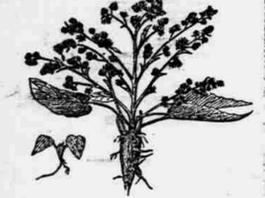


THE BURDOCK. How This Troublesome Weed is Propagated and How it May Be Eradicated. The burdock is a biennial. It has a strong tap root which goes down to a great depth in the soil.



THAT BIENNIAL WEED, THE BURDOCK. Where burdocks are allowed to grow freely the wool of sheep coming in contact with them soon becomes of but little value.

The man who mows his meadow down, too readily concludes that his whole duty has been discharged to the burdocks growing in it, when it has only been half discharged.

Like all biennials, they are easily destroyed in cultivated fields. It is in byplaces, as fence sides, lanes, corners around the buildings, pastures and the borders of woodlands, that burdocks give trouble.

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Small Flocks of Poultry. In the summer season the hens on the range secure a large share of food that with the spread will soon have a few chickens cutting them care should be taken to strike below the crown.

Steamed bone defilers from raw bone only in that the former is much less tough, so that it can be ground to a fine meal with the same expenditure of power.

Worthy of Note. It is estimated that in the United States there are 3,800,000 hives, belonging to 70,000 rearers and producing 61,000,000 pounds of honey yearly.

At the Illinois experiment station last season no appreciable effect on yield of field corn resulted from cutting the tops when in good condition for fodder.

Trouble in the St. Clair Tunnel. Great trouble is being experienced in ventilating the St. Clair tunnel, which was opened last year.

Mummy Paint. Mummies taken from the Egyptian tombs, beaten into a fine powder and mixed with oil for paint is one of the latest industries of Cairo.

THE IDEAL FARM WAGON. It is Low, with Open Sides, and May Be Cheaply Built. Some time ago The Rural New Yorker said: "The wagon of the future must be low down and open at the sides."



A WAGON THAT COMMENDS ITSELF. following illustrated description of the outcome to the journal that had suggested it. Here is the picture, about which the originator says:

The front wheels are three feet two inches, the rear four feet high. The axles are of 2-inch round steel bent to right angle cranks at the wheels.

You will see many advantages at a glance. The spiral springs are very light, carry the load very steadily and act as spring whiffletrees in starting a load.

Degeneration of the Potato. Except with those who desire to originate new varieties, the potato is propagated from the tubers, and with some sorts this is kept up so continuously it is sometimes said that if favorable conditions of culture and soil were always offered a variety will not run out from natural degeneracy.

Among some of these old timers may be named the Nashanock and the Long John, the first not surpassed for general excellence nor the latter for great productiveness and long keeping qualities.

For tidiness in the garden we cut over the asparagus in November and under the tops, and then spread a liberal dressing of rotted manure over the beds and fork it in enough to cover it.

Shopping for Amusement. The French critic, musician and government official, Roumeu, was fond of joking. One of his diversions—amusing, but not to be commended—was to go into some shop where he was not known and perplex the clerks by his questions and remarks.

At the Pennsylvania station corn grown for silage was found most advantageous when the plants were large, with ears nearly matured, instead of storing them in a silo, whether cut or uncut, in a green and watery condition.

Great trouble is being experienced in ventilating the St. Clair tunnel, which was opened last year. Owing to the steep grades very heavy engines are used for working the tunnel section.

Mummies taken from the Egyptian tombs, beaten into a fine powder and mixed with oil for paint is one of the latest industries of Cairo. The color of this human dust paint is a rich brown of lively tone.—St. Louis Republic.

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