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# AGRICULTURAL



### Corn and Soy Beans.

I have raised corn and soy beans together with good results, but my experience on the whole is to advise farmers not to grow them together. It made the corn exceedingly hard to cut, as the mass of vegetation was so heavy that the corn and beans tumbled in every direction from the heavy winds. I believe it is better, on rich land, to grow each of the crops separately, says an Ohio farmer. When the land is not so rich and it is not desired to cut and shock the corn, soy beans can be grown to advantage to turn hogs or cattle on after the corn is gathered. The most satisfactory soy bean that I have tried is the early yellow variety known as Hollybrook; they are some three weeks earlier than the mammoth yellow, grow a fine quality of vine and an excellent yield of seed. It grows off more promptly than the mammoth and gets out of the way of weeds and grass sooner, and for the same reason it is not so much in the way in cultivating a corn crop, if it is desired to plant them in a cornfield. And one decided advantage they have over the mammoth, they do not shell so badly after getting ripe.

### Growing Alfalfa.

E. C. Dameron, of Pike County, Mo., is credited by an exchange with the following suggestions on growing alfalfa:

"After several years' experimentation, with both success and failure, I unhesitatingly advise fall seeding. While I know of no plant that excels alfalfa in vigor of growth, after it is once established, it is extremely timid about its association with other plants in its early life. Weeds and foxtail are its worst foes, and how to avoid them or to reduce them to the minimum is the problem before the alfalfa grower. It is with this in view that I advise the fall seeding. To my mind the piece selected for seeding down next fall should be upland naturally well drained and fertile. If the piece selected is land in wheat I should top dress it during winter with all the stable manure I could possibly get on it—not in great hunks, but well distributed. After the wheat comes off in June I should disk it twice, once each way. After the first shower the weeds will begin to appear, then disk again. Keep this up until Sept. 1. Don't plow under any circumstances, but kill all the weed growth by surface cultivation. All this sounds like work, and it is work, but the best remunerated work a farmer ever did. About Sept. 1, if there be moisture enough for germination, sow twenty pounds of seed per acre. Use a wheelbarrow seeder and sow ten pounds each way. This covers 'skips' and gives a better distribution of the seeds. Then slant your harrow teeth and cover by going over the field at least twice."

### One of the New Breeds of Fowls.

Thinking to improve the Barre Rocks, we crossed them with Buff Cochins, then used what we supposed were pure Black-Breasted Red Games with them. As part of these games had yellow legs and pea combs, we now feel sure that they had been mixed with the Cornish Indian Game before we got them, and here is where we got the pea comb. This mixup produced a bird or two red as foxes, with yellow legs, and I conceived the idea of raising a whole flock like them.

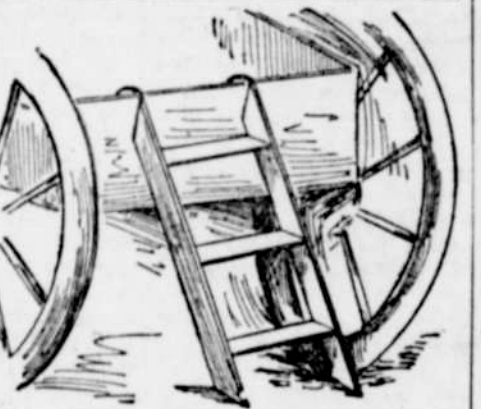
As layers the Buckeye Reds are simply peerless. Heat or cold has no terrors for them, as their small combs do not suffer from frost. They have a long body from the wishbone back upon which to carry plenty of meat. They are not coarse or bony, yet males weigh from nine to ten pounds and females from five to seven.

They have the rich yellow skin and legs so dear to the American epicure, and the skin is not thick and tough as in some yellow-skinned fowls. They are vigorous from the shell, alert and gamy, though not inclined to fight among themselves, says Mrs. F. Metcalf of Ohio in American Agriculturist, in which a Buckeye Red of ideal shape is illustrated. The surface color of the male is a dark rich velvety red, approaching cardinal or garnet, never buff or brick, head, neck, hackle, back, saddle and wingtips richly glossed with metallic luster, under color a lighter shade.



### For Loading Farm Wagons.

Use a handy short stepladder with bent irons securely screwed to the end of the ladder, and that fit to the wagon



end board. By using a ladder of this kind the loading is made much easier, and very often farm produce can be handled with far less danger of bruising. Very handy for many other kinds of work.

### Place for Lanterns.

A place should be provided in every farm building where lanterns are used or likely to be used. Stretch a wire along behind the cows and horses with sliding wire hooks on to which the lantern can be hooked and moved as wanted. A hook of cheap, smooth fence wire can be fixed up without expense almost anywhere, and it is much safer than a nail, as it will generally allow the lantern to hang straight. Be careful that no hay, straw or other inflammable material is near lantern hooks or other holders. Don't set a lantern down.

### Brood Hens.

If broody hens are properly treated nine out of ten will begin to lay again within two weeks after being removed from the nest. But if they are half-drowned, starved a week, or bruised and abused, it is more than likely they will get even with their owners by declining to lay a single egg until they have fully recovered from their ill-treatment and acquired their customary tranquillity.

### New Hitching Strap.

The most desirable hitching strap is one which gives the horse plenty of freedom and at the same time takes up the slack, preventing the animal from becoming entangled in it. A very simple apparatus for this purpose is being placed on the market in the shape of a piece of pipe of suitable length with the means at the ends of securing it to the stall. The upper end has a roller, over which the hitching strap or rope passes, and is secured to a weight moving in the interior of the pipe.

### Poultry Notes.

For rapid growth feed the chickens often.

Lice brood, breed and hide under the roosts.

Swellled eyes with running at the nostrils indicate roup.

Gravel should always be supplied to fowls that are fattened in confinement.

Of two things, the breed and feeding, the latter is the more important.

Dry salt is as good as any material that can be used for preserving eggs.

Ducks may be picked when four months old and every six weeks afterwards.

Select the stock of pullets you intend to keep as soon as they are well developed.

Coal ashes should always be sifted before putting them in the dust box for the use of poultry.

Much of the disease with which fowls are afflicted may be traced to a neglect in ventilating the fowl house.

Ducks should be allowed as much liberty as possible, as they do not thrive as well in confinement as chickens.

As a general rule there is more profit in marketing fowls early; prices are not any better, but there is a great saving in feed.

It does not cost any more to keep thoroughbred stock than it does to keep scrub stock, but it pays better when it comes to selling.

Young chickens or turkeys should never be allowed to go on the roost until ten or twelve weeks old. If allowed too young their hearts often get crooked and their growth and appearance spoiled.

# BAD BLOOD

## THE SOURCE OF ALL DISEASE

Every part of the body is dependent on the blood for nourishment and strength. When this life stream is flowing through the system in a state of purity and richness we are assured of perfect and uninterrupted health; because pure blood is nature's safe-guard against disease. When, however, the body is fed on weak, impure or polluted blood, the system is deprived of its strength, disease germs collect, and the trouble is manifested in various ways. Pustular eruptions, pimples, rashes and the different skin affections show that the blood is in a feverish and diseased condition as a result of too much acid or the presence of some irritating humor. Sores and Ulcers are the result of morbid, unhealthy matter in the blood, and Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Contagious Blood Poison, etc., are all deep-seated blood disorders that will continue to grow worse as long as the poison remains. These impurities and poisons find their way into the blood in various ways. Often a sluggish, inactive condition of the system, and torpid state of the avenues of bodily waste, leaves the refuse and waste matters to sour and form uric and other acids, which are taken up by the blood and distributed throughout the circulation. Coming in contact with contagious diseases is another cause for the poisoning of the blood; we also breathe the germs and microbes of Malaria into our lungs, and when these get into the blood in sufficient quantity it becomes a carrier of disease instead of health. Some are so unfortunate as to inherit bad blood, perhaps the dregs of some old constitutional disease of ancestors is handed down to them and they are constantly annoyed and troubled with it. Bad blood is the source of all disease, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and purified the body is sure to suffer in some way. For blood troubles of any character S. S. S. is the best remedy ever discovered. It goes down into the circulation and removes any and all poisons, supplies the healthful properties it needs, and completely and permanently cures blood diseases of every kind. The action of S. S. S. is so thorough that hereditary taints are removed and weak, diseased blood made strong and healthy so that disease cannot remain. It cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Sores and Ulcers, Skin Diseases, Contagious Blood Poison, etc., and does not leave the slightest trace of the trouble for future outbreaks. The whole volume of blood is renewed and cleansed after a course of S. S. S. It is also nature's greatest tonic, made entirely of roots, herbs and barks, and is absolutely harmless to any part of the system. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores. Book on the blood and any medical advice free to all who write.

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