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Quality of Seeds.

As the result of tests of alfalfa, red clover and grass seeds secured in the open market Chief Galloway of the bureau of plants industry makes a report that is certainly of interest to farmers.

Red Clover.—Of the 1,217 samples of red clover seed secured 405, or one-third, contained seed of dodder, 424 contained traces of yellow trefoil seed, and 135 bore evidence of having originated in Chile.

Alfalfa.—Of the 399 samples of alfalfa seed secured 191, or about one-half, contained seed of dodder, 135 contained a trace of yellow trefoil seed, 129 contained a trace of sweet clover seed, and 16 contained a trace of bur clover seed.

Bromus Inermis.—Of the 55 samples of Bromus inermis seed obtained 15 contained seed of cheat, or chess, 28 contained from 2 to 3 per cent of seed of the wheat grasses, several contained seed of meadow fescue and one contained more than 24 per cent of meadow fescue and rye grass seed together.

Kentucky Blue Grass.—Of the 429 samples of Kentucky blue grass seed obtained only 8 were found to be free from any trace of Canada blue grass. In most of these samples the trace of Canada blue grass found was immature seed, showing that it was harvested with the Kentucky blue grass seed. The seeds of the two plants not ripening at the same time, it is improbable that mature seed of Canada blue grass would be harvested with Kentucky blue grass seed. In 110 samples, however, Canada blue grass seed was found in quantities exceeding 5 per cent, 32 of these being Canada blue grass seed misbranded as Kentucky blue grass seed.

The Potato Bug.

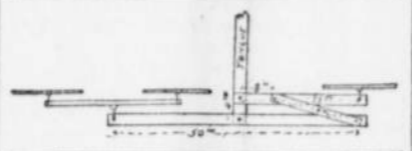
The potato bug, or Colorado potato beetle, passes the winter in the ma-

If given before the hogs get past the eating and drinking stage, the following is claimed to be an infallible cure for hog cholera: To a barrel of good sloop add one pint of Venetian red and one pint of kerosene oil. Mix well.

The first rule for getting a good profit from poultry is to get the chicks hatched early, and the next is to keep those chicks growing so fast that they will reach laying maturity before the commencement of cold weather.

The garden should contain most or all of the common medicinal and flavoring herbs. Most of these can be grown with very little trouble, and the herb plot should include such useful plants as sage, horhound, caraway, saffron, pennyroyal, tansy and others that will suggest themselves.

Three Horse Doubletree.
A doubletree attachment to binder or sulky plow can be made according to the plan shown. The dimension



can be varied slightly to accommodate horses of different sizes.

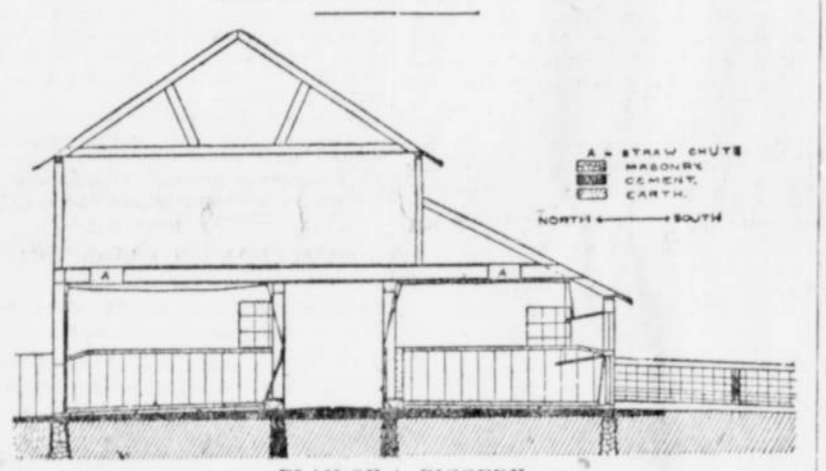
Seed Germination.

It requires from 20 to 30 days for asparagus seed to germinate; beans, 5 to 10 days; borecole, broe-coll, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower, 5 to 12 days; carrots, 14 to 21 days; celery, 14 to 20 days; corn salad, 14 days; corn, 8 to 14 days; cress, curled, 3 to 5 days; cress, water, 12 to 14 days; cucumbers, 5 to 10 days; eggplant, 8 to 20 days; endive, 3 to 7 days; lettuce, 3 to 5 days; melons, cantaloupes, 5 to 10 days; melons, water, 8 to 15 days; mustard, 3 to 6 days; onions, 7 to 14 days; parsley, 20 to 30 days; parsnips, 8 to 14 days; peas, 5 to 10 days; pepper, 8 to 20 days.

Wood Ashes.

Ashes made from hard wood are more valuable than those made from soft wood. It is claimed that some ashes from soft wood have not enough value to make it worth while to bother with them. It has also been discovered that the value is largely governed by the part of the tree from which the ashes are made. It is declared by

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PLAN OF A PIGGERY.

The above diagram shows a cross section of a piggery building thirty-four feet wide, which may be of any desired length. The foundation is of stone, but may be built of concrete to be in keeping with the floor and the piers, which are concrete. The floor is in two layers, the lower three inches being comprised of coarse gravel seven parts and cement one part, the upper inch being mixed three parts sharp sand to one of cement. The alley running throughout the center of the building is six feet wide, with a crowned floor one-half inch higher in the center, to insure its being kept perfectly dry. The floors of the pens are given a fall of two inches from the alley to the outer doors.

The partitions are constructed of one and a quarter-inch boards cut into three-foot lengths. These are placed in an upright position, the bottom ends resting on a two-by-four and the tops capped with similar material. The left above is about eight feet high at top posts and furnishes an abundance of room for storage of straw, crates, crate materials, etc. No meal feed should be stored here, as it is likely to become contaminated.

The illustration shows the ropes and pulleys by which the doors and ventilators are opened and closed from the feeding alleys. On the right side the door and ventilator are open; on the left side closed.

ture form. As soon as the potatoes are up these bugs begin feeding and laying eggs on the young leaves. The young that hatch from these eggs, as well as the next brood, are the ones that do the damage. Therefore, it is necessary that treatment should be begun as soon as the young beetles appear on the vines. Dust the plants while the dew is on, with a mixture made of 1 pound Paris green to 10 pounds of slaked lime or cheap flour. Another good method is to spray the plants with a composition of 2 ounces of Paris green in 50 gallons of Bordeaux mixture, spraying the vines two or three times. For this purpose the Bordeaux mixture should be made out of 3 pounds of bluestone and 5 pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water. This mixture will not only kill the beetle, but also prevent the early blight from destroying the leaves and stems of the vines.

Raising Rhubarb.
Rhubarb requires a deep and very fertile soil. The great secret of success in raising it is high manuring. It is a gross feeder, and requires a liberal application of manure every year. A grower whose small patch produces rhubarb of enormous size explains his success from his practice of throwing soapuds over the ground on washing days. He had sold \$30 worth from a patch of two and one-half rods in a single season.

Creameries and Factories.
There are now in Minnesota 825 creameries and seventy-six cheese factories in actual operation, nearly all of them being operated and owned by the farmers, using the same system of bookkeeping that is given in the short course in the dairy school, and every creamery in the state is using the Babcock milk test and is making first class butter.—President Northrup of Minnesota University.

Garden Cleanings.
To make the garden soil warm drain off all the surface water possible. Use underdrains and overdrains.

The best way to secure very early plants is to start them in the seed box or hotbed, then transplant to two-inch flower pots as soon as the seedlings are large enough.

Don't work the garden and truck patch while the ground is wet in the haste of starting an early crop. Nothing is gained, but much is lost, in working wet soils.

When the wheels get so dry that they rattle, have the tires properly set; do not try to chink up the spokes.

With all classes of stock the value of the feed is the same, whether it is supplied to the scrawlers or the best of thoroughbreds.

Teams that have been partially idle for some time should come into work again gradually and their shoulders bathed with salt water.

The cutworm is the larvae of a moth; the worm is of a brown color, fat and sluggish, about an inch long, and feeds only during the night.

For bumble-foot in poultry paint the corn liberally with tincture of iodine daily for a week. If this is done in the early stages the corn can be spread.

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1471—Edward, Prince of Wales, son of Henry VI. of England, killed at the battle of Tewkesbury.

1605—The principle of the appropriation act adopted by the Commonwealth and definitely established.

1747—William of Nassau appointed Stadtholder of the Netherlands.

1776—Rhode Island declared itself free of Great Britain, the first of the thirteen American colonies to take such action.

1779—Norfolk, Va., occupied by the British.

1794—U. S. Postoffice Department established by Congress.

1799—Bonaparte defeated at St. Jean d'Acree, ... Seringapatam taken by the British and the empire of Hyder Ali extinguished by the death of his son, Sultan Tipoo Sahib.

1804—Dutch surrendered the island of Surinam to the British.

1806—Robert Morris, the financier of the American revolution, died in Philadelphia.

1813—Americans evacuated York, Canada, after setting fire to the city.

1814—Oswego, N. Y., taken by a combined force of British and Canadian troops.

1826—Ex-Empress Eugenie of France born in Granada.

1828—Test act repealed by the British Parliament.

1840—Many lives and much property lost by tornado in Adams county, Mississippi.

1846—Gen. Taylor, in command of the army of occupation in Texas, marched to the relief of Fort Brown.

1852—Charles Warren Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, born.

1853—The Geneva, the first Atlantic steamer at Quebec, arrived at that port.

1854—Sultan of Turkey gave a banquet in honor of Emperor Napoleon.

1857—The Indian mutineers seized Delhi.

1858—Minnesota admitted to statehood.

1864—Battle of the Wilderness began...

The Dames defeated the Allies in a naval battle off Heligoland.

1865—Last fight in the Civil War at Palmetto Rancho, Texas.

1868—Argument in the impeachment trial of President Johnson closed.

1876—The ironclad ship Iseraire launched.

1885—Battle at Batoche.

1886—Six policemen killed by anarchists in the Haymarket riots in Chicago.

1900—Peary discovered the northern coast of Greenland.

1902—Revolutionists in San Domingo deposed President Jimenez.

1904—The Japanese captured Fengwangcheng, the Russians retreating without giving battle.

1905—More than a score of lives lost in a tornado near Marquette, Kan.

1906—The Dominion government took over the defenses at Esquimaux.

1907—Ernest W. Huffcut, legal adviser to the Governor of New York, committed suicide. ... Gen. Kuroki of Japan and the Duke of Abruzzi visited Washington.



Roseben, once a peerless sprinter, was badly beaten at the Aqueduct track in his first start this season.

The two Cornell four-oared shells crashed into each other on the river and both were put out of commission.

There seems to be every probability that an English lawn tennis team will play in America during the coming summer.

Many turfmen believe that a hard fight will be made in the Tennessee Legislature next winter to repeal the anti-pool selling laws.

The farmers at Ames, in the track squad, are developing some men in the weight events who may make a showing in the conference meet in Chicago.

Tom Jones leads the first basemen of the American League with 391; Williams leads the second basemen with 1000; Lord leads the third basemen with 1000, and Wagner of Boston the shortstops with 1000.

Notwithstanding the anti-race track laws enacted in the last Legislature in Tennessee, Montgomery Park and Billings Park, respectively, the homes for running and trotting horses at Memphis, will remain open as homes for the horses.

Indiana university is to have another world's champion if present prospects prove a success. "Long John" Miller, the varsity high jumper, bids fair to win as much fame as Le Roy Samsen, who became the world's champion pole vaulter while a student there two years ago. Miller recently cleared the bar in the 12 ft jump at 6 feet 2 inches.

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