

THE INSIDE TRACK.

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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

American-Bred Horses.

Fifteen million of horses are now owned in America, and more than 1,000,000 a year must be bred to keep up the supply.

Seed Peas.

Will seed peas three or four years old grow as well as if only one year old? asks a correspondent.

Competitive Agriculture.

The requirements of agriculture are constantly growing more and more imperative in their demands for educated and intelligent farmers.

Use the Brush on the Cows.

But a few farmers ever think it necessary that a cow should be brushed. We have seen neighbors laugh and ridicule what they call over-cleaning and fussiness.

Water Seeding.

Various times of the year have been recommended for sowing grass seed. Many plow and seed down in August and have good success unless September proves too hot.

sow wheat and grass in March or early in April, when the frost is out of only two or three inches of the surface.

Economizing Time on the Farm.

How to use time to the best advantage in the busy season of the year is what every farmer should study well.

Farm Notes.

A healthy fowl will drink fifteen to twenty times a day, and in a close coop, or in hot weather, still oftener.

Diseases of the liver and kidneys are very common in hogs. The difficulty in this case, and in most cases, comes largely from improper feed.

Horses should have water often if they are working in the field. The doubtless suffer much from thirst, for they are never watered except at morning, noon and night.

The most desirable eggs for setting are those of the freshest laid. A liberal daily sprinkling of tepid water upon them when incubation is near its accomplishment.

Don't keep corn stored too long in the crib waiting for the advance in prices that may possibly come by-and-by.

The best way to induce a turkey hen to care for a large number of chicks is to wait till she gets ready to sit, give her as many eggs as she can cover well, and a week later set several hens.

To improve a stiff wet clay soil or one that is dry, light and sandy, sow it down to red clover and harvest it while in bloom.

Now is the time to profit by the advice you got from the agricultural papers last winter concerning the care of implements.

When a farmer becomes burdened with a big lot of poor stock, etc., he is then in a fair way to lose money, and to become discouraged and ready

to declare that farming don't pay. Poor stock will burden any farmer, and the wise man who owns any of this class of animals will make every endeavor to get rid of them as soon as he can stock up judiciously with better ones.

Nearly half a century ago, Joshua Van Cott, a great horse authority on Long Island, used the following recipe for curing heaves in horses.

Sheep on the farm are almost a necessity in these times of advancement in farming. The highest authorities on agricultural economy claim that there must be a variety in stock as well as in crops to attain the greatest success on the farm.

The place which the pumpkin can be made to fill on the farm is an important one. As a food for cattle, it is excellent, and after removing the seed may be fed with profit to milch cows.

Havana Tobacco Dying out.

The truth is that good Havana tobacco is every year growing scarcer and scarcer, and promises before long to be all but unobtainable. The quality of tobacco, like that of other agricultural produce, depends on conditions which baffle the most careful cultivator.

Another Trunk Tragedy.

Talking about the trunk tragedy at St. Louis, said a lady who was returning from a visit to one of the Wisconsin summer resorts.

The Conductor's Story.

"If you write stories for the paper," said a Rock Island Railway freight conductor, "I can tell you a true one that came under my observation last winter out near De Moines when I was running on the Iowa division.

The Art of Embalming.

Two men sat silent in a handsomely furnished store on a leading New York thoroughfare. A small portion of the furniture and ornaments pertained to the living, the remainder to the dead.

"Gen. Grant's embalming was work of the finest kind—something to be proud of. It was done by the leader of our profession, and with the best material in the market.

The chief element in embalming consists in removing a large portion of the blood from the body and substituting therefore some powerful antiseptic fluid. Many experiments have been made in respect to these fluids.

"A solution of chloride of zinc was at one time in vogue, but in several instances it produced a ghastly bluish tinge, and so went entirely out of fashion. The so-called Egyptian fluid was a standard preparation for years.

"In embalming, a large vein and large artery and a small force pump, connected with a vessel containing the antiseptic fluid, is applied. The process requires from two to four hours. The natural movement of the circulation is followed.

The cost of the process is from \$15 upward. Embalming grows more common every year. In the past thirty months our establishment has embalmed about 200 subjects.

In a Lighthouse.

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"The embalmer runs the risk of disease and blood poisoning. A subject once preserved and treated is innocuous; but in the process the germs of the disease from which he died are expelled in vast numbers in the bloods.

Burning Up Fortunes.

"If the original fortunes of the states of Ohio and Indiana were standing today," says a lumber buyer, "their valuation would be many times greater than are the farms which they sacrificed to improve.

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She was none too quick, though, for her little brown hood, with a red ribbon fluttering from it, had no sooner disappeared between the timbers than we thundered over her.

"Let her out, Bill," I shouted to the engineer, "let her out lively, or that little thing will never be able to stick down there till we get over the bridge. Turn her loose!"

"So Bill let her out, but she'd no sooner reached the bank than I jumped off and went heels over head in a snow bank. I got back to the bridge as soon as I could and waited for our long train to get by.

"How I got down to her I don't know, but I got there. I lifted her up in my arms. Her eyes were closed, but she opened them, looked at me a second and then said:

"How did you get down here?" "This question would have made me laugh if I had felt sure she wasn't hurt, but as it was I hurried up the bank and to the caboose.

"I told her 'yes, knowin' that minute we were gone' right by her house. I was in such a hurry to get to a surgeon that I thought it right to deceive her. Pretty soon she went off to sleep and she looked so deathly lying there that all of us went to wipe our eyes like women.

"No, I'm at the old business. She got well, and all the spring used to watch for my train as she would for her papa coming home from work. We never passed her house unless she was out waving that little brown hood at us and making that red ribbon dance.

"Yes, we see and hear some curious things," said the lighthouse keeper, "and as for monotony it's enough to drive one mad. Married men fare better, as when women and children are around it isn't quite so lonesome; but it's bad enough.

"I remember some fishermen got blowed off shore and came in there, and what a night it was! About midnight some one sings out, 'The lamp's out!' And so it was. Up we rushed, half a dozen of us, scared to death, as ten minutes might cost a good many men and a vessel could come within twenty feet of our house before she struck.

"He came back alive, but with the whitest face I ever saw on a live man. He said he wouldn't do it again for love or money.

"But what'd ye suppose he found in the chimney, stuck fast? Nothing more nor less than one of these 'ere Mother Carey's chickens, jammed in as tight as it could get, and dead, of course. We get regularly pelted with birds in the light and that is the reason the glass is made so thick, as almost every night one or two birds hit against it. Sometimes in the spring and fall hundreds of 'em will strike in the course of a night.

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General Grant's Career.

The story of General Grant's life savors more of romance than reality; it is more like a fable of ancient days than the history of an American citizen of the nineteenth century.

Many of the motives which actuated him and the real sources of strength employed in the putting forth of his singular powers will never be fully understood, for added to a habit of communing much with himself was a modesty which always seemed to make him shrink from speaking of a matter so personal to him as an analysis of his own mental powers.

Upon his arrival a horse and buggy were ordered, and a drive taken to his farm, about eight miles distant. He stopped on the high ground overlooking the city, and stood for a time by the side of the little long house which he had built partly with his own hands in the days of his poverty and early struggles.

A Quail Burial.

About eighteen months ago seventy-five quail were taken from Tennessee into New Jersey for the purpose of colonizing them. In the spring of 1884 the experiment of breeding the birds while in confinement was attempted, two pairs being placed in a large wire cage that was built in the yard of a farm house.

This spring the remaining pair, being a cross pair, mated, and the hen bird built a nest and laid thirteen eggs. During the first week of her sitting upon them she was taken sick, and after moping for two or three days died. While she was sick, and after her death, the cock bird manifested some very remarkable characteristics.

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