## THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

## **Questions and Answers**. Miscellaneous.

Ice Boat-Seed Beans. I wish to make an ice boat and would like to know the dimensions of an ordinary sized boat and also directions for sailing it. Could you give the names of reliable firms that buy beans for seed?

B. J. E. Ans.-1.-We are not familiar with the size of ice boats and would advise you to consult some boat manufacturer or sailor, as they would be able to give you the information first hand.

2. A small advertisement in The Farmer's Advocate would no doubt, furnish you with a purchaser for your seed. The seed firms advertising in our columns are reliable.

Over-fat Sow. I have three young sows which I am keeping for breeding purposes. I am feeding boiled potatoes, turnips and cabbage, mixed with shorts. One of them is becoming very fat and makes a noise in her throat while eating. Sometimes she goes a little lame but she is all right one day and seems off her feed the next. The other two are all right. Pigs are four months old. G. R.

Ans.—From the symptoms given we believe the trouble is due to high feeding and lack of exercise, which has caused the pig to become over-fat. Plenty of exercise should be given, and care taken not to get the breeding stock over-fat. We would advise feeding this pig by herself and forcing it to take exercise. Give a purgative and feed lightly for a time. The other two sows should also be forced to take plenty of exercise in order to ward off similar trouble. The symptoms indicate apoplexy.

School Fair.

1. Has the County of Perth got a District Representative? If so, who is he? 2. What are the first steps necessary

to start a School Fair in a rural district? Will the Experimental Farm at

Guelph send seed for plots to school pupils?

4. Could you give me the address of some breeder of Golden Campine hens? 5. What is the best preparation to put on linoleum to keep it from wearing?

Ans.-1. Not that we know of.

2. So far the School Fairs have been started through the efforts of the District Representative. When a number of schools are grouped together it is necessary to have some organization. However, one school can hold a School Fair, and it could be worked out by the teacher in charge. A large number of individual schools are holding their own fair. The grains and vegetables are grown at home from seed which the teacher or pupil secures, and then the products from these plots are brought to the school on a specified date in the fall. Prizes are usually offered for the best exhibit in the This money is frequently donated by the trustees and other interested parties in the section. Besides an exhibit of grains, roots and vegetables, there may be classes for flowers, cooking, sewing, drawing, essays, etc. Sports are usually run off during the afternoon and a contest in public speaking, weed naming, stock judging, etc., may be conducted. As to starting a Fair in the spring, it is first necessary to find out if the pupils are sufficiently interested to grow and look after certain crops which they wish to prepare for the Fair. If they are, then we would advise a com-mittee, composed of the older boys and girls, being appointed to secure boys and girls, being appointed to secure seeds, make out a prize list, secure prize money, and be generally responsible for the carrying on of the Fair. Of course, the teacher would give what assistance she could to the committee. When the could to the committee. Where there is a District Representative, eight to ten schools are organized in one district and have an executive composed of representatives from the different schools. 3. We do not believe that the Experimental Farm sends out samples of mental Farm sends out samples of seeds to be grown in school plots. It is possible that they may be secured, how-ever, by writing Dr. Dandeno, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, 4. We cannot give the address of a breeder of Campines at present, but undoubtedly you will see names of the breeders advertising eggs or breeding stock in our columns this spring.



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