GRASS SEEDING.

Some of the Methods Practiced by New England Farmers.

A. W. Cheever, the agricultural editor of The New England Farmer, says that he knows of but one best way of seeding land, and that is to sow the seed the last of July or 1st of August, just when nature sows it, and give the grass the whole of the room. The largest and best crops he ever grew were grown in this way. Early potatoes are off in season for such sowing, and potato land, if kept clean from weeds, makes an excellent seedbed for grass in August. At this time clover may be sown with as much confidence as in the spring, but every day's delay after the first week in August endangers the success of clover. It must get well established and have an abundant growth of other grass with it to insure its safety through the first winter. Occasionally the month of August may be so dry that seed cannot germinate as near the surface as grass must be sown. He adds: I have known one or two years when the small grains could not be started for late soiling crops. So it may be advisable sometimes to sow grass seed at other seasons and take the risks. With a favorable winter, grass sown alone in September or October may do well, but if the winter is open, with much alternate freezing and thawing, the grass will probably be thrown out and destroyed. Winter rye, with its long roots and thicker foliage, may save grass sown late by shading the ground and thus holding the top soil with its grass and grain roots in place.

Grass sown in autumn with grain is much more likely to do well if the grain is cut early for fodder than if left to ripen its seed. Seed production not only exhausts the soil, but the harvest comes later during the heat of summer and when the removal is a greater shock to the tender grass. My temperament is such that I have little patience with trying to patch up a piece of work that was badly done at the start. I always feel like rubbing it all out and then beginning anew.

In Mr. Cheever's vicinity—east Massachusetts—grain crops have come to take a secondary place with grass, which latter when sown alone, according to Mr. Cheever, is almost invariably worth more the first year than the grain and straw together would be if grain were sown with the grass and the former made the leading crop. This is especially true where the land is particularly adapted to the production of hay When seeded with grass alone, generally two crops are cut the first year, the first crop being cut early, even if not fully grown.

Smut in Wheat.

The following remedy has been found superior to others tried at the experimental farms in Manitoba and the territories, as well as by many of the farmers in the Canadian and American northwest: Take one pound of bluestone or sulphate of copper, dissolve in eight or ten quarts of water for eight bushels of wheat. Spread the wheat on the floor or in a wagon box; with a whisk or broom sprinkle well; then turn with the scoop and sprinkle again until every portion has been thoroughly moistened, which will use the amount of water specified. Now dry lime may be sifted on the seed to facilitate drying. The lime judiciously used will not be lost, as it will go to the soil, where it is valuable plant food. Some farmers use a large vat where much seed is to be prepared, placing the seed in a coarse sack that will admit water readily, and immersing it in the solution for a few minutes. This is undoubtedly the better method where circumstances will admit of its adoption. Where lime is used to absorb the moisture the seed must be thoroughly dried before using or difficulty will be had by the feeding apparatus of the drill becoming choked with it.

Peafowls.

The cock does not attain the full splendor of his plumage until he is 3 years old, and the hen does not lay until the same age. She lays from five to seven eggs, and sits twenty-nine days. If the first batch of eggs be taken away she will lay a second, so that by having a hen turkey foster nurse you may manage to have two broods in one summer. The peahen generally chooses a very retired spot out of the way of the peacock, who is often a cruel, unnatural father. The young must be hatched like guinea fowls and young turkeys. Unless they are fed amply and regularly they are apt to wander. When fat and hung long enough they make a delicious and splendid roast. They should be larded with slices of fat bacon, the head and neck, with feathers on, carefully wrapped in paper and tucked under the wing away from the fire, and when ready set up in purple glory to match the tail, adorned with feathers neatly stuck in at the last moment. If you wish peafowls to agree with other poultry they must be reared with them, otherwise they are not unfrequently murderous assassins of chicks.—Richardson.

The Latest About Silos.

A Rhode Island correspondent of The New England Homestead tells how G. F. Jencks, of Lime Rock, last year built three large silos and simply covered the tops with finely cut hay. In using the silage he took it from the top, and by so doing prevented the mold that results from exposure. He kept the cut hay constantly on the top and supplied more as needed. His cows and horses ate the silage with avidity, and he could not keep the stock he now keeps without it. He furthermore says: "It has been satisfactorily settled in this vicinity that silos are a valuable adjunct to a milk producer near the large cities and wholesale markets. It has been shown that silage can be kept without the great expense of weighting and time at the busy season of filling the silo."

Only One Clean Thing.

When Jones was at Oxford he was a most excellent fellow, and only had one enemy—soap. He was called Dirty Jones. One day the wag Brown went into his rooms, and remonstrating with him on the untidy, slovenly and dirty state of everything, said:

"Upon my word, Dirty, it's too bad; the only clean thing in your room is the towel!"—London Tit-Bits.

Suspicious.

Doctor—I believe you have some sort of poison in your system.

Patient—Shouldn't wonder. What was that last stuff you gave me?—Exchange.

During a masked ball at Covent Garden theater thieves made off with valuable diamonds and jewelry which they are said to have cut from the ladies' dresses.

UNKNOWN TO HISTORY.

The Story of a Secluded Grave Where the Daisies Grow in Profusion.

They were boy and girl together. Like flowers that grow side by side without asking why or wherefore, these two had always been together, laughed and wept together all through the dream lapse of their childhood. One day they dallied in a field where daisies grew.

"Which is your favorite flower, Margie?" asked the boy.

"Why, Harry, don't you know? The daisy;" and she picked one as she answered.

"And why?" he queried further.

"Because they have hearts of gold," she said, "which means that they are true and faithful." And then they talked of other things, while overhead the new moon silvered in the sky and colored evening came. Soon after from the little cottage on the hill Margaret heard the calling of her name, and then the children said good night and went to dreams which only children know.

The years rolled on and brought their changes. The boy and girl were man and woman. The country was at war. The air reverberated with the echoes of cannonade on Sumter, in which ominous peal of iron thunder every man whose blood ran young and strong had heard the calling of his name. Harry had heard his and answered "Here!" and Margaret approved. They were engaged, and yet she bade him go. The wedding day was fixed, and yet she bade him go.

Oh, woman! how sublime thou art in moments such as these! Which blood, I wonder, will be thought most sacred on the reckoning day—the red blood of men shed amid the glory and the din of battle or woman's tears—those colorless blood drops of the heart—shed unseen amid the common places of existence? Which, I wonder, will be deemed the hero, he who gives his life and dies or she who gives her life and lives?

The night before he went Harry came to say goodby. It was soft and balmy and the moon was full. Margaret met him at the cottage door, and they strolled together in the meadow where the daisies grew. She picked and gave him one. "Take this," she said, "and wear it, Harry. Let it be the Mizpah of our separation—this little flower which we have loved together since our childhood. Let it be our emblem in the face of death—if death needs be—true to the last, golden hearted to our country and to one another. May God be merciful," she prayed and rested her head on Harry's shoulder.

He took the flower, but could not speak. What else they said, what else they did, is secret of the vagrant clouds and bended treetops. All that we know is that they parted on that stilly night. Yet no one saw the moon grow paler, nor heard the woodlands shudder, nor the night wind moan; not even sobs were heard—so noiseless is the breaking of a human heart, as noiseless and unheeded as the falling leaf in autumn.

The days—those days which seem as years—crept on and brought their changes. Harry was dead and Margaret slowly dying. At first he wrote each day, and then less often, and then for weeks there came no word at all. At last a letter came, and as she opened it a withered daisy fell upon her lap. She read as follows:

"It is the eve of battle; tomorrow we fight our first great fight. I shall place the daisy which you gave me in this letter when completed, and wear the letter next my heart. If I be of those who stay upon the field some friendly hand, I know, will speed this letter on its way, but if"——

She read no more. Her hands dropped listlessly at her sides: the letter dropped. Motionless she gazed, like one entranced, through the open window where she sat; she saw the field where they had picked the daisies in their childhood—the field where they had said goodby—the field where they should never meet again; then suddenly a darkness, as of moonless night, fell on her vision and she swooned away. Then came the sickbed, then the days of hope of despair, and then sweet death.

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Perfectly Clear.

In Doctor Pierson's description of life in the southwest as he saw it many years ago—"before the war"—he speaks often of the peculiar turns of speech there prevalent. He was once present at an ecclesiastical meeting, where motions were piled upon each other until matters were in a frightful muddle. Finally the moderator was appealed to for a decision.

He rose from his seat, as became a presiding officer thus appealed to, and lifting his lank form till his head was among the rafters of the low school house he hesitated a moment and then said:

"Brethren, my decision is that you are all ahead of the hounds."

Doctor Pierson confesses that he did not fully comprehend the meaning of the words, but he could not help seeing that the decision was perfectly clear and satisfactory to the assembly.

An Imprisoned Genius.

Alberto Lopaz, who was taken to Yuma recently to serve a two years' term for burglary gave his personal effects to his friends about the jail. Deputy Barry was presented with a facsimile of the Episcopal church made out of pasteboard. Lopaz could see the church from one of the jail windows, and he reproduced it almost perfectly. He borrowed a knife from Deputy Sheridan with which he cut up the pasteboard, and then made paste from flour with which to stick the pieces together. It is a piece of workmanship to be proud of. The greatest production of Lopaz while confined in jail here is a reproduction of the magnificent Merchants' exchange building in Guadalajara. The entire affair is constructed of paper. On the inside of the building are the stairways, etc., each perfect in its construction. The prisoner must be possessed of a memory much stronger than most men are, to remember every detail of that large structure for a number of years. However much genius the man possessed, he has made bad use of it.—Phœnix Herald.

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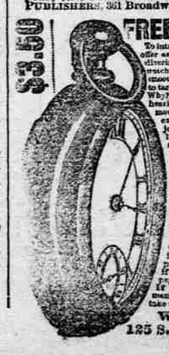

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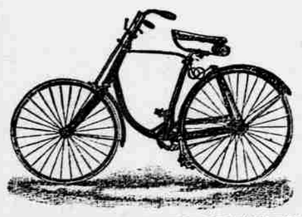

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