

About Pigs.

1. Kindly explain how to keep fall litters of pigs and winter ones as well, without crippling them up. I have three litters of different ages, and they are all a little stiff. I suppose it is mostly from want of exercise. My pens are pretty small, and not extra warm, but I can't keep them from laying down nearly all the time. Do not feed them more than would keep them growing.

2. Having become stiff, can I improve them, and what would be the best to give them? I have been giving them Epsom salts and sulphur, and a little saltpetre. Some of them seem some better. I let them out on fine days. If I had given them the sulphur and salts in the cold weather would it have saved them?

3. Some people have advised me to give them copperas. Would it have any effect in taking the stiffening out of them?

4. Should little pigs just weaned have any oil cake or sulphur in their feed? I fed them skim milk and shorts.

5. Have lost quite a few small pigs this winter. They got sick and mopey for a few days, and die. Two of them reaned About four or five weeks old. The others were about seven or eight weeks old. I opened three of them, and they had quite a lot of cut straw in their stomach, and one of the small ones had lumps of curd stuck full of cut straw. What would make them eat the straw? Have they a craving for some kind of food? A. P.

Ans.-1. Refer to the Stock Department of this paper. You have partially explained the cause of the trouble. Your pens are probably too small, and they do not get sufficient exercise.

2. Your treatment is most as good as any that can be given. Endeavor to make them exercise, and if possible get them out doors where it is not too wet and cold. Provide charcoal along with the sulphur, and make a mixture of the different ingredients mentioned in the article in the Stock Department regarding young pigs, and keep it constantly before them. It is not likely that the salts and sulphur would have kept them right. Dry quarters and lots of exer-

cise might have done so. 3. Would not advise you to feed them copperas. You might stiffen them up

4. A small amount of sulphur will be for good. beneficial, but oil cake should not be fed to them while they are too young. Skim milk and middlings, or shorts which have been scalded and allowed to stand for half a day, will give you best results.

5. It is possible that your young pigs were too fat. This is often the trouble and their physical conditions become so impaired that the, resort to numerous unexplainable actions to savisfy their

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