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Experience With Kale.

The kale seems to be the forage plant for the farmer and dairyman. There is plenty of advice given in regard to growing the crop. It is well to use a little reason with this crop as well as with others. Do not take advice, no matter from whom it comes, that is not reasonable. We are told by some that a plant twelve or fourteen inches high or tall is the best size to transplant. The experience of gardeners during the past centuries has been that any of the cabbage family transplant best when only four to six inches tall. Even with this size plant it is best to prune the top if it is set in very dry weather. The beet transplants very nicely when it is small, that is when four or five inches high. The same with the rutabaga and turnip. A tree of any kind can be handled best when small if one desires to change its location. When one is putting out a large number of kale and has his ground in fine condition and wishes to do quicker work and plow them in he can use plants quite long and put them down so but little more than the crown is above the ground when the planting is completed.

One very fatal mistake is made when plowing in the plants; the plants are dropped in the furrow and the next furrow is turned and the dry top soil is thrown on the roots then a roller packs a little of the top soil, but the roots are left in loose soil and here is where the work ought to be reserved.—Pacific Homestead.

[The above article called forth a reply from Henry Dillstrom, of the class of 1907, who is running a dairy farm near Chemawa, which he calls "The Chemawa Dairy." We clip his reply from last week's Pacific Homestead.]

The Chemawa Dairy, Chemawa, Oregon—Editor Pacific Homestead: In the March 31 number of the homestead I read an article by Dexter Field on transplanting kale plants.

I would like to give an opinion on the same.

I do not agree with him on transplanting small kale plant, say from four to six inches tall. I would not think of transplanting plants smaller than from ten to fourteen inches tall, if I would expect to get the best results. This I have learned

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