



W. G. C., of Pa.—Your proposed plan of treating slaty soil with lime, in the spring, and then with guano in the fall, appears to be correct, according to agricultural authors. Rich loamy soil is best for flax and hemp. It must be well pulverized. Sow two bushels to the acre in the spring, and pull before it is rank ripe, unless you wish to raise it for the seed. It is best to sow the flax in drills by a seed sower.

J. M. G., of N. Y.—We never heard of oyster shell being used in steam boilers to prevent and remove incrustations. Their composition is carbonic acid and lime. We cannot conceive how their action can be chemical, and if not they cannot be patented.

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