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A big corn crop is almost always followed by a big rat crop and sick hogs.

A first cross between the Duroc-Jersey and the Poland-China hog gives very satisfactory results, but when this cross product is used for breeding purposes nothing but trouble results.

As a meat proposition for the average farm there is nothing which beats the 1,500 pound draft corn, which sells for 10 cents a pound. It brings twice as much as the three-year-old steer and costs but little more to produce.

One successful hog raiser plants a field of sweet corn in rows five feet apart and a row of pumpkins in between. When the pumpkins begin to ripen he turns his hogs in the field and lets them harvest the crop, which they do in fine shape to their profit and his.

It is little short of cruelty to keep a work team of horses in a barn, employed on a hard barn door for long periods during the winter. While the horses may not look quite so sick if turned out into the yard every day, it will be vastly more conducive to their general health so to do.

States contemplating the passage of pure food laws should include as open to suspicion those ancient specimens of hen fruit which, born in April, masquerade in December as strictly fresh laid country eggs, and with them might be well included that spring made butter which is served up after a six months' probation in cold storage as fresh extra creamery stock.

We made a test a few years ago to see if small potatoes used for seed would produce as good a crop as where large ones were used. We found out that the old saying is true—that as a man sows so shall he reap. We planted small potatoes and got small potatoes. No lesson needs learning more thoroughly than this—that the crop is very largely dependent upon the seed, whether it be potatoes or any other crop.

The city of Boston disposes of about \$600,000 worth of haked beans each year, and most of them are eaten for breakfast on Sunday morning. When we realize this fact we do not wonder at some of the theological vagaries of the people of that city. It may explain why they are willing to send men and Bibles in the same ship and consignment to criticize and Christianize the heathen in the far corners of the earth.

It seems strange, but it is none the less true, that many growers of corn have the idea that the largest ears are the best ears, and so when they attempt to make an exhibit of their corn at a corn show they select the largest ears they can find regardless of symmetry, relation of corn to cob, uniformity of type—in fact, disregard everything that goes to make up a perfect ear of corn. The many corn shows held all through the corn belt have done much to educate corn growers along this line.

There is a general determination among the farmers of the west who have to hire men for the season to do away with keeping the hired man's horse. This is a graft which has become a nuisance, and it is claimed that having a horse, the man is too much given to night buggery riding, and in many cases the man's horse is fed and cared for at the expense of the farmer's own team. We know of a number of men who the coming season will hire no man with a horse unless he will put the animal in and work it every day on the farm.

One of the worst tales of land greed we ever came across is that of a man who had seven daughters and a consuming desire to own all the land which joined his in order to add acre to acre he turned the girls into hired men and required of them a mental, laborious and slavish service which despoiled their womanhood. There would seem to be an element of retributive justice in the fact that there came a time when he was unable to meet the mortgages given to acquire this land and lost it all, but one can't help pitying those poor girls.

Not a bad way to dispose of a field of shocked corn is to watch for a dry time in early winter and run the shocks through an ordinary thrashing machine. This process will pulverize the stalks and make them equal in value to shoddy fodder. It will also both husk and shell the corn, and while it will split up some of the kernels, this will not injure the corn for feeding purposes. We have a friend who thus handles his corn crop, with the addition that he thrashes his oats and corn through the machine half and half, which plan he has found very successful, both the fodder and the thrashed grain keeping well when thus mixed.

It may be noted here that the King drag makes an excellent snowplow and can be used to great advantage for this purpose.

Just for fertilizing purposes the mammoth clover is the best. Its root system is larger, and it will afford a heavier crop to plow under to supply humus to the soil.

A few women can make a good crust for a custard or pumpkin pie which is palatable and digestible, but which cannot. These last should make the crust and bake it before putting in the filling.

The fact seems to be established beyond controversy that the corn crop nine years out of ten will be a better one and mature at least ten days earlier if planted on fall plowing rather than on spring plowing.

The central west is in a general way not a good fruit section. Extremes of temperature often defeat the best efforts of the horticulturist. If one would go where climatic conditions are kind and favorable he must seek the Pacific coast.

THE COMPENSATIONS OF WINTER.

While northern winters bring severe cold and deep snows and are reckoned by some people as a serious drawback to life in northern latitudes, still the winter brings large compensations. For one thing, the soil of the north country is securely locked up for a period of four months, during which time the summer in order to keep from freezing and starving in winter, and inasmuch as men do not like to work hard they will not do it unless compelled to. Now, it is so ordered that the winter man works the more of a man he will be physically, morally and intellectually, and thus it comes that the cold winters of the north country are really a blessing in disguise.

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REPRESENTING THE WASTE PLACES.

There are millions of acres of land in nearly every state which could be more profitably devoted to the growing of timber than any other thing. We have been busy for a hundred years despoiling the primeval forests, and they are practically gone, the people in even the most heavily timbered sections of the country being forced to burn coal as a fuel. All land, no matter where located, which is too steep and hilly for cultivation should be put to growing trees. We do not begin to realize the benefits and profit which would accrue throughout the country at large if all such rough land were devoted to the growing of the conifers—the pines, spruces and cedars. Such plantations for any number of ordinary testimonials, upon publicity of its formula and the bottle wrapper is the best possible guaranty of its merits. A glance at this will show that the "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no poison, no opium or harmful agents and no alcohol—being a purely vegetable glycerine being used instead. Glycerine is entirely unobjectionable and besides is a most useful ingredient in the cure of all skin affections. There is the highest medical authority for its use in all such cases. The "Discovery" is a concentrated glycerine extract of native medicinal roots and is safe and reliable.

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A German farmer living in the west gets a thousand dollar draft for every child born in his family from his rich father in the old country. It looks as though he were trying to bankrupt the old man, for he has had twelve remittances in fifteen years.

The bee men furnish the best of scientific testimony that such a product as artificial comb honey is an impossibility. The bee alone possessing the power to cap the cells. The adulterated honey could be made, the artificial comb can be made, but the combination cannot be accomplished.

The up to date cook will learn how best to prepare the low priced cuts of meat. Ten pounds of beef can be bought for 50 cents or ten pounds can be bought for \$1.50, and the fifty cent cut of meat will contain just as much nutrition and may be made just as palatable if the cook only knows beans, but most cooks don't.

There are 1,315,650 acres of alfalfa growing in the five states of Colorado, Utah, California, Idaho and Washington, and the acreage is increasing greatly each year. It is good for four crops a year in all these states and in some of them for six. In connection with the irrigation projects it is proving the most valuable of any crop which can be raised.

It is just as true today as it ever was that the safest and most honest way for a man to secure a competence is to do it little by little, taking a lifetime for the work. The haste to be rich and make money fast is the economic curse of America today. Every man wants to draw a prize in the business lottery and is seldom content with small savings and safe investments.

North of latitude 45 degrees all tender things—roses, raspberries, blackberries and the like—need to be well protected with an earth covering in order to insure their living through the severe winters. While we have had a few varieties of the rose and raspberry which will pull through occasionally, and they are still not of the choice sorts, and even these are benefited by a proper winter protection.

The many corn shows where men exhibit corn—ten ears or more—in competition for premiums reveal the fact that many men have very crude ideas of what good corn really is. The biggest ears of corn are by no means the best ears of corn. A man who has the biggest ears is the best horse, and yet three-fourths of our corn raisers have the idea that size is the principal thing in a good ear of corn. These are being educated to a more correct and better ideal of the good ear of corn as a result of these corn exhibits.

It is a good thing to make definite plans for the farm work of the year, decide how the crop shall be distributed and rotated, how much stock shall be kept and of what kind; see if a little draining will not reclaim an acre or two of waste land, plan to seed some of the wet spots down which cannot be drained, and get men into alfalfa clover and timothy instead of weeds; look up the seed corn question and decide for sure to thoroughly clean all seed grain so that no poor seed shall be sown. There is never time to properly do this work just when the seed is wanted, and so it is not done at all. There is plenty of opportunity to employ the leisure days of the winter season profitably.

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