

IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING WOOL

American Cultivator. Even after wool has been purchased of the farmer, baled, freighted to city markets and stored in the wool warehouses, there yet remains a vast amount of labor and skill to be expended in putting it into merchantable and marketable shape.

There are very few flocks of sheep whose clip gives wool of sufficient uniformity to be available for use in any one factory or in any single line of woolen goods.

To gain some idea of the difficulties with which the wool buyer and wool sorter has to contend, let us visit some large wool house where heavy receipts are awaiting the hand of the expert.

Let us look back to the sources of this wool now seeking purchasers in our city market and see the chances for variation in quality and condition.

As the wool grader, in proceeding with his work, finds any Saxony wool he throws aside picklock and XXX. Sometimes a Merino sheep will grade up to a XXX, but these latter fleeces generally come from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The grade of wool known as X is generally obtained from the full-blood Merino of Wisconsin and Michigan, and also from the finer crosses, though the latter are generally graded into combed and designated as No. 1.

California and Texas wools rarely ever yield any combed. Kentucky sheep yield a large percentage of combed wool, while a considerable quantity is now obtained from Missouri, where the Merino has been crossed upon the native stock.

While but few flocks of Saxony wool are now found as compared with the number in existence previous to 1850, yet, on the other hand, we find a much smaller percentage of low-bred fleeces, which latter have been bred out through the introduction of the Vermont Merinoes.

gave the American worsted manufacturer the best combing wool produced in the world, also giving the farmer the most profitable sheep. Australia now ships to England considerable wool of this grade.

Quantity is all the farmer seems to desire in his manure heap. He does not stop to consider the quality or value, but judges it by the number of cubic feet it occupies.

And to still further detract from the value of the heap, it is to be observed that the above applies only to good manure—that has been well composted, protected and managed.

Then there are many compounds formed by the vegetable acids in the manure heap entirely unknown. A constant movement of the particles is in progress therein, and new compounds are formed daily.

The preservation of manure is one of the most important matters for the farmer's attention. It is usually the method with him to haul everything to the barn yard to be trampled by cattle, and there remains until it is ready to be heaped.

The black, disagreeable stuff that flows away in the drains after heavy rains carries off the wealth of the farmer with it, leaving the dross for him to haul to the fields.

Everything indicates that cotton will soon get a figure in our produce reports. As we have shown from time to time, there are experiments being tried in nearly all parts of the State from Tehama to Los Angeles.

Just now Frank Abell is taking some of the most charming and lovely promenade and studio photographs we ever saw. Call at his office on First Street, Portland, and see them. Strangers always made welcome.

Stock.

Selecting Breeding Horses.

Our readers have not failed to see that the Journal has an enduring faith in good, useful horse stock. Under the term "useful," we, of course, include good horses for every use, whether this be to hitch to a three-ton truck-load or to a hundred-pound road wagon.

Cheese factory floors are generally places prolific in foul odors. The whey spilled upon them gets into cracks and crevices, or into the grain of the wood, which becomes soft by much wetting, and soon sours and rots, to fill the room with unsavory fumes.

Abortions in Cows. If in the winter season, and the cows are kept stabled, the surroundings should be carefully looked after. There should be ample ventilation, but great care should be used that there are no drafts of air.

Shipping at San Francisco. A correspondent of the Tribune, writing from San Francisco, under date of December 18th, says: It is a fine sight to see the wheat fleet lying at anchor here, or taking on cargo at the wharves.

She was a Boston woman; tall, thin, with false curls and a sour visage. Beside her sat her husband, a little, meek, demure-looking man, who seemed incapable of boldness of speech or action.

more persons that preach him than he ever had before. It is astonishing how much upsetting it takes to upset Moses. It is like upsetting a granite cube.

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Grange News.

The following letter gives some interesting items about Washington Grange, which we are glad to get, and think if the Sisters would write occasionally from each Grange that it would help the cause.

APPELATE, Or., Jan. 22, 1892.

We had a public installation of our officers in the Washington Grange yesterday. There were a great many Sisters present, which was very flattering to us, and was unexpected here, where the Grange is considered as something very detrimental to the B. and O. of this neighborhood.

Having been a great sufferer from rheumatism several years, and tried numerous remedies of every imaginable description, and a great number of physicians, all to no purpose, last Spring I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism so as to confine me to my bed.

Some years ago wheat began to fail as a staple in Southwestern Minnesota, and farmers had to seek profit in other industries or wend their way westward.

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more persons that preach him than he ever had before. It is astonishing how much upsetting it takes to upset Moses. It is like upsetting a granite cube.

Didn't Like the Security. An Eastern Oregon cattle ranger, owning about 3,000 head, who recently went East, asked Morgan, the New York banker, to lend him some money on them, so that he might increase his stock.

A LETTER. Having been a great sufferer from rheumatism several years, and tried numerous remedies of every imaginable description, and a great number of physicians, all to no purpose, last Spring I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism so as to confine me to my bed.

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