

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

After Producing Fine Fruit, Learn How to Sell It for the Most Money—Plymouth Rock Hens Have Many Points of Excellence—Brief Notes.

Fruit Growing. An apple tree will nearly care for itself, but the man who wants good trees in the future will thin his fruit.

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Straw Stack Stables. Wherever grain is largely grown the straw left after threshing will make a cheap and warm stable for stock the ensuing winter.

Sowing Grass Seed. One of the questions being discussed by the farmers' institutes is whether the old-time custom of sowing grass seed on grain is as beneficial of good results as sowing the seed alone.

Profits in Blackberries. Perhaps it is safe in asserting that in proportion to labor and capital invested no crop pays as large a profit as blackberries. Growers who complain that blackberries do not pay should first estimate the expense.

Golden Rod. This native plant deserves a place in gardens, and especially in those where a collection of American plants is so hardy, so showy, and so easily grown that it deserves more attention than it often gets.

Sliding Barn Doors. There should be no toleration of the old-fashioned swinging barn doors, which winds will soon break from their hinges, making it impossible to operate them except by lifting the door and carrying it around.

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Sowing Grass Seed. Clover seed on grain is sown as early as it can be done. It has an advantage to go over the grain field with a smoothing harrow, which will not only benefit the grain but prepare the ground somewhat for the seed.

Growing Tomatoes. A tomato grower of Charlestown, Va., is reported to have grown last season many tomato vines from thirteen to fifteen feet high, trained up to long eading strips, one end of which was in the ground. The tomatoes, which were of the common varieties, were trained to this unusual height by pinching off the runners or branches as they appear, and when quite small.

Potatoes After Corn. It is possible to grow a good potato crop after corn if the latter has been planted on an old sod heavily manured. In such a case a good deal of the virtue of the sod was not secured by the corn crop, and there is besides a dressing of well-rotted manure to be turned up by the spring plowing.

Varieties of Peaches. It is believed that failures with peaches in many sections are partially due to the proper varieties for each section of the country not being selected. To learn more on the subject the work of testing the varieties has been submitted to twenty-four experiment stations, and it is believed that the results will be very beneficial.

Money in Sheep. Many farmers who got rid of their sheep because wool did not pay have found that they made a mistake in so doing, as the ewes could have been made the foundation for something better. Sheep are not as easily procured now as two years ago, and fewer complaints are made regarding the profits from them.

The Best Turkeys for Breeding. It is not surprising that turkeys should soon run out and become inferior in every way, when we remember how so many farmers choose their breeding stock. All the late birds stunted by corn feeding while young are saved, while those that are large and fine are sent to market.

Stock that Gains in Value. One of the best rules for profitable farming is to always keep as much young-growing stock as possible, and to discard early that which because of age is declining in value. Food that makes growth is always much more productive than that given the fully grown animal which only requires to be fattened.

Value of the Cow Pea. Analyses made at the Colorado Experiment Station show that pea vine hay is richer in protein than either clover or alfalfa. The pea vines contain materially more nitrogen than alfalfa, and are valuable for green manuring. There is a considerable amount of pea vine hay made in Colorado. The variety grown for that purpose is known as the Mexican pea.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

There was uniform strength in all speculative markets during the past week. Chicago May wheat sold from 94 1/2 to 95 3/8; May corn, \$10.30 per bushel to \$10.75; Liverpool and foreign markets up in proportion. The American visible supply decreased 888,000 bushels during the week and now totals 35,634,000 bushels compared with 46,058,000 bushels last year.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 74@75c; Valley and Bluestem, 77@78c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.75; Graham, \$3.30; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 36@37c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton.

Seattle Market. Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 23@25c. Cheese—Native Washington, 13c; California, 9 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 23c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 12c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$23. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22@23; whole, \$22.

San Francisco Market. Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops—12 1/2@16c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$22@25; California bran, \$20.50@21.50 per ton. Onions—silverskin, \$2.65@2.85 per cental. Eggs—Store, 13@14c; ranch, 15c; Eastern, 18@19c; duck, 14c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 11 1/2c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navel, \$1.00@1.50; Mexican limes, \$8.50; California lemons, choice, \$1.50@1.75; do common, 75c@1.25 per box. Hay—Wheat, \$16@18.50; wheat and oat, \$16@17.50; oat, \$14.50@16.50; best barley, \$13.50@16; alfalfa, \$10.50@11; clover, \$11@12.50.

Exceeds the Sun's Brightness. Taking Dr. Elkins's measurements of its distance, the star Arcturus exceeds the sun in actual brightness 5,000 times. To improve her complexion, a young lady in Worcester, England, was in the habit of eating about two wax candles every week.

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NET THE ONLY RICHES. Unless the Canadian government repeats its regulation of last fall, restricting the size of claims to 100 feet, there is not likely to be very much prospecting on British territory this year. The miners regard a double claim to the discoverer, and a 100-foot claim to each subsequent locator as inadequate compensation for the risks which they take in the Klondike country.

Two New York men have invented an electric dental mallet for use in hardening tooth filling, the tool having a central bar, which slides back and forth as the current is made and broken.

ADDING PENCILS ARE BEING MADE WHICH HAVE A SLIDING REGISTER PLATE SET IN THE SIDE OF THE PENCIL CASE TO BE RAISED BY PRESSING THE POINT OF THE PENCIL AGAINST THE PAPER OR DESK AND REGISTER ANY NUMBER OF POINTS.

CRINKLES IN A MUSS.

Whatever may be the matter with China and other countries, it is said that for the reason that most of them have no little to feel upon and so very much hard work to do they suffer greatly with neuralgia.

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A HANDY DEVICE FOR KITCHEN USE IS A table having the top made of a series of shelves attached to a tilting frame by which the row of shelves can be raised to a vertical position and used as a cupboard.

THE OLDEST BANK NOTE. The oldest bank note in the world was printed in China in 1368—32 years before Gutenberg, the reputed inventor of printing, was born. It was issued 300 years before bank notes were circulated in Europe.

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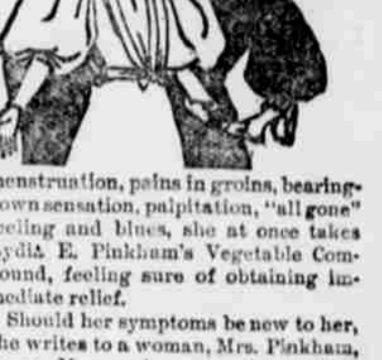
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