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Can Defy Microbes.
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Wore Outer Clothing Only.
Centuries ago, as Sir Walter Scott says in "Ivanhoe," men wore one thickness of clothes, whether of wool, leather or velvet. The shirt was invented, but for a long time was worn only by the nobility and gentry. Then followed the waistcoat, breeches and, later on, trousers. The overcoat, which succeeded the mediæval cloak, was rare until the seventeenth century.

First Meal of the Day.
Breakfast is, before all things, a respectable meal. One cannot imagine a man or woman who is always down punctually to breakfast being other than a highly reputable member of society. A dinner may be frivolous, a supper may be hilarious, but a breakfast is always staid and solemn and conducive to the building up of a sound and sensible character.

Uses of the Aloe.
In Africa the leaves of certain species of aloe provide material for bow-strings, hammocks, fishing lines and ropes. With the Mohammedans the aloe means much. For instance, those who have returned from a pilgrimage to Mecca hang it over their doors, as a sign that they have made the great journey.

IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING SEEDS FREE FROM ALL WEEDS

Farmers Should Carefully Observe and Study Habits of All Noxious and Injurious Plants in Order to Fight Them to Best of Advantage—Every Effort Should be Made to Get Rid of Them.



A. Wild Carrot. B. Ribgrass.

(By WALTER H. LEUTZ.)
Weeds, weeds everywhere; they thrive in the cornfield, they choke wheat in the field, they annoy the gardener, they thrive in the meadow, they spring up by the roadside, they encroach on the swamp.

Emerson said of weeds that they are "plants whose virtues have not yet been discovered." But a few benefits may be derived from weeds.

They are of some use in the world to induce more frequent and more thorough cultivation, which benefits crops; in occupying the soil after a crop has been removed they prevent the loss of fertility by shading the ground.

Weeds plowed under add some humus and fertility to the soil, though in a very much less degree than clover or cow peas; some weeds furnish food for birds in winter.

In justice to the weeds their advantages have been mentioned first, because the list of the disadvantages is a very long one—too long to enumerate. A few, however, may be given—enough to convince every one that every effort should be made to get rid of them.

Farmers should carefully observe and study the weeds and their habits, in order to fight them to the best advantage.

1. Weeds rob cultivated plants of nutriment.
2. They injure crops by crowding and shading.
3. They retard the work of harvesting grain by increasing the draft and by extra wear of machinery.
4. They retard the drying of grain and hay.
5. They increase the labor of

means of barbed awns.
6. Some of them injure wool and disfigure the tails of cattle, the manes and tails of horses.
7. A few make "hair balls" in the stomachs of horses.
8. Some injure the quality of dairy products.
9. Penny cross, and probably others, when eaten by animals, injure the taste of meat.
10. Poison hemlock, spotted cowbane and Jamestown-weed are very poisonous.
11. Many weeds interfere with a rotation of crops.
12. All weeds damage the appearance of a farm and render it less valuable.
13. Four of the commonest weeds are the wild carrot, chicory, dodder, and ribgrass.
14. Chicory has long been recognized as a troublesome weed. It is common in alfalfa growing sections of the country as well as the clover sections. The plant is easily recognized by the blue flowers and lower root leaves, which resemble those of the common dandelion. The upper leaves the more or less sticky and clasp the stem. The plant contains a milky juice. Chicory is not difficult to destroy where rotation of crops is practiced. Though a perennial, the roots are easily killed by successive cultivation. The blossoms of chicory are yellow and attractive. Chicory was introduced into this country from Europe.

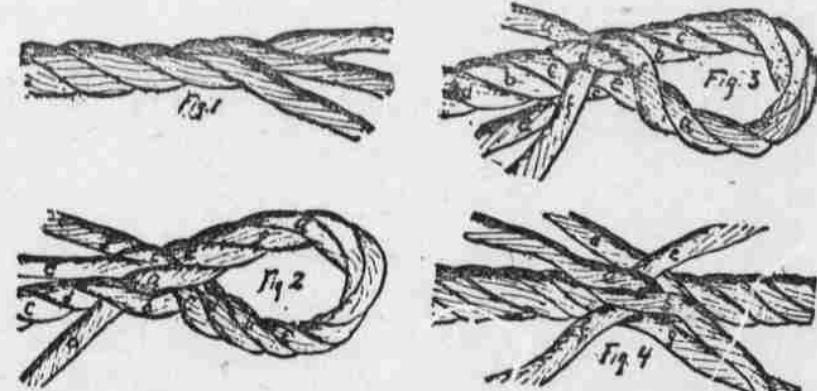
Wild carrot has become more widely distributed with clover seed than any other weed in the country. It is an extremely common weed in the east where it has long been known as troublesome to crops. Wild carrot is



C. Field Dodder. D. Chickory.

threshing, and make cleaning of seed difficult.
6. They damage the quality of flour, sometimes making it nearly worthless.
7. Most of them are of little value as food for domestic animals.
8. Some weeds injure stock by

ONE WAY OF SPLICING ROPE



Whether you wish to splice a rope or make an eye, unravel the strands as shown in fig. 1. For an eye bring the unraveled end back upon the rope to the desired size of loop and begin to work the strands into the rope as shown in fig. 2. Strand a goes under b, over d, under c, etc. Strand e goes under c, over b, under d, etc. Strand f goes under d, over c, under b, etc., each strand being gradually reduced in size by cutting out a few fibers. This makes a nice, smooth job.
Fig. 3 is the reverse side of fig. 2.

Draw all the strands tight at one time after the tucking is done then cut off the protruding ends.
For a smooth splice take the two ends unraveled as in fig. 1 and put them together as shown in fig. 4. No two strands should come together in the same space. They are tucked under and over as in making figures 2 and 3, gradually reducing size by cutting out fibers. Four tucks will hold all the rope can stand. Roll the splice under foot and make it fit smoothly together.

Southern Cake.
One and one-half cupsful of sugar, one-half cupful butter (scant), three-quarter cupful of milk, whites of three or four eggs, two heaping spoonfuls of baking powder, about two cupfuls of flour, sifted four times, vanilla. Filling—One cupful of brown sugar, one cupful of white sugar, one cupful of milk, butter size of a walnut. Boil all together (add butter when nearly done) until it forms a soft ball in water. Take from the fire and add one teaspoonful of vanilla, one teaspoonful of lemon, chopped raisins, cherries (candied), citron, and pecan nuts. Beat until creamy, and spread between the layers and on top.

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