Tom Wood's Address.

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soldier and do all I promised him in the canvass. I want them to write me as freely about their pensions as if they had worked for my reelection. I shall continue to give the same earnest attention to all my constituents and will not neglect their interest.

Truly yours.

THONAT J. WOOD.

AGRICULTURAL.

THE United States census shows that of the whole number of farms the largest proportion occupied by actual owners is in New England—91 per cent. The next largest is 82 per cent., in the Pacific States; in the West it is 79 per cent.; in the middle West and in the middle group it is 78 per cent.; in the South it is 60 per cent.

AT the Illinois Dairyman's Association, Col. D. T. Curtis, in speaking on the subject of grasses, said we must have plenty of good grass, or we could not expect success in the dairy. We must also have plenty of pure water for the cows. He was not particular as to breed. Select good milkers from any of the breeds, and then keep up the dairy stock by careful selection in breeding.

VICK says that gladiolus bulbs may be kept over winter in sand in the cellar, or wherever they will not freeze. Tuberose bulbs, in order to preserve their germ, which will perish in a low temperature, especially if accompanied with moisture, need to be kept dry and warm. If possible the temperature should not fall much below 65 degrees, and near 70 degrees is better. Kept in a warm place, in a drawer for instance, in a room that is always heated, they winter in good condition.

THE *Farmer's Magazine* thus says regarding sunflowers: "The sunflower yields more seed than corn. A bushel of seed will yield a gallon of oil, and the residuum is equivalent to that of linseed. The flowers make good dye, and furnish bees with material for wax and honey. The stalks make excellent fuel, and furnish a fine fiber for working with silk. The leaves are a good adulterant for Havana fillers, and are eaten by stock. As food for the table the seeds can be ground into flour and made into palatable, nutritious bread."

IF it is our purpose in rearing pigs that they shall be fattened and sold on the market for pork, it will not be necessary that the dam is a pure-bred animal. Care in this regard is needed only in case of the sire. If he has come of a well-established pure-bred family of good feeding animals, his progeny from well-formed and vigorous common or grade sows are usually all that can be desired as rapid growers and good feeders. Such sows will generally prove quite as profitable for this purpose as the higher-priced pure-bred animals. In fact, common sows are, with a good show of reason, often deemed the better suited for rearing pigs to be fattened than are the pure-bred sows—first cost being left out of the question altogether. They are believed to be more hardy, from the supposition that their digestive and vital organs are better developed.

IN reading your remarks on silos and other methods of curing corn fodder I was reminded of the way in which it is often cured in Maine. After the corn is husked (which is done as soon as the corn is cut) the fodder is put in a mow or on a scaffold—a layer of straw and then a layer of fodder three or four inches thick, or so as to cover the straw, and so on. Usually some salt is scattered over each layer. The cattle eat it readily in winter, straw and all. It is doubtful whether in this climate and with the corn fodder as green as it is usually cut, it could be kept in that way. But if fodder from corn planted for fodder only—to be cut before the corn is matured, or that from corn matured, is carefully cured and kept from the weather it makes an excellent food for cattle or horses. If cut and steamed I doubt not it would be equal if not superior to silo-fodder. When left out in the fields, exposed to the weather, mixed with dirt, dust and sand by the rains and winds, it is of little value. —*J. P. S., in Philadelphia Record.*

HOUSEKEEPER'S HELPS.

BOILED POTATOES.—Parboil large potatoes and cut them into thin slices; broil the slices on a gridiron, which has been well greased, until brown on both sides. Season and serve on a hot dish.

TOSSED POTATOES.—Boil some potatoes in their skins; peel them and cut into small pieces, toss them over the fire in a mixture of cream, butter rolled in flour, pepper and salt till they are hot and well covered with the sauce. Serve while they are quite hot.

BAKED ALMOND PUDDING.—Beat fine one-fourth pound of blanched almond with a little rosewater, the yelks of nine eggs, a lemon grated and the juice squeezed on it, six ounces of butter, a quart of thick cream. When well mixed, bake half an hour with a paste around the dish.

LYONAISE POTATOES.—Take a half pound of cold boiled potatoes, two ounces of onions, a heaping teaspoonful of minced parsley, butter size of an egg. Slice the potatoes, put the butter into a saucepan and when hot throw in the chopped onion, which must be fried a light brown, then add the sliced potatoes, which turn until they are thoroughly hot and of a light color, then mix in the minced parsley and serve immediately.

PRESSED CHICKEN.—Boil the chicken until the meat will separate from the bones readily; use just as little water as possible to cook it in; after you have taken the chicken out and removed the bones, cut it in small pieces and put back into the kettle with the broth and boil until very tender, then put it into a basin and turn what little broth remains in the kettle over it; put in a press and leave until cold; when cold slice thin.

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AGRICULTURAL.

TO REMOVE warts on horses, take a piece of concentrated lye as large as a walnut, put it into a bottle with rain water enough to dissolve it and apply with a feather.

AN Illinois correspondent states that experience has taught him that cattle will thrive better on good, bright flax straw than on oat or wheat straw, and he never knew cattle to be injured from eating it.

IN selecting potato seed two things should be kept in mind; first, plant only such seed as may be expected to produce smooth, fair-sized potatoes; second, plant only when the seed is in full vigor.—*A. W. Cheever.*

BASSWOOD trees are urged for planting by the roadside, as they serve the double purpose of attractive shade and abundant forage for bees. They also make excellent timber whenever it becomes desirable to fell them.

ONE of the best disinfectants, says the *Poultry Bulletin*, is Condy's fluid, which is made by putting one ounce of potass. permanganate in a pint of cold water. For use, one ounce of this fluid should be added to half a pint of water.

THE cause of club-root in cabbage is claimed by a German experimenter, Woronin, to be a parasitic vegetable, which lives and feeds on the healthy tissue of different cruciferous plants. All weeds of that order (producing pods, like turnips, mustard, radish, etc.) should be eradicated while land is being rested preparatory to a renewal of cabbage-growing.

THE *Indiana Farmer* says the Ben Davis apple is so poorly flavored that even the coddling moth generally passes it by for some better variety, and the consequence is that but few of these apples are wormy, and, being of high color and handsome shape, they are a very popular apple at the city fruit stands, where they outsell other kinds about two to one on the average.

TREFOIL is said to be extensively used in England for alternate husbandry, but it is reported not suitable for permanent pasture mixtures, except in very small quantities. A writer states that this plant is well deserving of cultivation on light, dry and high, elevated inferior soils, and on such will yield a greater bulk of herbage than any of the cultivated clovers. It is highly nutritious, and eaten with avidity by cattle. From the great depths to which its roots penetrate, it is not liable to be injured by drought, and is thereby enabled to retain its verdure after the grasses and other plants are burnt up, a fact worthy of notice by Western farmers.

FARMERS who burn green wood are probably not aware of the waste of heat. The sap uses up—that is, carries off in a latent state—a very large portion of the heat produced by its carbon, or its dry material. As much man and team power is required to haul three or four cords of green wood as for six or eight cords of dry wood. The lesson is: cut the fuel and split it as finely as it is to be used, in the grove; haul it home when well dried, and keep it in a dry place for use. It will be worth far more for heating purposes than if burned green, or wet, or damp even. The only exception to this advice is, when by reason of easier hauling on snow, and on account of the leisure of men and teams in winter, it may be expedient to haul home the green wood then; but in all cases let it be well dried before it is used.

TO STOP a colt from pulling back on his halter in the stall, take a sufficiently long piece of half-inch rope. Put the center of it under the tail like a crupper, cross the rope on the back, and tie the two ends together in front of the breast, snugly, so there is no slack, otherwise it would drop down on the tail. Put an ordinary halter on (a good one), and run the halter strap, or rope, through a ring in the manger or front of the stall, and tie it fast in the rope on the front of the breast; then slap his face and let him fly back. He will not choke or need telling to stop pulling back. Let him wear this awhile, and twice or thrice daily scare him back as suddenly and forcibly as possible. After one or two trials, he cannot be induced to pull back.—*Chicago Evening Journal.*

BAKED BEANS.—Soak a pint of beans over night; in the morning boil till tender with a half pound of salt pork; season with salt and pepper; remove to a baking pan and bake until brown.

BAKED ONIONS.—Wash but do not peel the onions; boil an hour in salt water, changing the water twice. When tender lay in a baking pan and bake an hour and a half. Serve with melted butter.

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