

News of Surrounding Towns

MILTON, IND.

Milton, Ind., July 12.—Mrs. Lou Ogborn and son Carroll and daughter of Dublin, spent Sunday with Mesdames Swope Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Frazee entertained Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gresh and Mrs. Emma Hubbard Thompson at dinner on Sunday.

Prof. Carl Moar has joined his wife and son at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Summers. He is professor of music at Sutherland, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bertsch and Will Rothelmal of Connersville, spent Sunday with their aunt and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kimmel. Mesdames Kimmel and Berry and daughters, Thelma Moore and Beatrice, spent Friday with Mrs. Nellie Ohmit Cully at Richmond.

Mrs. Fink and son, Henry of Connersville, spent Sunday at Charles Mueller's.

Mrs. Mabel Burns Mahin of Manilla, who visited her aunt, Mrs. Needham, has returned home. Miss Rosella Matthews of Centerville, who was at her grandmother's, Mrs. Needham, has gone to Cambridge City to visit her cousin, Miss Helen Clark.

Richard George was home from Doddridge Sunday. Mrs. George's daughter, Mrs. Leota Duke and baby are also visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Kirlin, Mrs. Ball, Miss Bessie George and Albert Wilson were at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirlin on Sunday.

Sylvester Cooney of Illinois is visiting his brother, Griff Cooney. Noel Hainey who has been at his grandmother's, Mrs. G. S. Borders, went to Indianapolis yesterday. His grandfather, Mr. Borders, accompanied him.

Mrs. Barton and Henry Callaway are visiting at Ft. Wayne. R. F. Callaway spent Sunday there.

Among the guests from here at the afternoon "at home" with Mrs. Chas. Kniese of Cambridge City, Saturday were Mesdames Charles Davis, R. W. Warren, Fred Lantz and Misses Nellie Jones and Bertie Frazee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lantz and daughter returned to Pendleton yesterday. They were accompanied by Misses Jessie and Luella Lantz.

Miss Abbie Wisler has returned to Coy Stevens' at Abington. The Rev. C. H. Plank, preached at the M. E. church Sunday. His morning subject was "Christian Education." That of the evening "Christian Systematic Giving." The Rev. Mr. Pinnick has been granted a three weeks' leave of absence from his people at Doddridge Chapel and Milton. He and his wife will spend a part of their vacation at Winona.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wisler and Miss Ida Fortman were at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess Sunday. W. H. Miller was at Richmond yesterday.

Mrs. Bennett and family spent Saturday with Mrs. Hockett and family at Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. James Doddridge and family attended the funeral of the late Miss Francis Weekly at Cambridge City yesterday.

Messrs and Mesdames Frank Adams of Connersville and Curtiss Little spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kersey Hofmann, north of Cambridge City. Lycurgus Beeson had his hand and wrist badly hurt while cranking his machine.

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Of Interest to the Farmers

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INOCULATION FOR LEGUMES.

Considering the value which attaches to the growing of legumes as a means of restoring soil fertility much practical interest will attach to circular No. 63 issued by the bureau of plant industry at Washington under the title "Methods of Legume Inoculation." In this brief pamphlet are discussed the two methods which are at present followed in soil inoculation preparatory to the growing of leguminous crops. There is pointed out the fact—conclusively demonstrated in this and foreign countries—that each species of legume may be inoculated more successfully by using the bacteria isolated from that species than those isolated from some other species. The two methods of inoculation are by transfer of soil from an established field of the legume which one intends to grow and by the use of pure nitrogen fixing cultures. In the former case from 200 to 300 pounds of soil from a healthy old field of the same crop or a thrifty new field are mixed with several times its weight of ordinary soil and the mixture drilled or broadcasted on the land to be sowed to the legume. If broadcasted the field should be harrowed immediately, and, if possible, this should be done to- ward evening or on a cloudy day, as sunshine is very harmful to the bacteria. In the second case a bottle of the pure culture of the proper kind of bacteria is opened shortly before the seed is to be planted and mixed with the proper quantity of water and this applied to the seed in such a way that all of it will be moistened, though not dry. Drying of the seed may be hastened by adding sufficient dry, sifted earth. Attempts to inoculate soil by either of the above methods may not be successful if climatic or other conditions are not suited to the growth of the crop in a given locality. However, the department of agriculture is anxious to aid in this work of introducing the growth of the legumes in new sections and will furnish the pure cultures free in reasonable quantities, requiring only the filling in of blank reports, which are forwarded for the purpose from time to time.

A SERIOUS CORN PEST.

The larger cornstalk borer is an insect pest that does much damage annually to the corn crop from Maryland south and as far west as Kansas. It was originally an enemy of the sugar cane and is supposed to have been introduced into this country with cane cuttings from the West Indies, Central and South America. It is also found in British Guiana, Java and Australia. The damage by the worm is of two kinds—that done first in the tender, growing stalks when the leaves and the crown are often riddled and that which is done later in the season when the worm bores about in the base of the stalk just above and below the surface of the ground. This damage is not always apparent—in fact, seldom so unless the weakened stalk is broken over by the wind, which prevents the maturing of the ear. In some southern cornfields losses from this insect have run as high as from 30 to 50 per cent. As in the case of other pests which work injury to grain crops, the work of the stalk borer can be largely done away by a system of crop rotation in which small grains and legumes are used, as the pest does not persist unless there are stalks in which pupae may spend the winter. In case corn follows corn the damage done by them may be reduced by plowing the corn stubs under to a good depth early in the spring or by removing the whole stalks from the field and burning them.

THE CHINESE WAY.

An entertaining correspondent of the Rural New Yorker gives a very distinct account of Chinese agriculture as followed in the province of Shantung, one of the most densely populated of the empire. One farm which he visited consisted of 2.5 acres and supported a family of twelve people, besides one work cow, one donkey and two pigs. A forty acre tract in America as densely populated would afford a living for 182 human beings, sixteen cows, sixteen donkeys and thirty-two pigs. The crops which were grown on this Chinese farm were wheat or barley (both of which crops were kept hand sown), soy beans and sweet potatoes. Instead of hauling their manure afield, as here, the Chinese farmer takes considerable quantities of soil from the field to his premises and there enriches it with stable manure, night soil and every possible kind of refuse which, decomposed, will nourish plants. When this is thoroughly composted and its fertilizing elements brought to the right condition it is dried, pulverized and applied to the soil as is the case with our concentrated commercial fertilizers. The Chinese man is behind the American in a good many ways, but the latter could learn many a lesson in soil conservation from the orient.

It beats all how so many of the things which tickle the palate most are the hardest to digest.

Conducted in an slipshod manner as the poultry business is, yet the value of the eggs laid annually in the United States is twice that of the total value of all the precious metals mined during a like interval.

The automobilist who will crowd a team off a narrow highway is full of other to the teamster who is deaf to a chauffeur's too for half the road and keeps his horses in a slow walk to tanalise the fellow behind him.

The work in the garden with hoe or cultivator may be made far more effective and satisfactory if the tools are kept sharp with a good sized broad file. It makes all the difference between drudgery and enjoyable work.

Tot Cranor the noted stockman has bought out the draying business of Guy Mendenhall and will employ Jim Mumboy to do the driving for him. Will Segrist and children entertained some young ladies of Hagerstown at dinner Sunday. Byram Cole is doing cement work for Hagerstown parties this week.

A Minnesota hog raiser whose herds have been immune from cholera when his neighbors have been heavy losers attributes his freedom from loss to the fact that he has purchased generous quantities of slack coal and scattered it where the hogs could get it whenever they liked. While this simple preventive of cholera is not roused for by veterinary authorities, it is inexpensive and worth trying.

There is a whole lot about creed, theology and the hereafter that we don't know, but it seems to be a practical as well as safe conclusion that none of us will enjoy the heaven to be in a large or satisfying degree unless we do what we can to promote the happiness of those with whom we live here below by fair dealing, kindness, sympathy and unselfishness. Our religion will doubtless be tagged "counterfeit" if as a cloak it is put on only in prayer meetings and on Sundays and thrown aside or forgotten the rest of the week.

In answer to a query of a reader of these notes living at Dover, Del., which is typical of several which have been received, the writer would say that he has published no book under the title "Farm, Orchard and Garden," but simply prepares three columns of weekly notes which appear in many news and agricultural papers over the country. The matter is put in stereotype or plate form by the American Press Association of 45 Park place, New York city, and may be got in this form from any one of the company's fifteen branch houses over the country. Any individual may have the regular reading of this matter by subscribing for a paper which uses it.

The bindweed, or wild morning glory, belongs to that pestiferous class of weeds like the Canada thistle and quack grass, which not only propagate by maturing seed, but also by means of their root stalk systems, every piece of which will start a new plant a-gro-wing; hence eradication of it involves an entire digging of these root systems from the soil or a careful plowing at bi-monthly intervals when the vital energy of the plants is taxed to the limit, and the heavy broadcasting of millet, buckwheat or rye, which will germinate at once and whose dense, rank growth will smother the bindweed early in September usually puts on the finishing touches, so that there will be no further trouble from the pest the following season.

Veterinary science has done much to safeguard the health of our domestic animals, and one of the direct results of its recommendations is the quite general use to which the dipping tank is put as a means of ridding hogs, sheep and cattle of parasites or bacterial ailments. A dipping tank for grown cattle is a large affair and quite expensive, but a tank large enough to accommodate hogs, sheep and calves may be bought at a very reasonable figure. And it is a good idea to give these animals an occasional dipping as a preventive measure. Not only their health is thus guarded and improved, but they are more thrifty and make a more rapid growth, as a result of the treatment, which is the prime consideration with every grower. Disinfectants for use in the dipping solutions are on the market and are both cheap and entirely effective.

The only way that seems possible of explaining the all too limited use to which the King road drag is put is that its very simplicity and cheapness of construction have led to its use in idiosyncrasy, whereas if it were an implement of road improvement which cost ten times what it does it might have come into more general use. But, whatever the reason, the facts as they stand prove that as yet we come a long way from taking advantage of the means within our reach for road improvement. Another phase of this same regrettable failure to do the best we can is shown in the very limited use of broad tined wagons when they are not only handier in everyday use, but would do wonders for our highways if used instead of the narrow tined vehicles in hauling bulky produce to market. In some states and counties a portion of the road tax is abated to all users of broad tined wagons. The plan ought to become far more general than at present.

Perhaps the most important of the later sprays for the codling moth is that which is given between July 20 and Aug. 1, depending somewhat upon season and locality. For this a standard, make of commercial arsenate of lead should be used at the rate of from two to three pounds to fifty gallons of water. The spray should be applied with good pressure, and both fruit and leaves should be well coated with the poison. While Paris green may be used for this, there is much greater danger of a burning of the leaves and russetting of the fruit, while it does not adhere to the fruit as well as does the other poison.

The southern cotton farmer consoles himself with the thought that raw cottonseed meal returned to the land is a valuable fertilizer and restores much of the strength removed in the harvesting of the cotton crop, when he should rather take note of the other fact that if this same cottonseed meal were fed to dairy cows there would be just as much fertilizer to return to the land in the shape of rich manures, while the fertilizing elements would be in a form to be much more readily assimilated by the soil and the himself be ahead in the dairy products resulting. In other words, the dairy business promises him more prosperity than does furnishing oil for the oleo manufacturers.

Chickens are about the only kind of live stock that can safely be allowed the run of the orchard, and there is no question whatever that they render a very important service in the destruction of a great variety of insects, including bugs, worms, ants, etc. Some husky half grown chicks which have the run of the writer's orchard have got on to the fact that the ants, which do much damage by moving their "dairy cows," the aphides, from twig to twig on the young apple trees, make headquarters in the cracks in the soil at the base of the tree, and they are frequently seen very industriously scratching this soil away that they may get the ants and their larvae. We plan to have ten times as many chicks doing the same thing next season.

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