



REAL RURAL READING

WILL BE FOUND IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

Agriculture the Basis and Foundation of All Wealth—A Home-made Barrow-Care of Farm Animals—Household-Orchard and Garden, Etc.

Dignity of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE is the basis, the foundation of all wealth, and the other pursuits are so closely connected with it that their prosperity depends upon the success of farming. There is not only no antagonism between them, but they are mutually beneficial to each other and the utmost good feeling should exist, and they should endeavor to promote each other's interest. No portion of the community needs higher intellectual advancement and more refined culture than the cultivators of the soil. They occupy a proud, high, and honorable position and they should make it greatly sought after.

—that's the condition of liver, stomach and bowels, when Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets have done their work. It's a work that isn't finished when you've stopped taking them, either. It's lasting. They cure, as well as relieve. And it's all done so mildly and gently! There's none of the violence that went with the old-time pill. One tiny, sugar-coated Pellet's gentle laxative—three to four act as a cathartic. Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all derangements of the stomach and bowels, are prevented, relieved and cured. As Liver Pill, they're unequalled. They're purely vegetable, perfectly harmless—the smallest, cheapest, and easiest to take. They're the cheapest pill you can buy, because they're guaranteed to give satisfaction, or your money is returned.

You only pay for the good you get. Can you ask more?

That's the peculiar plan all Dr. Pierce's medicines are sold on.

The ups and downs of prices we cannot control, but, by careful attention to the feeding and use of scales we can tell closely whether we are making corn into pork at a profit or not. If not, there ought to be a change of ration or an immediate sale of marketable stock. It doesn't pay to hold beyond the time of profitable growth and fattening.

The best successful feeders believe it pays best one year with another to sell the pork when the highest point in gain has been reached, letting the question of probable higher prices alone. Corn used in keeping over fattening hogs will make twice as much profit as given to other animals.

It is a losing game to hold for an increase of price as a rule.

Make all the pork you can out of your corn in just as little time as possible and then market to the best advantage, is the advice of the Cincinnati Commercial.

Care of Farm Animals.

The most practical and valuable information that can be brought to the intelligently practical farmer is that which relates to the care and management of farm animals. But few farmers have any solid data of facts to draw upon derived from their own experience. To know just exactly which costs the most to produce, a pound of mutton or a pound of beef or a pound of pork is something not more than one farmer in a thousand can tell, for the 999 never keep exact records. All of them can guess at it, maybe, quite closely, but it is guess work after all. To be sure they put their money up on their guess work, and embark in mutton feeding, beef feeding, or pork feeding, and many say they ought to know all about it as long as they are in the business. It is true they ought and they would know if they did not have such an universal contempt for keeping exact records. Here is where the English and Scotch farmer excels his American cousin. He is trained in the art of keeping books and records. He is not considered a good safe farmer unless he can show what a thing costs. That is just as great an advantage to the earnest thinking farmer as it is to the manufacturer. The dollars the farmer is to earn runs the gauntlet of ill-luck and accident to as great an extent as the manufacturer's dollars. He should not be loaded down with an extra per cent. of carelessness and indifference to sound rules of business procedure.

Best Horses to Sell.

The American Agriculturist states that horses to be sold in the New York market for "general purpose" will bring the best prices when they conform as nearly as possible to the following standard: A good sized, good head, full kind eye, pricked ears, good crest, oblique shoulders, short on back, long on belly, somewhat arched at coupling, well ribbed up, heavy boned, short, flat legs, compact, active, blocky, good tempered and a good walker. He should weigh from 1,000 pounds upward.

THE DAIRY.

Pay as You Go.

This, for effective work, cannot be beaten. Take four pieces of good plank, 2x6 inches, and ten feet long; soak in water thoroughly; then drive

two rows of 20-penny wire spikes into each plank, about two inches apart each way; now bolt three pieces across these, as shown in cut; attach an ewer with three chains and you have the harrow made. Corn can be harrowed till two or three inches high with this harrow, without injuring it, and, therefore, is superior to the common harrow for that purpose.—J. W. Armstrong, in Practical Farmer.

Farm Proverbs.

Use diligence, integrity and proper improvement of time to make farming pay. Do not have more live stock than you can keep well. House all things as much as possible—animals, utensils and crops. When you are offered a fair price for your produce do not store it for rats and speculators. The more comfortable you can keep your animals the more they will thrive. A good cow is a valuable machine; the more food she can properly digest the greater the profit. A few roots daily to all the stock are as welcome as apples to boys and girls. Iron shoes on sleds last a lifetime and are cheaper in the end than wooden ones. Replace the bars where you often pass by strong gates, and then wonder that you did not do so before. Although in draining land thoroughly your purpose may be drained, yet the full crops that follow will soon fill it again. Always give the soil the first meal; if it is well fed with manure it will feed all else—plants, animals and men. A borrowed tool if broken should be replaced by a new one. A sense of honor in such matters is much to be commended.

In a daily event in mills, shops, factories, etc. When those distressing weaknesses and derangements assaile you, remember that there is a Remedy for them. We have on record thousands of such cases that have been restored to vigorous health and lives of usefulness.

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much of the work can be done by the farm help, this cost can be reduced almost, if not quite, to an actual cash outlay of \$25.

LIVE STOCK.

When to Sell Hogs.

One writer advises to sell hogs when the most money can be got for the least outlay.

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ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

A Good Marker.

To make a neat soil marker, says Popular Garden, take a piece of board an inch thick and two inches wide, and of any desired length; draw a

line down the center of each side and one edge, and with a plane or sharp knife pare it down to a sharp edge; fasten a handle of convenient size and length at center of strip on the upper edge and the device is complete.

Grasp the handle firmly, press the sharp edge into the earth, and you have a straight, even drill of uniform depth for sowing. By marking and cross-marking, as in corn planting,

you have even spacing for pricking or transplanting. To mark off the distance to next row you might also put on a runner at one side, fastened to rod of iron passing through the marker, as shown in lower figure. This runner can be adjusted any distance and do perfect work. Of course handle and marking strips can be made any length from a few inches to several feet. After trying one you will probably make several of different sizes.

Horticultural Hints.

THE Pearl tuberose, besides being dwarf and having larger flowers than the common one, is earlier blooming, the flowers opening a couple of weeks before the other.

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A Bret Harte Story from Real Life.

It was a tender-hearted American who saved the murdered Severs Cisneros from burial in a pauper's grave. When he visited the undertaker's where lay the bodies of murderer and murdered, he was perceptibly under the influence of liquor.

"Say, pard," he said to Carl Schussel, "that gal died before she wanted to, didn't she?"

"Yes, sir."

"And that feller there murdered her?"

"So it is said."

"And 'er giving him a big burial?"

"His friends are."

"'Er say the gal's got to go to the Potter's Field?"

"I am afraid so."

"Where's her mother?"

"She has none."

"But she had one onc'e, and she's got to have a square deal and be buried right. Here's \$20 to get her somethin' to wear what's fit to be planted in. Here's \$20 to get a better coffin with, and here's \$10 for a broken wheel of flowers. It's not have it said that old Fries gives the murderer a bigger send-off than that poor girl what he killed. Good by."

"What's your name, please?"

"'ave a drink, pard, but my name's my own biz."—San Francisco Report.

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