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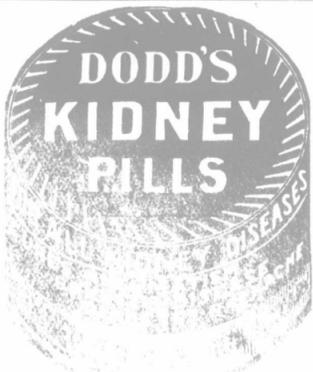
WESTERN RYE GRASS

Will you please give me particulars regarding the sowing of Western rye grass seed? This grass is quite a new thing for most people here and we are anxious to try it.—B. G., Manitoba.

Ans.—Western rye grass can be sown either with or without a nurse crop of grain. By far the best results however are obtained by sowing it alone, as the grain crop shades the grass and also deprives it of moisture. When sown alone we plow the stubble land some time in May, harrow it once, sow the grass seed broadcast by hand, or with the wheel-barrow seeder, and then harrow the land a second time. As soon as the weeds and volunteer crop are about a foot high run the mower over the land and leave the cuttings on the ground to act as a mulch. When sown with a grain crop the grass seed is sometimes mixed with the grain. The mixture must be stirred up in the grain box occasionally; otherwise it will not be distributed evenly. It takes about fourteen pounds of seed for an acre. May is about the best time to sow in this province.

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DIVORCE CASE

In answer to my query in March 30th issue you assume I was married in Canada. This is not so, as I was married in Scotland. Does this make any difference? What should the probable cost be? After applying for same, how long would it be till matter would be settled?—R. M.

Ans.—If you were married in Scotland and you are now a resident of Canada the only grounds on which you could obtain a divorce would be desertion and adultery. The application would have to be made to a special committee of the senate at Ottawa and is a pretty expensive proceeding. You would not be able to have your request granted until the next session of parliament, as the present session is over. It would possibly cost you about \$1,000.

DEPTH TO SOW OATS

The question of the proper depth for seeding oats is being freely discussed around here. The soil is very light, loose and dry. Kindly give me your opinion regarding this.—R. S. K., Manitoba.

Ans.—When the soil is loose and dry I have found that we obtained the best results from deep sowing, because the seed is deposited in moist soil and all danger from drifting soil is removed. Under the above conditions we usually put about all the pressure possible on the drill, making the depth of sowing anywhere between 2 1/2 to 4 inches. If the soil were cold and wet such a depth would be inadvisable, because the grain would not germinate; but in loose, warm, dry soil there is no risk from this cause.

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DEEP BREAKING

I have a field that was broken from 6 to 7 inches deep, and the sod is unrotted and very tough. I find it almost impossible to do anything with it. The breaking was done two years ago. Kindly advise me.—H. J., Manitoba.

Ans.—Your case is another illustration of the folly of breaking tough sod deeply. It is then always difficult to get it to rot properly. I would advise you to try a good sharp disk harrow, set to cut deep. By overlapping carefully this should do the work well and make a good seed bed. Make certain that the disks are sharp, and, if necessary, load them with stone.

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BUILDING A SILO

I think of building a silo this summer. What is the best shape and material for this purpose?—B. L., Manitoba.

Ans.—There are already several silos in this province. At the Brandon Experimental Farm the first two were framed with timber, and boarded inside and out with matched siding. This style has long been out of date. The best wooden silo is now made round with two-inch staves and bound either with iron bands or wire hoops. It is cheap, easy to construct and very satisfactory as long as it lasts. A more permanent silo is made from concrete by means of a mold. A still better silo is made of hollow concrete blocks. These are made with a special mould which gives them the desired curve.

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SOWING CORN FOR FODDER

I have decided to sow several acres of fodder corn for the first time. When should it be planted, and could I grow alfalfa on the land next spring?—H. A., Manitoba.

Ans.—The proper time to plant corn in this country is from the 15th to the 20th of May, depending on the soil and season. When the season is early and the soil warm it can be planted about the middle of the month. Cold soil should be sown later. If properly treated corn stubble is excellent for alfalfa. The plow furrows should be not wide enough to turn every row of corn, stubble under completely, otherwise it will prove a great hindrance. It is best to plant the corn for germination, as a large amount of poor seed

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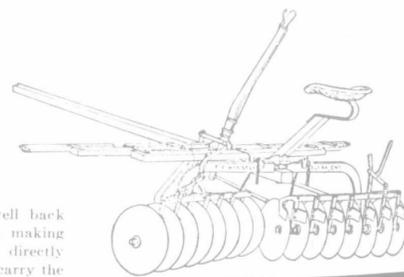
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