

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

The Action of Frost Favors Plant Growth—How to Select Eggs for Hatching—Better to Feed Corn Fodder in Full Length.

The Action of Frost.

The principle on which the frost acts favorably in improving till is in the rupturing of the soil particles by expansion. The action of the frost causes to expand the soil particles and the water with which the earth may be charged.

Farm Notes.

The Canadian Experiment Station puts rate at the head of all green feeds for the growth of lambs in both carcass and fleece.

Reputation cannot be made in a day, but when the fruit grower makes a reputation it adds to his capital.

It is noted in this connection that one need not, as in spring tillage, wait until the soil is quite dry before spading, for it is an advantage rather than a disadvantage to work in soil that leaves the spade unbroken clods.

Eggs for Hatching.

Eggs for hatching should be very carefully gathered in the afternoon of each day and placed in a basket lined with soft paper. Keep the sitting eggs in the sitting room; the temperature of the room should be about fifty degrees.

Feeding Corn Fodder.

Instead of setting the water for cutting all the corn fodder, I would advise feeding it long, and letting the animals eat what they will. If it were fairly well cured, a large part will be eaten, if not fed too freely.

How to Move Large Hogs.

Make a cage or box large enough to hold the hog, but with a well on one end. To get the hog in, throw down a couple of corn, and while she is eating it let two men lift the cage and put it over her.

Roots for Variety.

As spring time approaches, which is also the farrowing time for sheep, cows and hogs, the advantage of having a good supply of roots to promote milk flow becomes apparent.

Draining Corn Stubble Land.

So soon as frost is well out of the ground in spring, two horses with heavy drag should be run over the corn stubble of last year.

Horse Radish for Spring Use.

Horse radish needs to be dug early in spring to be of much value. So soon as green growth begins the root becomes tough and stringy.

OUR LIBRARY

Rita's new novel is entitled, "Good Mrs. Hypocrite," and deals with life in Scotland.

Henry James' latest novel, "What Maisie Knew," has just completed its run in the Chap Book.

The American Book Company has just published "Curtis' Semi-Vertical Copy Books," by C. C. Curtis.

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A FREE EXPOSITION.

The exposition to be held at Portland this fall will be along new lines, differing entirely from any fair ever held in that city.

The fair will be the most interesting and instructive exhibition ever held in the state.

The fair is bound to be a grand success, as already the entire space of the two main floors is taken up by exhibitors.

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BOUGHT A WIFE.

She consented on consideration of a \$10,000 Policy.

In 1893 Mrs. Anna B. Zimmerman was a widow, living at Hutchinson, Kan.

The condition was that the Judge should insure his life in her favor for \$10,000.

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SMOKELESS FURNACE.

A patent has been granted for furnace doors of such construction that the smoke of the furnace is disintegrated and disseminated over the whole fire surface.

The advantages claimed for the invention, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, are: Superior efficiency by securing the abolition of all coal smoke and other noxious and poisonous products.

The invention requires no alteration of furnaces already in use beyond the removal of the existing doors and the substitution of the patent furnace door.

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