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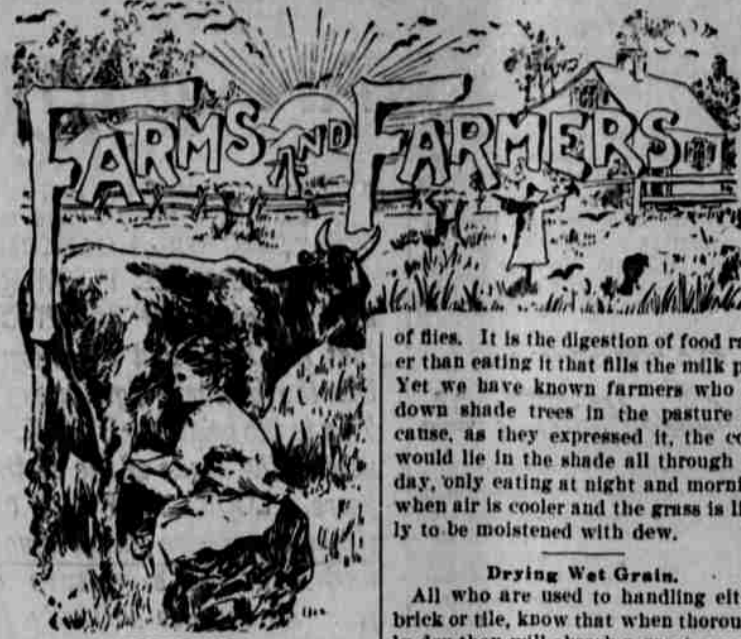
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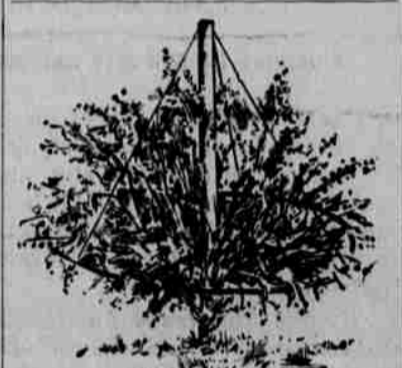


Dragging Newly Plowed Land.

When land is plowed for winter grain after midsummer it needs all the moisture that the soil when plowed, and a good deal more, to make a good seed bed. The turning of the furrow exposes a much larger surface to the air, besides making a hollow beneath, which also helps to dry out the soil above it. Early in spring, when the land is cold, this large exposure to the air, which is then warmer than the soil, may be beneficial. Even then we never wanted to let the furrow lie more than one or two days without putting in the harrow to break up the clods formed by the plow, and which, if they dried in that state, could not be made into a good seed bed that season. But in late summer if it is necessary to plow, the rough furrow should be dragged over as quickly as possible. It will press the furrow down, causing weeds and stubble to begin to rot. The roller also is a help to this. But it is better to run the smoothing harrow over the rolled surface, so as to roughen it. The compactness of the soil brings moisture to the surface, and the roughened surface makes a mulch which prevents too rapid evaporation.—American Cultivator.

For Picking Gooseberries.

It is the habit of our American sort of gooseberries to grow in a tangled mass of branches close to the ground.



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WIRE RING.

The wires drawn up and hooked over the stake that is stuck down in the middle of the bush. One can then reach under the bushes very easily.—American Agriculturist.

Grain Cheaper than Hay.

It is undoubtedly a serious loss to have so much of the hay crop injured by excessive rains, as has been the case the present year. Yet this may be in part made an advantage to farmers if it turns their attention to grain as a cheaper source of nutrition than even the best hay can be. More than this, if given with enough hay or straw or cornstalks to distend the stomach, grain is better feed, because more easily digested. In the coarser fodder so much of the nutrition goes to sustain animal heat or the processes of digestion, that comparatively little is left to make flesh or milk or fats. The knowledge that some grain with hay makes cheaper nutrition is not half so widely extended as it ought to be. If it were, there would be a better demand for grain and it would sell at better prices.

Burn Out the Stumps.

To get rid of stumps in a field, the contrivance shown in the illustration is an advantage. It is made of sheet iron, supplemented by two or three lengths of ordinary 6-inch stove pipe. The lower part must be large enough to slip over the stumps. A hole is dug between the roots or at one side partly under the stump, large enough to build a fire. After the fire is once fairly started, the cylinder is slipped over the stump and the pieces of stove pipe are added. The whole arrangement acts as a stove and the whole stump is burned out completely.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Shade for Cows.

The fact that with good pasture a cow is able to eat as much in a few minutes as she can digest in several hours is not properly appreciated by most farmers. If it were they would at least provide shade trees in their pasture lot, or, better still, have a cool, darkened room where, after eating her fill, the cow can lie and contentedly chew her cud secure from the attacks

of flies. It is the digestion of food rather than eating it that fills the milk pail. Yet we have known farmers who cut down shade trees in the pasture because, as they expressed it, the cows would lie in the shade all through the day, only eating at night and morning, when air is cooler and the grass is likely to be moistened with dew.

Drying Wet Grain.

All who are used to handling either brick or tile, know that when thoroughly dry they will absorb a great amount of water without being saturated. Advantage is taken of this fact by grain dealers and farmers, who place dry bricks which are easiest to handle and least likely to break among damp grain to prevent it from heating. It is surprising what an effect this will have if a very few bricks are interspersed through the heap. Each brick will absorb fully half a pint of water if it is dry to begin with. This will dry out the surplus moisture out of a good many bushels of damp grain. This might be used in mowing away damp hay or grain in the bundle, though in neither of these positions is there so much likelihood of injury as there is where threshed damp grain is closely confined in bins.

Forchum for the Silo.

While no kind of grain as feed can supersede corn in cheapness and value, sorghum is a formidable rival to it for fodder, especially when put up in the silo. It stands drought better, which is likely to make it popular in the arid portions of the West, where corn often fails. The sorghum has too tough a stalk to feed green, but when cut and put in the silo there is enough fermentation to soften the stalks so that they can be eaten. The sweetness of the sorghum furnishes carbonaceous nutriment just as does the starch of corn grain, and in even more palatable form. Wherever cane sugar is made in the South the workmen who attend the grinding always grow fat from the sugar they eat.

Gleaning After Grain Harvest.

It is a great mistake to let any stock, except poultry, glean after the grain harvest has been gathered. The poaching of the soil and injury to young clover, caused by other stock running over the fields, more than offsets what good the stock can gain by gathering the wasted grain heads. There are very few wasted heads in modern grain harvesting, except such as are bent down and cut off with too little straw to be gathered in the bundle. If allowed a free range, the fowls will gather most of the grain, and they will pay best for it, as grain so gathered always sets the hens to laying again.

Transplanting Vegetables.

In setting out cabbage and celery the top should be shortened severely so as to lessen evaporation. This will make a very vigorous growth, beside preventing the setback which a withered leaf on a transplanted plant always gives. With each transplanting there will come a large mass of roots, so that after being twice transplanted the cabbage or other vegetable will grow without any perceptible check. If the weather is not suitable heel the plants in, covering tops and all for two or three days. Then the roots will be ready to grow at once.

Effects of Milk Flow.

Deferring the watering for an hour or two invariably entices a slight shrinkage in the milk, and a deterioration in its quality. Allow a cow to go without its regular food for a short time, and she grows restive and anxious, and every one knows what a disastrous effect this has upon the milk flow.

Farm Notes.

Good size is always an important item in a breeding ram.

Plow the ground for wheat and then apply a dressing of manure.

The best sheep are the most profitable under all circumstances.

An excess of food induces indigestion, and is worse than a spare diet.

Plan to feed the milk cows liberally—that is, all they can eat and digest well.

When prices for any kind of stock is low, then is usually a good time to invest.

There is no advantage in digging the late potatoes until the weather becomes cool.

A small flock of sheep well cared for will bring a better return than a large one neglected.

Too much of the stock goes to market in an unmarketable condition to make the most out of it.

It is a mistake to sow grass, clover, wheat or rye in the fall without a thorough preparation of the soil. Have the surface in a fine tilth.

To make farming most profitable and to realize the best prices, all products should be marketed in the most attractive and finished manner.

So far as can be done, the feeding of all stock intended for market should be pushed so that the fattening can be done before cold weather sets in.

Better results can be secured with both clover and timothy if the conditions are such that the seeding can be done this month, rather than later.

The most productive and fertile farms can easily be made poor, and a rundown farm can be built up, according to the management given by the owner.

Remarkable Will Power.

The late William S. Groesbeck, of Cincinnati, never took another law case after his defense of President Andrew Johnson. "The brilliant speech which won that case," says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, "proved the man's remarkable will and intellectual powers. He had been so ill as to be confined to his bed, and on the day of the trial, while lying in bed, he jotted down on a sheet of foolscap paper the main points of his defense. He was driven to the tribunal in a carriage, unable to walk, and spoke extempore for four hours and a half. At the close article XI was voted upon, and the president acquitted of the other articles. Since that time Mr. Groesbeck has lived a life of quiet and retirement. In 1872 he built Elmhurst, a noble house of superb proportions, commanding a river view of unsurpassed beauty.

A bulletin (No. 7) of the division of entomology of the United States department of agriculture says that in France and Pennsylvania an industry has recently sprung up, which consists of the farming of spiders for the purpose of stocking wine cellars, and thus securing almost an immediate coating of cobwebs to new wine bottles, giving them the appearance of great age. This industry is carried on in a little French village in the department of Loire and near Philadelphia, where "Epeira vulgaris" and "Nephila fimbripes" are raised in large quantities and sold to the wine merchants at the rate of \$10 per 100. This application of entomology to industry is one which will not be highly commended.

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