

Farm and Garden.

Spare Leaves.

Not a sound the old leaves utter.
As they swirl and swoop and flutter
From the branches to the gutter.
From their glory to their shame;
As they die before their fellow
Leaves have donned their red and yellow.
Ere the autumn's fashions mellow
Into flame.

Yet they catch my spirit trying
To interpret their replying
To the sympathetic sighing
Of the breezes from the West—
"We have garnished London's leanness
With a tiny spot of greenness,
We have touched man's sordid meanness
With God's best.

So these leaves of nightly musing
For a stem my heart are using
Till they fall to meet the bruising
Of the traffic rushing by;
Yet perchance their shadows, waving
O'er the heartless city paving
Yield the hope some soul is craving
Ere they die.

—London Daily News.

VALUE AND USE OF CROPS OF BUCKWHEAT.

Some Points Concerning This Grain Worth Remembering.

Buckwheat is a good crop to grow on weedy lands, it is a nitrogen gatherer like clover; it may be sown late, with safety, when the rush of other seeding is over, and it is a good yielder. Buckwheat flour made into cakes becomes one of the luxuries of life. For the dairy cow there is no better feed than the middlings or shorts resulting from the flour that delights the humans of the home.

Whole buckwheat has about the feeding value of corn, but its middlings have a high protein content, 22 per cent., oil meal has 28 per cent., and the manure from that feed is rich in nitrogen. Ground buckwheat made into a thick slop is good for only once, the work should probably be done in the spring, as the disease is more prevalent then than at any other season.

Green Food for Poultry.

The value of green food for poultry lies in the aid it renders the digestion of other foods and in the effect of distending or adding bulk to the ration, besides affording various and valuable nutrients, particularly protein, which food constituent is indispensable in the growth of any animal. Protein is the element of food which produces bone and muscle, and any growing animal in order to thrive must have the required amount.

Silage For Beef.

Everywhere the feeding of silage to dairy cattle and beef cattle, horses and hogs is attracting each year more and more attention. The Ohio experiment station has recently completed a test in which it was established that corn silage under the conditions of the experiment had a value of \$1.63 per ton in feeding for beef. In view of this, let any one not feeding silage consider what he is losing when an acre of corn makes ten to fifteen tons of silage.

Plow Fowl Yards.

The fowl yards should be plowed up occasionally; this serves two purposes. It gives the fowls a chance to eat the worms and get rid of the trampled, unclean soil. Be sure that the pullets have plenty of good food during the summer if you expect them to develop and lay when eggs are scarce.—Farmers' Home Journal.

AROUND THE FARM.

That low, wet ground will do well in Herd's grass.
Kill a sheep this fall and corn the meat. It is delicious.
Never feed more to the animals than they will eat up clean.
Often the pessimist needs a change of diet as much as anything else.
Keep down the weeds in the fall. It will lighten the work in the spring.
Pig raising is most successful where skim milk is a large part of the feed ration.

Machinery all housed? You cannot afford to let the rust eat out the lining of your pocketbook.

Irregular feeding is one contributory cause to horses acquiring the habit of bolting their feed.

Put a mulch of straw manure around the berry bushes and the grape vines, but don't put on too early.

Your first mistake is excusable, your second, never; for no man has any business making the same mistake twice.

The dairyman's profits come in during all the year. That is one reason why that type of farming is better than any other.

A good herd of cows of one breed and in thrifty condition is the best kind of an index to the character of the farmer who owns them.

Cows will not raise themselves. Hit-and-miss methods never yet produced the best horses. Remember that raising colts pays if you give them intelligent care.

Careful feeding can keep up the milk flow. It does not pay to let it run down, for once a smaller yield is established it cannot be increased until after another calving.

The cold rains of the fall prove a great drain upon the vitality of the live stock. The farmer that does not provide shelter for the animals is working against his own interests.

Not only place the farm machinery under cover, but oil it up so that atmospheric dampness will not rust the exposed bright parts. A little time now will save days of trouble next spring.

Grumble—Most women have but one idea, and that's dress.

Jenks—Huh! My wife has about a dozen ideas on all that subject.—Houson Post.

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