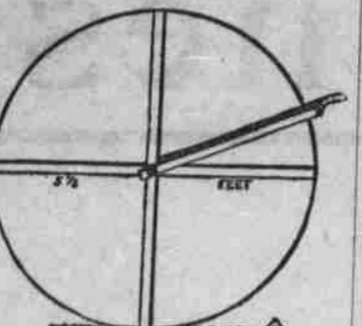


FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN
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CENTRAL POINT
ROGUE RIVER
VALLEY
OREGON
CORRESPONDENCE
SOLICITED

LAND MEASURING DEVICE.

If Well Made It Will Be Found Very Useful on the Farm.
To measure fields readily the hand device shown herewith will be found very useful. It consists of a heavy wire or light iron rod sixteen and a half feet long, bent into a circle and the ends welded together.
Across the circle at right angles to each other are two pieces of light wood five and a half feet long. Through the center of these a hole is bored and a double handle slightly longer than half the diameter is attached as shown by means of a bolt and nut outside the rim of the circle. It is necessary then to mark one of the crosspieces and start measuring with this point on the ground. The number of revolutions multiplied by sixteen and one-half will give the distance in rods across the field. Each quarter revolution, therefore, measures a quarter of a rod.
It is necessary in keeping this measure that the circle be not bent, because this would give inaccurate measure. It is therefore advisable to use iron hoops enough to stand ordinary knocks.—Orange Judd Farmer.



FOR MEASURING LAND.
(From the Orange Judd Farmer.)

EIGHT DOLLAR LOSS PER COW.

The Wisconsin Dairymen's association recently had a census taken of twenty-five herds of common dairy cows in a certain section of the state, and the data collected by the census taker (in some instances he might well have omitted in the capacity of cow undertaker) are illuminating to quite a degree, so much so that they will find in any section of the country where dairymen is followed. Of the twenty-five herds there was a variation in return running all the way from \$5 profit per head to a loss of \$8.00 per head, not counting the value of the fertilizer or calf, and it is likely that calves from such cows wouldn't amount to much for any purpose. One man who milked eighteen cows through the year realized the magnificent sum of 70 cents a head net for his labor; another who milked eighteen head was out of pocket 20 cents a head as a result of his dairy operations (the best developed good forearm muscles, however), while a third who milked twelve cows through the year lost \$5.84 on each animal kept. The cows of the dairyman who netted \$35 per head were grade Jerseys and Guernseys, while those who lost money in their operations or made but little were scrubs or grades of a beef rather than a dairy breed. In a majority of cases scrubs used or unknown or beef percentage were used, and little or no effort was made to improve the milking capacity of the herd, as the results above noted clearly indicate. But five also were used in their twenty-five cases, and with these the cows were vitiated because the silage was fed to cows of no pronounced milk capacity. The pointers to be got from a census of this kind are plain for any man who has the primal sense to comprehend simple facts—first, for success in the dairy business you need a pronounced dairy type should be kept and introduced silage of known ancestry; second, a record should be kept of each animal in the herd so that the owner may know just what return she is giving; third, silage should be installed to get the most value out of the corn crop, and, lastly, as large a percentage as possible of the protein portion of the ration should be furnished by home grown clover, alfalfa or other legumes. Other things should be kept in mind in the dairy business, but the following of the four suggestions given would revolutionize the dairy business.

LESS SWARMING, MORE BEES.

Experience of Expert Apiarist in Making Increase of Colonies.
Speaking of the swarming period of bees, Secretary Sizer of the Connecticut Beekeepers' association recently had the following to say:
"Swarming is frequently so annoying to comb honey producers that a recent experience of mine may be helpful. On May 17 I found five or six capped queen cells in my best colony, and, desiring to prevent swarming and make a moderate increase of colonies, I removed five frames of brood, shaking all the bees back into the hive.
"The empty space was filled with frames of comb. All queen cells except one were destroyed. The five frames of brood, with the largest ripened cell and five frames of foundation, were placed in a new hive. Another strong colony was moved to a new stand and the new hive put in its place. The removed colony gave up a sufficient number of its bees to take care of the brood in the new hive, and by June 1 the latter contained a mated queen and a good number of colonies. The queen is a beauty and may have been nursed under the super; she laid her first egg on the first day of her life.
"By this method one hive furnished the comb, brood and queen and another supplied the bees. I have three good colonies waiting for the queen to lay her first egg, and do not expect them to swarm. The day after robbing the first mentioned colony of its brood I found the bees at work in the super. But little has been done since, however, the weather being so cool and the honey supply so meager."

THE BOY AND THE SLUGSHOT.

The other morning the writer found the remains of two pretty blue martins (king birds) in the corner of his orchard and turned on inquiry that some small boy had been in the locality with slugs and shot. He had and had found the birds very much because of their injury to a nestful of fledglings played on the archway a gate near the sidewalk. It is possible that this offense was the result of thoughtlessness and not because the boys in question were bent on heart, but the result was the same for the birds. If a highwayman had come along when one of these boys was a helpless baby in the cradle and had wanted to kill both father and mother, resulting in the starvation of the child, we would have an exact counterpart of what happened to the birds. Putting it in terms which every boy who has a spark of manliness and firmness in his makeup can understand, the boys who killed these birds did not give them a square deal. Particularly was this the case because they were killed at nesting time, when not only their own lives, but the lives of their young, were at stake. Five away, boys, at red squirrels, English sparrows, blackbirds, bluejays and crows, but grant all useful birds freedom from attack, but especially during the nesting season.

SUMMER PRUNING.

The writer has had from receives inquiries as to what course to follow with fruit trees which put out a crop of leaves each spring, but set no fruit buds and thus give no return in way of fruit. It is quite likely that such trees are suffering from too much kindness—from too rich a soil or too much fertilizer scattered on the ground. For such trees summer pruning is recommended, and this may be done from now up to the 10th of August. This should consist in cutting back somewhat recent growth and taking out a number of limbs where the head seems too thick. The philosophy of the summer pruning seems to be that, done late in the growing season as it is, the surplus vitality furnished the fever branches remaining, instead of being consumed in the further growth of twigs and leaves, is used in the formation of fruit buds for the succeeding season. The average tree will doubtless stand this summer pruning in any event, while the owner can determine whether the method is effective in producing the desired result.

What a Farmer Must Know.

To be a farmer of the present time one must be learned in chemistry, a good carpenter, a fair machinist, an ordinary house painter, an accurate bookkeeper, a good veterinary surgeon, a competent civil engineer, know enough about law to keep out of court, be a shrewd buyer, an affable salesman and a good citizen.—Farm Progress.

Keep Your Plows Clean.

The bright finish on your plows cost you money to secure and is worth keeping. Clean every night and grease well when left for any length of time.

Real Reform in Farm Life.

There can be no real reform in farm life unless the farmer grows as well as his crop. He can grow only by achievement; by accomplishing something of which he may be justly proud. As soon as he begins to achieve and to grow he will become wonderfully contented with his unnecessary hardships and limitations. He will want a better home in which to live, a better school for his children and better public roads.—Outlook.

Best Varieties of Cereals.

Among twenty-five best varieties of cereals grown at the Ohio experiment station, Siberian, State Day, Improved American, Illinois German, Josette, Green Mountain and Big Four are in productive capacity. The range in yield of grain on the average for the five years was 63.24 bushels for the best mentioned variety to 70.40 bushels for the first mentioned.

Uniformity in Swine.

The herd of swine should be of uniform color and the lots of swine for market should be of as near uniform size and shape and color as possible. The picture may serve for this kind of pigs.

APPLES SPRAYED WITH COMMERCIAL LIME-SULPHUR—SCABBY FRUIT ON THE TREE.

It is undoubtedly the best all around fungicide known, and it is unfortunate that the apple growers have to consider the possibility of giving it up, but the russeting of the fruit and the burning of the foliage caused by it are so objectionable that it seems highly desirable that not necessary to adopt a less injurious fungicide even at the risk of a partial sacrifice of efficiency in the control of diseases.

EXPERIMENTERS CONDUCTED BY THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY DURING 1905.

Further evidence of the value of the lime-sulphur sprays as fungicides for summer use. These experiments cover a wide range of conditions, having been conducted in Virginia, Michigan and Arkansas. Eleven varieties were treated. Four different brands of the commercial lime-sulphur solution and a similar home prepared solution were tested at various strengths. The commercial brands registered from 31 to 33 degrees on the hydrometer scale.

MISTAKEN BELIEFS ABOUT MANURE.

It is argued by some farmers that hauling manure out on the field every month in the year is a mistake and that if spread out in midsummer the sun will scorch it to a tinder and burn out all the good. The Maryland experiment station some years ago determined to test this theory, with the result that its experiments have exploded two very common beliefs, the summer burning theory being one of them.

Planting Twice For Crop.

Soil land is very good for almost all crops. If the season is seasonably wet and other conditions are favorable. One of the worst troubles with corn in the soil is the cutworms of the young corn. By plowing soil land for corn in late fall or early winter many of the cutworms will be destroyed; also when the land is plowed at this time the soil will be better to settle and decay, and the corn next season will stand dry weather better. If the soil must be plowed again next spring no harm, but much good, will be done. Plowing any land twice for a crop or disking well after plowing is labor well spent.

Beautiful the Home Grounds.

Properly planting the right kind of trees, shrubs and plants on the home grounds means much more than mere beauty—it has a decidedly practical side. It is cheaper to beautify the home grounds than to allow them to grow wild and unimproved. Decorating the home grounds transforms a house into a home. It makes the house part of a beautiful picture and surrounds it with such evidence of loving care that it immediately impresses the beholder with the feeling that people who live in the house that they do not merely exist there.—Journal of Agriculture.

POLES FOR CLIMBING PLANTS.

Poles for climbing plants should always be set before the plants are transplanted or the seeds put in the ground, because the transpiring pole in the ground is apt to destroy some of the roots.

Planting Asparagus.

It requires three or four years from the planting of asparagus seed to the time when the plant produces shoots suitable for eating, and for this reason two-year-old shoots are desirable.

Scandal is a very effective weeding crop.

Ten to one there is a surplus of lawyers, doctors and clerks in your country and a shortage of farm help.

A Pennsylvania woman burned her husband's wooden leg as the only way to prevent him from going to a saloon.

The judge upheld her.

Well, sir, if people cannot get beef, pork or mutton at fair prices they will eat more eggs and chickens. Mrs. Hen is coming to the front.

The figures show that 182,000 persons attended the various farmers' institute meetings in New York last winter. Of course many of these attended several sessions.

In several states the trade in worsted or "wool" city homes has become so bad that parliament is asked for a law authorizing inspectors to kill all such animals that are found "doctored" or badly lame or diseased.—Rural New Yorker.

A set of money houses, with the provision about the cellar, means, and the equipment of every orchardist. They will make possible more thorough cultivation near the trees and fewer injuries to them.

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LIME-SULPHUR SPRAY.

Found by Government Expert Better For Apples Than Bordeaux Mixture. In a government circular by William Scott, pathologist in charge of orchard spraying experiments and demonstrations and fruit disease investigations, it is declared that in recent years Bordeaux mixture has come into its favor among the apple growers on account of its injurious effect upon the fruit and foliage of certain varieties, and there is a growing demand for a reliable fungicide which can be used for the control of apple diseases without producing such injury. Bordeaux mixture is a fact of common knowledge that the dryness of the atmosphere reduces the discomfort of this heat to the minimum. This accounts for the fact that, while prostrations are frequent in the east, they are practically unnumbered in the west at 110 degrees F.

GO SLOW ON BROOM CORN.

High Price of Crop Tempting Many Farmers into Untried Field. The extremely high price of broom corn has aroused a widespread interest in the crop, says O. D. Center of the University of Illinois. Broom corn belongs to the same family as sorghum, Kaffir corn, milo maize and Jerusalem corn, all of which are classed botanically as Andropogon sorghum. It differs from the other members of this group in having the seed heads with much longer, straighter, stronger straws or branches. These form the brush, which is the valuable portion of the plant.

Broom corn growing now is and will always remain a small industry because the demand for the brush is not only limited, but small. This crop, then, is not a profitable one to include in a system of general farming. According to the best authorities, the world's consumption of brush is less than 50,000 tons, and as this brush is used but for one purpose there can be no sudden increase in the amount required. The total world's supply of brush is produced on 130,000 acres, and the territory and man equipped for and engaged in broom corn growing already could easily double the present production if the demand warranted.

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