

Questions and Answers.

VEGETABLE AND POULTRY ENQUIRIES

To the Editor of FARMING:

(1) On May 11th I transplanted a dozen Early Winningstadt cabbage in rather light, well-drained land, applying a little salt and wood ashes and manure, but lately several have withered away and on pulling them up I found the roots were eaten away with white maggots about three-eighths of an inch long. Would you kindly tell me, through your useful paper, FARMING, the cause of this, and also what to do to save the rest?

(2) I have a couple of ducks four weeks old. What would you feed them? What would you call "coarser feed than you would give to chickens"? They refuse ground corn but eat midlings readily.

(3) What would you do with chicks nine weeks old that open their mouths wide and are very frequently scratching their heads? Have they the gapes?

(4) What is best to keep insects from turnips?

(5) I suppose there is no cure for obins on a visit to the strawberry patch.

Hoping you will favor me with a reply.

A. C. GROTH.

Guelph, Ont., June 15, 1899.

Insects on Cabbage and Turnips.

Questions 1, 4 and 5 are answered by Professor Hutt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, as follows:

The insect at work on the cabbages is what is known as the Cabbage-root Maggot (*Phorbia brassicae*). The eggs from which this maggot hatches are laid upon the ground near the cabbage by a little fly somewhat resembling the common house-fly. The eggs are usually laid soon after the plants are set out, the maggots being most troublesome on the early cabbage and cauliflower.

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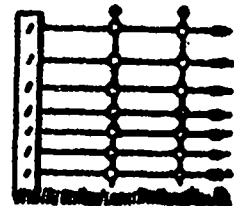
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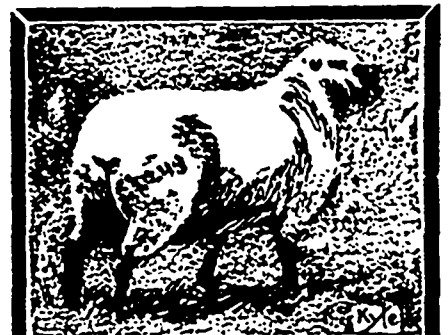
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