

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

A Column Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

A Frenchman states that American breeders are changing the character of the Norman Percheron horse by seeking to increase its size and by paying no attention to other qualities.

Five or six years is the average term of duration of raspberry plantations. If retained longer the fruit is small and but little of it.

Salts of copper alone of all the remedies tried for parasitic diseases of the vine have proved certainly efficacious, whitewash, recommended by many persons for mildew, having failed to give satisfaction.

Of countries outside of Europe, the United States has 45,510,000 cattle, 48,322,000 sheep, 12,077,000 horses and 46,092,000 swine.

Alfred Rose of Penn Yan, N. Y., claims to have raised at the rate of 1000 bushels of potatoes to the acre by his system of trench-planting, in which he drops his seed potatoes cut to two eyes, on the bottom of a furrow eight inches deep.

The question frequently comes up, What kind of sheep will pay best? This depends upon the location and the purpose for which they are grown.

The dwarf June berry grows very easily, endures any amount of heat or cold, wet or dry, to which our locality is subject.

Much can be done in a small space with good soil well tilled by the plow, the harrow, the cultivator and the hoe; by intelligent rotation of crops; by timely applications of manures; by careful selection of what is planted; by the unremitting application of hard work and hard sense.

The Northern Pacific Fruit Growers' Association recently held their first annual meeting in Portland.

In 1847 a few hundred one-year-old grafts, planted in boxes, were hauled across the plains by H. Luelling from Iowa.

In 1852 Mr. Luelling went back and brought out a large variety of all fruits across the isthmus of Panama, carried across by Indians and mules.

In the fall of 1853 a few bushels of apples were shipped to San Francisco; in 1854, about 500 bushels, at \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel.

From this time on the shipments were heavy, often 3,000 to 6,000 bushels per steamer, and prices declined accordingly, until in 1861 the market broke badly.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In answer to the question, "What makes a Florida girl popular?" we would state that her father's orange grove probably has as much to do with it as anything else.

It is announced that an English inventor has lately devised a method of cooking in with a material resembling glass, which removes all danger of poison in canned goods.

The marriage of a girl ten years and eight months old to a man of thirty years is reported by good authority from Swane county.

If you are sick or think you are, don't send for the doctor unless you mean to follow his directions.

A lake, comprising 125 acres, near the village of Riverhead, Long Island, has been drained, and the bottom, which is found to be sandy, is being leveled and stumps pulled up and holes filled for the purpose of establishing an immense cultivated cranberry marsh.

One of the largest manufacturers of gloves in England recently issued a circular to the fashionable dealers in London, pointing out that the habit of attempting to wear gloves too small has grown to such an extent that it has seriously affected the reputation of the factory.

Though the great West doesn't suspect it, at the Eastern centers of civilization the dude has been replaced by the Gussie, he supplanted by the Timmie and the latter's successor is the gou-gou, who is the reigning favorite.

Frank Brower, a favorite negro minstrel of olden times, walked into the barroom of the Metropolitan one morning, dusty and unkempt from a long journey.

There ought to be a stringent statute making it a felony to arrange a prize fight in any State, to enter into negotiations for arrangement of a prize fight or to engage in such prize fight in any manner.

Diagnosis of, and Remedy for, an Almost Universal Affliction.

There are diseases which medicine may cure; others must be left to the healing power of nature; and there is a class in which the patient must minister to himself.

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Remedy: When attacked, go to work vigorously to promote the happiness of those around you, and thereby forget yourself.

Two Funerals.

There was a curious and trying episode the other day on Kearny street. Up Kearny street came a French funeral with a band and the usual procession.

Mr. Chas. F. Powell, postmaster, Terre Haute, O., writes that two of his very finest chickens were recently affected with roup.

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