

Rural Economy.

DOES THE SOIL NEED REST ?

Our fathers in agriculture quite generally held the opinion that summer-fallowing greatly benefited the soil by the rest which it gave.

But absolute rest obviously adds nothing to the soil; no food for plants descends from the air above or rises from the soil below.

The soil, then, does not need rest; it requires cultivation. By cultivation we mean here those physical changes which may be made.

But it is not land constantly producing crops, whether of grain or grass, exhausting itself? Yes, if those crops are removed from the soil and no re-impregnation made therefor.

PRUNING HEDGES.

The present is about the best time to prune hedges, whether hemlock or Norway spruce, arbor vitae, or the maclura.

Young hedges should receive careful attention, as they will become an eyesore instead of an ornament.

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FRUIT TREES.—LIGHT AND HEAVY SOILS. A sandy soil is generally preferred for fruit, and by far the greater part of the orchards of the country stand on sandy land.

right pruning than the peach. Cultivate the soil; mulch slightly during the hottest of the summer.

By this method we believe that quite heavy soils—excepting perhaps the compact clays—will produce peaches of a better flavor and size, and with as large a profit as the light sands whereon they are now generally planted.

FATTENING HOGS.

The editor of the Germantown Telegraph having made inquiries of a farmer as to the profitability of pork raising and the best way to feed hogs, received a reply, the substance of which was—1st. That feeding grain—especially corn—to hogs will pay better than would the same amount fed to any other kind of farm stock.

2d. One bushel of good shelled corn, made into meal and fed to the hogs regularly, in such quantity as to prevent them from fretting for more, will produce from five to seven pounds of pork during the months of October and November.

3d. An important point is to keep the hogs growing all the time—not starving them to mere hog frames during the summer, and then attempting to finish off quickly on the arrival of cold weather.

4th. When put up in the fall—independently of the season—a comfortable shelter should be provided, so that the hogs may avail themselves of it whenever a storm occurs.

Scientific.

THE SANSKRIT.

An article in the London Quarterly, treating the question whether the Sanskrit is to be regarded as the father of languages, or an elder brother in a family of tongues having common parentage, says as follows:

As is well known, the rise of the higher method [of philological science] now prevailing is in great measure due to the accident that, in the course of the last century, there came within the field of view of European philologists an ancient language, almost the first glimpse of which changed the whole face of their science.

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reconstruct the original source of them all, what Schleicher, in his "Comparative Grammar," calls the Indo-European "Ursprache," or Original Language.

When the Sanskrit is compared with the rest of its kin of this great Aryan family, it is found that there are actually points in which this language, "ancient as it is as a whole, represents a later stage of growth than even our modern European dialects.

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in a high degree. These people true to the instincts of an early stage of language, hate to use words which do not convey to their minds a definite meaning, like our English verb to be, and they will say to live, instead: if one asks them where the lamp is, they will say, "him ub in cupboard," and thus repeat in modern times what was done so many ages ago by the men who shaped the early Aryan speech.

Besides the ancient and markedly original character of the Sanskrit, the regularity of its structure, in which it so far surpassed the more worn and mutilated languages of Europe, allowed the native grammarians to take it to pieces like a dissected puzzle, and to bring to such wonderful perfection its analysis into very simple root-forms, that it is even now very often found hardly possible to modern scholars to go a step beyond them.

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