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HAULING MANURE.

Some Reasons Advanced For Postponing the Work.

There is no best time to haul manure that will apply in all cases. The matter depends upon conditions. In one case it might be well to haul and spread directly on the field as fast as the manure is made, and in another case such a proceeding might involve considerable loss. It is good judgment in this as in other things that counts in the end, remarks a writer in Orange Judd Farmer.

Hauling manure directly from the stable to the field in winter is economical of labor, inasmuch as it may be done with sleighs when there is not much other work to do, but it is not economical of manure if the manure of the land it is hauled on to is such that the fertilizing elements of the manure will be largely lost by leaching and running away. Such conditions would be met on hilly ground, where the water would run into the hollows and carry the fertilizing elements with it or in waterways where spring freshets run.

More or Less Loss.
There is more or less loss on all fields from this cause since the ground is usually sufficiently frozen when the spring thaw comes to cause more or less water to run away, before the ground thaws sufficiently to allow of its soaking in. The question to decide, then, is as to whether the loss from leaching in the field will be greater than what would be encountered in the pile.

Formerly I preferred to haul directly to the fields in winter, but with the perfection of the litter carrier and the manure spreader I am better satisfied with the results of dumping the manure under cover and hauling it out in the spring.

I do not favor the plan of hauling manure on grass or clover, especially the latter, in the fall or winter. If hauled in the fall, it has a tendency to smother the plants, and if hauled in winter the manure draws the sun, and the melted snow runs down and freezes, forming a coating of ice on the ground that I have found to be against the welfare of the plants.

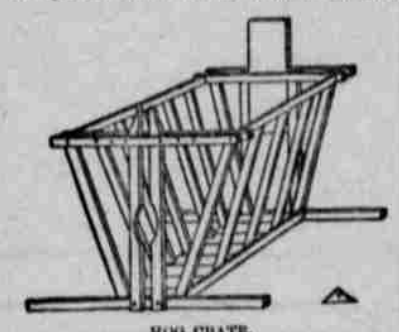
It is true that under certain conditions the snow will stay on the ground longer in the spring if covered with manure than it will if not, but it will also melt off more during the warm days in winter. Moreover, I think it very questionable whether it is desirable to have the snow lie on grass late in the spring. I prefer to have my grass and clover get as early a start in the spring as is possible.

HANDY DEVICE.

A Simple Contrivance That is Easily Made and Used.

A hog ring device is here pictured in regard to which a writer in Farm Press says:

In making this crate I use 2 by 4 timber for all cross and upright pieces except the board at the back to fasten



the hogs in, the stanchion and the crosspiece in front, which should be wider to hold the pins, and 1 inch flitch lumber sufficient for this piece. The floor also is inch stuff, and the upright stanchion is made of 2 by 4 stuff, with bolts at the bottom and two other bolts to use as pins at the top. The crate is four feet long, fourteen inches wide at the bottom and twenty-four inches wide at the top. I place it in the hopen door, let the hogs in from the rear and let them out from the front after the rings are adjusted.

Hibernation of Boll Weevils.

It has been often noticed that in a wooded country boll weevils appear first in spring along the borders of fields next to the woods and gradually work inward from the edges, so that it seems probable that in a wooded country most of them hibernate in woodland. Around outfallings and barns also are found favorable places, as there are always more or less rubbish and protection in such situations. In 1903 more than five times as many weevils were found in a piece of cotton near the Texas State college barn, where cotton had been grown the previous year, than were found in any other locality in that neighborhood. It is also noticeable that weevils are always more numerous near gins than at a distance from them. Unfortunately where much rubbish and grass are present and where the soil remains loose and is not packed by rains large numbers of the weevils winter in the cotton fields.

Breeding Dairy Cows.

In breeding dairy cows a man should have a definite object in view. Too many shift from beef to dairy when dairy products are high and beef products are low and then shift back again from dairy to beef when beef rises in value. By this method a man is constantly shifting from one breed to another, and as a result he is getting a herd that is good for neither milk nor beef. A man must have an ideal toward which he is breeding and then bend all his energies to that end. This shifting from one breed to another is a suicidal policy that will ruin any man and any herd. - Kansas Experiment Station.

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"How did Jones make his pile?"
"Judicious speculation."
"And how did Brown lose his?"
"Dabbling in stocks."
"Pat-An" did yet have a good toime last night?
"Mike-Sure. We went out an' painted the town green! -Cleveland Leader.

If there were more kissing done at home and less at the railroad depot, life in the married state would have more halos. -Palmyra Items.

"Aren't you ashamed to brag?"
"Sometimes, ma'am. When I find how stingy people are I fairly blush for them."

Mrs. McSpatt - Isn't it remarkable how many men mysteriously disappear? Mr. McSpatt - Oh, I don't know. Most of 'em are married.

The Long Haired One - You know, a poet is a prophet.
The Bored One - Not to his publishers. -Baltimore American.

Hemp is a Philippine natural monopoly. It cannot be grown profitably in any other part of the world. The United States is the largest consumer.

Riches don't amount to so much. Some of the happiest, most fortunate people we know are poor. -Atchison Globe.

"Was his flying machine a success?"
"Oh, yes. It failed to work before it got far enough up to hurt him." -Pearson's Weekly.

"Doctor, you have saved my life! I feel that I can never repay you!"
"I feel that I'll sue you if you don't." -Houston Post.

"Pa, did you ever hear money talk?"
"Yes."
"What did it say?"
"Goodby!" -Exchange.

Mrs. Black - Nothing that mother eats agrees with her.
Black - Food seems to have human intelligence. -Town Topics.

Church - Did you ever try any of these "close to nature" methods? Gotham - Well, I've used a porous plaster! -Yonkers Statesman.

Astronomer - There are many stars that are never seen. Theatrical Manager - Yes, and there are a lot that ought never to be seen.

"I cannot understand why a man's wife is called his 'better half.'"
"You would if you had to divide your salary with one!"

"Do you approve of working Sunday?"
"Certainly not," replied the man addressed. "Why make an exception of Sunday?" -Philadelphia Ledger.

A mustard plaster is not a very poetic subject; but, ah, how warmly it appeals to a man's feelings! -Philadelphia Inquirer.

Possibly the idea has got abroad among poets that the sea waves are sad because the ocean is so very blue at times.

The relative strength of the fleets of the powers is stated to be in the following order: Great Britain, United States, France, Germany and Japan.

In ancient and more simple times it was the custom never to shave. For 400 years there was no such thing as a barber beard in Rome.

Wise - Poor Burroughs! He's worrying a great deal about debts. -Newitt - Nonsense! You'll never catch him worrying because he can't pay his debts.

Wise - He's not worrying about old debts he can't pay, but about new ones he can't contract. -Philadelphia Press.

Lawyer - Well, aunty, what can I do for you?
Aunt Ebony - I want a deo'voe from ma husband.
"What has he been doing?"
"Doin'! Why, he done got relig'n, an' we ain't had a chicken on de table foh a month!"

There is no dish in the world that so rigidly requires to be eaten hot as steak. Some wag has said: "A cold cup of coffee, cold butter cakes, the cold shoulder, a cool reception - all are tolerable - we can use philosophy and forget them - but a cold steak is abominable. It is barbarous."

The French method of administering castor oil to ailing children is characteristic. The oil is poured into a pan over a moderate fire, an egg broken into it and the mixture well stirred. The omelet thus made is served with a little salt, sugar or a spoonful of currant jelly.

"Do you think, Miss Gertrude," inquired a decidedly vapid young man conceitedly, "it would be foolish for me to marry a girl who was my inferior intellectually?" "More than foolish," answered Gertrude sweetly - "it would be impossible." -Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Fond Mother (to her precious son, aged twelve years) - Willie, what would you like to give your cousin Harry for his birthday?
Willie (who has his own opinion of Cousin Harry, aged sixteen) - I know what I'd like to give him, but I ain't big enough! -London Judy.

"The French are awfully stupid."
"Why, I always heard they were very clever people."
"Well, they aren't. I was the best French scholar in our class, and yet when I went to Paris they couldn't understand a word that I said." -London Telegraph.

"George, I saw that Singleton was an today carrying the silk umbrella that she borrowed from me at the card party."
"Why didn't you ask for it?"
"I was just going to when I remembered that I borrowed it from her." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Dunbar's Resignation.
Paul Laurence Dunbar, while he was dying of consumption, contributed to Lipincott's this sermon of resignation:
Because I had loved so deeply,
Because I had loved so long,
God in his great compassion
Gave me the gift of song.
Because I had loved so vainly
And sung with such faltering breath,
The Master in infinite mercy
Offers the boon of death.

The Hero of the Adige.
"I will give a hundred French loots to any one who will venture to deliver these unfortunate people," said Count Spolverini when the swollen Adige swept away the bridge of Verona with the exception of the center arch. On this section stood a house whose inmates cried for help from the windows as they saw the foundations slowly giving way. A young peasant seized a boat and pushed into the flood. He gained the pier, took the whole family into the little boat and carried them safely to land. "Here is your money, my brave young fellow," said the count. "No," said the youth, "I do not sell my life. Give the money to this poor family who have need of it."

Against the Lightning Rod.
A long time ago a member of the Dutch Reformed church in Poughkeepsie made this protest against a proposition to lay a lightning rod for the church: "We've been to great deal droubles and great deal expense to build a house for God Almitia, and now if he's a mind to dander on his own house and burn him up, let him dander den! I shan't vote for de dunder rod!"

La Roche-foucauld on Love.
Love, like fire, must have continual movement. When it ceases to hope and fear, it ceases to exist.

The reason why lovers are never weary of being together is because they are always talking of themselves. Coldness in love is a sure means of being beloved.

The more we love the nearer we ve to hate.
Women who love, more easily pardon great indiscretions than little infidelities.

It is impossible to love a second time what we have once really ceased to love.

He Liked the Family.
Governor Claiborne F. Jackson of Missouri married five sisters. After one wife had been lost and appropriately mourned he espoused another, and he kept his courting within a narrow circle of his own relatives, for he rather liked the family.

The venerable father of those girls was almost deaf, and when the governor went to this octogenarian to ask for his surviving daughter the following conversation ensued:
"I want Lizzie."
"Eh?"
"I want you to let me have Eliza-beth!"
"Oh, you want Lizzie, do you? What for?"
"For my wife!"
"For life?"
"I want to marry her!"
"Oh, yes! Just so, I hear you, boy."
"I'm glad you do!" roared the governor.

"Well," slowly responded the veteran, "you needn't yell so that the whole neighborhood knows it! Yes, you can have her. You've got 'em all now, my lad, but for goodness' sake, if anything happens to that poor old girl don't come and ask me for the old woman!"
Jackson solemnly promised that he never would.

The Deadly Tongue.
The second most deadly instrument of destruction is the dynamite gun. The gun merely kills bodies; the tongue kills reputations and oftentimes ruins characters. Each gun works alone; each loaded tongue has a hundred accomplices. The havoc of the gun is visible at once. The full evil of the tongue lives through all the years; even the eye of Omnipotence might grow tired in tracing it to its finality. The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, of malice, of envy, of bitterness, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes, yet in any single year the aggregate sorrow, pain and suffering they cause in a nation is microscopic when compared with the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue. -William George Jordan.

Something New in Kentucky.
Fairbanks of Indiana and Shaw of Iowa were stumping Kentucky. After a successful meeting the Kentucky colonel who had the two Republican statesmen in charge invited them into the hotel barroom for some refreshment.

"What'll you have?" he asked Senator Fairbanks.
"A little cold apollinaris," was the reply.
"And you?" said the host to Governor Shaw.
"I think I will have a glass of buttermilk."

The barkeeper turned to the Kentuckian. "What shall I give you, colonel?" he asked.
"The Kentucky gentleman heaved a long sigh. "Under the circumstances," he said, "I think you can give me a piece of pie."

Schopenhauer on Innocence.
Innocence is in its very nature stupid. The first criminal and murderer, Cain, who acquired a knowledge of guilt, and through guilt acquired a knowledge of virtue by repentance, and so came to understand the meaning of life, is a tragical figure more significant and almost more respectable than all the innocent fools in the world put together.

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