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TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Make Good Entrances to Fields—How Orchards Should Be Cultivated—Winter Grain After Potatoes—Smut on Sweet Corn—General Farm Notes.

Washing Butter. Years ago it was generally supposed that in order to make really fine butter one must not allow a drop of water to touch it. Of late years, since we began to hear so much about granular butter, we have been instructed to wash it in successive waters until this was drawn off clear, or free from milkiness.

I have tested this matter of washing butter for a number of years, and have come to the conclusion that either extreme is to be avoided. To wash it, even in granular form, will give us a butter that will not decay or turn strong so soon as that not washed so thoroughly, but it washes out much of the flavor.

To work out all the buttermilk breaks the grain, makes the butter salty. Of course, we do not want to do this, so we will wash it in granular form through two or three waters (depending upon quantity of water used and also upon temperature of the butter).

Stones Under Apple Trees. Many windfall apples would be ruined if a velvety sod, free from stones were spread out under them. There is no excuse for leaving loose stones where apples must fall on them, as the bruising destroys their market value.

Winter Grain After Potatoes. Whenever the potato crop can be got off in time for seeding with fall grain, it makes the very best seed bed. No plowing is needed if the weeds have been kept down. It is only necessary to pile the potato vines in heaps and burn them, starting the fire in a brush heap, if the potato tops are too green to burn readily.

Entrances to Fields. In country road making there is much plowing of roadsides and scraping away of the surface soil. This is almost always a mistake. But the farmer should see to it that at least the work of road improvement does not obstruct the entrance to his fields.

Pat Hens Wanted. With all the abuse that may be heaped upon the fat hen because she does not lay, she brings more in market than any other kind of poultry except the turkey, and at times the difference in favor of the turkey is very little.

Seed Sowing. The usual failure in getting seeds to grow is from sowing them too deeply in the earth. If it were possible to keep the seeds dark and moist, they would be all the better for being sown absolutely on the surface.

Timothy grass is often sown on sandy soil, not because it is especially adapted to it, but because sandy soil is not easily seeded with anything, and timothy, which can be sown late in summer and all through the fall, succeeds rather better than the grasses and clovers sown in spring.

Hawaii May Bring Us More Chinese. According to a San Francisco paper there are in the United States 40,000 native born citizens of Chinese parentage, and this is probably a very incomplete census, owing to the difficulty of obtaining information from the Chinese.

Cultivating Orchards. Many people who plow their orchards in spring fail to get the full benefit of this cultivation by not continuing it through the summer. All fruit growers understand that when the orchard gets into bearing it should not be cropped. But if because there is no crop growing the orchard is allowed to grow up with weeds, these are more apt to rob the soil of what the tree roots require.

growing of weeds which suck out all the moisture as fast as rains bring it to the soil.

Smut on Sweet Corn. Every one has noticed the fact that smut is much more prevalent on sweet corn than on that grown in the field for feeding. Not only are the stalks of sweet corn more tender and juicy than those of the field grain, but the harvesting of the sweet corn is always done by breaking off the ear when it is in its most succulent condition.

Fruit Better than Cake. Used in moderation and when a fully ripened fruit will do no harm to anybody. The titillating appetite of children often calls for something between meals. In the city it is often responded to by the too indulgent parent by giving a piece of pie or cake.

The Turnip Yield. If farmers would realize how many bushels of turnips can be raised from an acre, and their value as a substitute for hay in wintering sheep and cows no one would be without at least half an acre. They can be raised without cultivating or hoeing; are not an uncertain crop.

Sowing Rap in Corn Fields. An idea which we have lately seen suggested is that of sowing rape in the cornfield after the last cultivation. A farmer who tried it last year says that his land was fertile and the season moist. The cost of seed and sowing he estimated at thirty cents per acre.

Live Stock Points. It is a mighty poor plan to keep scrub stock upon high-priced land. Dorset ewes have been known to produce as many as six lambs at a birth. They are enormous misers and good mothers.

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Greece is, of course, now compelled to economize; but instead of making retrenchments in the direction of highly-paid posts with purely nominal functions, the government has decided to begin by reducing the wages of all secondary officials by 50 per cent.

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

A low range of values for wheat, has been established during the week as the result of diminished speculation, increased receipts and accumulating stocks, the market closing weak under these conditions, with still lower tendency. Clearances continue large. Export sales have been only moderate, and there seems to be a pause in the European demand.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, 79c; Valley and Blenheim, \$1.82c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$4.40; graham, \$3.70; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel.

Seattle Markets. Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 28@24c; ranch, 14@16c. Cheese—Native Washington, 10@11c; California, 9@10c.

San Francisco Markets. Wool—Choice foothill, 8@12c; San Joaquin, 6 months' 7@9c; do year's staple, 7@9c; mountain, 10@11c; Oregon, 11@14c per pound.

Hay—Wheat, \$12@15; wheat and oat, \$11@14; oat, \$10@12; river barley, \$7@8; best barley, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$5@10 clover, \$8@10.

Convicts Cry for Pie. Massachusetts convicts are getting fastidious. Not content with Boston baked beans for breakfast every day they have just sent in a petition for custard pie every Sunday.

The loftiest inhabited place in the world is the Buddhist monastery of Haine, in Tibet. It is 17,000 feet above the sea.

Inroads of German Trade. France imported \$6,000,000 worth of jewelry from Germany last year. This fact has caused consternation among the large jewelry manufacturers in the former country. The German articles are nearly all of a cheap variety, and a large proportion of the jewels which they contain are imitation.

THE BLUES. This is a synonym for that gloomy, harassed condition of the mind which has its origin in dyspepsia. All the ugly spirits that, under the name of "blues," "blue devils," "nervousness" and "malignant" torments the dyspeptic almost incessantly, vanish when attacked with Fletcher's Stomach Bitters, that invigorates, assimilates, biliousness, constipation, chills and fever, kidney complaints, and nervousness.

An American scientist has recently discovered a new microbe which is particularly destructive to the tissues of the human body, and the most striking peculiarity of the creature is that it is nearly all mouth.

The Gauls, to make handles for their stone axes, clef the branch of a tree, placed the stem in it and left it till the wound in the wood had been completely healed.

A MOTHER'S DUTY.

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