

Home Course In Modern Agriculture VII.—The Selection of Seed

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ONE of the most important factors in crop production is the selection of seed. This is important not only in producing a large yield, but also in obtaining a product of the highest quality.

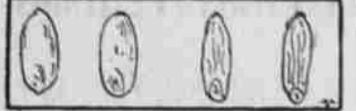


FIG. XIII.—GOOD AND BAD TYPES OF SEED WHEAT.

enough. Some of the largest grains are shriveled and light in weight. The only way to separate these is to use plenty of wind in the fanning mill so as to blow them over.

Such plants have more vitality, grow faster and produce larger yields than plants from shriveled seeds, which have a struggle for existence from the time they germinate.

When the required number of such heads have been found they should be put away in a dry place until spring, when they should be thrashed out separately and planted in a little plot in the garden.

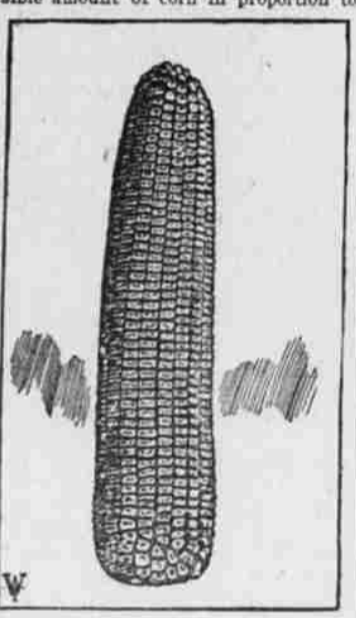


FIG. XIV.—A SPLENDID TYPE OF SEED EAR.

The second year, if the first year's selection was properly carried on, considerable improvement will be observed. This year the seed from each of the strongest rows should be saved in bulk after sorting out any heads that are not of the required type.

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On a lonely night Alex. Benton of Fort Edward, N. Y. climbed Bald Mountain to the home of a neighbor, tortured by Asthma, bent on curing him with Dr. King's New Discovery.

The crowd around the postoffice stove, after exhausting the possibilities of politics, local and national, had been discussing the alleged lack of the truth telling instinct in Old Man Simpkins.

Both Busy. "The girl who knows she is pretty makes a fool of herself."

On the Wrong Track. Tommy—Grandpa, are kings and queens always good? Grandpa—Not always, my boy—not when there are axes out against them.—Brooklyn Life.

CATARRH MUST GO. And Hawking, Spitting, Snuffles Must Go Too.

Hyomel (pronounced High-ome) will give the sufferer from catarrh joyful relief in five minutes.



Not Out of Danger. Wiggles—I hear Jenks has been very ill. Is he out of danger yet? Waggles—Well, he's convalescent, but he won't be out of danger until that pretty nurse who has been taking care of him has gone away.—Life.

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A WHISTLER WHIM.

The Artist Wouldn't Argue About His Birthplace or Age.

James McNeill Whistler had no patience with those people who would insist upon inquiring into two details of his biography in which he professed, and professed with some stoutly, that he was not interested.

ON AN OCEAN LINER.

It Doesn't Pay to Get Haughty With the Stewards.

"Never, oh, never, speak harsh words of rebuke to a steward on an ocean liner," declared a congressman of New York.

As Smart as His Boy. When Sir William Gilbert was twenty-seven and was known to the world as a promising writer, his father, who was a retired naval surgeon, wrote a semi-metaphysical, semi-medical book entitled "Shirley Hall Asylum," his first book.

Keepsakes. Washington Irving, who wrote the following lines on the value of trifles, evidently believed in them as emblems of friendship:

Just For a Change. "What I want," said the theatrical manager, "is a genuine novelty."

In Training. "Are you going to mingle in the life of the capital?" asked the old time friend.

Left Handed Compliment. "Your glasses," she said, "have made a great difference in your appearance."

For Diseases of the Skin. Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest.

Stiff Neck. Stiff neck is caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the neck. It is usually confined to one side, or the back of the neck and one side.

Couldn't Fool Johnny. Widow Jones—How would my little Johnny like a new papa? Johnny (aged five)—Oh, you needn't shove the responsibility on to me, ma! It isn't a new papa for me, but a new husband for yourself, that you are thinking of.—Boston Transcript.

Our Helpful Maids. Louise—I'm in a awful boat. After I started to bleach my hair I found I had only enough to do half of it, and Nelson is coming tonight. Julia—Never mind, dear. Let him sit on the porch-side.—Harper's Bazar.

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SUPERSTITIONS.

They Find a Place in the Minds of Even Great Men.

A man more absolutely governed by pure reason than Lord Macaulay could not well be found. But in his diary he refers to an after dinner talk about the feeling which Johnson had about thinking himself bound to touch a particular nail or post and to tread in the middle of a paving stone, and he adds, "I certainly have this very strongly."

BLUE EYED BABIES.

They Are the Favorites For Adoption Out of Orphan Asylums.

"Every baby who expects to be adopted out of an orphan asylum ought to make it a point of being born with blue eyes," said an asylum director.

India Ink. In both India and China there are thousands of people who manufacture India ink as a side line to their regular business, working at it in the winter at night and on days when they are not otherwise employed.

His Hand. Tom Reed was playing whist on one occasion in his club in Portland. One of the party whom the "czar" did not like extravagantly had a habit of carrying a good deal of black reality under his finger nails, and the rest of his hands never looked clean.

A Terrible Threat. "You say your little son-in-law holds threats over you?"

Highly Esteemed. "Do you think that most people nowadays worship money?"

Limited Love. "When your parents first refused me your hand, I was so wretched that I wanted to throw myself out of the window."

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DEATH OF THE WORLD.

When Water Disappears and Air Gets Too Thin to Breathe.

The age of the earth is placed by some at 500,000,000 years, by others at 100,000,000 years, and still others at later time place it at 10,000,000 years.

A GREAT RUNNER.

One of His Feats of Which He Had to Be Reminded.

"I'm the real thing as a runner," said Howard James majestically as he seated himself at the first home dinner since his return from college. His mother and sister looked at him in sheer admiration.

DARK DOINGS.

The Reason One Woman Is Disgusted With the Voting Proposition.

When any one asked little Mrs. Pratt her opinion on the question of equal suffrage she had her answer ready.

"CREASING" A WILD HORSE.

For One Captured by That Method Fifty Were Killed.

Will C. Barnes, writing in McClure's of the various methods of capturing wild horses in the old days on the plains, says:

Arago's Modesty.

Arago, the great French scientist, was never seen with a decoration on his breast. He valued honors lightly.

The Valuables.

The man with a wife and seven children huddled up in front of the hotel desk, registered, got his belly and was starting off when the clerk, thinking maybe he might jolly the new arrival, called to him.

Exempt.

"Jest you come right home, Henry Hiram—breakin' the Sabbath day in that scaw'ny, shufly fashion."

A Bitter Retort.

"Do you think," he asked, "that you could learn to love me?"

A few things gained by fraud destroy a fortune otherwise honestly won.—German Proverb.

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