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Farm Notes.

Butter commands a higher price than any other product of cattle used for food purposes in proportion to its bulk.

Peonies in large clumps should be divided and new varieties set out as soon as the weather permits.

A spirited horse may soon be made slow and spiritless by constantly nagging, twitching the lines, peevish urging and many other wearing processes that fretful drivers invent and practice.

According to one estimate, during the past ten years the amount of capital invested in vineyards, grape growing has increased over $100,000,000, with an annual product of over $25,000,000.

An Australian correspondent says: "One of the best remedies I ever found for foot rot in sheep was to turn them often, dressing the feet on a dry floor covered two inches deep with quicklime."

Colonel Curtis says that the best rule is to get manure out upon the land where it is needed as fast as it is made. The next best thing to do is to keep manure under cover when it cannot be thus drawn out.

The farmer's progress may be judged by his manure heap. The careful and judicious farmer takes advantage of every opportunity, not only to have and save as much manure as possible, but he aims to prevent loss of volatile matter in that which he has accumulated. Upon the management of the manure heap depends the profit or loss.

The butter for which the Deerfoot farm was awarded first premium at the Bay State fair, after a very exhaustive competition, was made from the milk of cows fed on cut clover at night pasture by day a grain ration composed of Indian corn meal, 40 per cent.; crushed oats, 20 per cent.; linseed meal, 20 per cent.; wheat middlings, 20 per cent.

Mr. Goff, of the Wisconsin Station, presents the most important results of potato experiments. Of 118 kinds the following gave the best yields: Rose Beauty, Monarch, Duplex, Late Beauty of Hebron, Mullaly, Alexander's Prolific, Senica Red Jacket, White Beauty of Hebron, Wisconsin Beauty, Canada Blue, Arthur's No. 2, Perfect Gem and Ben Harrison.

No farmer can afford to neglect his hoed crops. It pays to begin early in in the seasen to do the work thoroughly and to cultivate often. Such a course will cause the plants to grow more rapidly, hasten the maturity of the crop, and increases the yield. It will also destroy the weeds, and thus tend to get the land in good condition for sowing when the hoed crop is removed.

The *Rural New Yorker* has never found anything better to kill lice on cattle than tobacco water, to which a little sulphur has been added. Keep the tobacco and sulphur in water near the boiling point for twelve hours stirring occasionally. Apply the decocation to the poll of the head, along the top of the neck and spine, on the brisket and under the legs. Of course, the animals must be kept in a warm place when treated in this way.

As the retail fresh meat market calls for less fat and more lean, a neighbor adopted a plan to make pork without grain, which many farmers would do well to imitate. Twelve April pigs were weaned just as the clover was about six inches high. They were placed in that and had no other feed except wind-fall apples. They wete sold in October and came to $75. The flesh was delicious, and "about one fat to two leans," the butcher said.

Sunflowers planted about a drain or on portions of land from which impurities arise will absorb noxious gases, and thereby prove very beneficial to the health of the people about. Besides being useful, these plants are exceedingly ornamental if arranged to form a dense bank. At the rear plant a row of "New Primrose" variety, next a row of the ball-shaped kind known as the *globosus*, then a row of the California, and lastly a row of "Minature" sunflowers.

A piece of rock salt should always be kept in the box of the manger, so that the horse may lick it whenever his appetite prompts him. Salt is as necessary for animals as it is to human beings, and this way of administering it is far preferable to the universal practice of putting a handful once or twice a week in soft feed. In following his instincts the horse will take neither too much or not enough, and will get it just when he desires it and needs it most.

Although farmers owe much to the breeders of thoroughbred stock for the wonderful improvements made within the past fifty years, yet it is doubtful if they have done more than the seedsmen and others who have introduced so many superior fruits and vegetables during that time. Those who conferred the benefits have done so with without the advantages of protection under patent regulations, their work being given to the public with but little, if any, benefit to the originators.

Good brood mares are a fortune on the farm. Keep all good mares and continue to grade up, that each generation will be better bred and raise better colts. The mares can do the work on the farm and raise valuable colts, while a gelding or a male is a useless expense on a farm. When all our farms are stocked with brood mares and greater care given to breeding the better class of horses farming will be more profitable, for there is no product of the farm that sells for better money than good horses, and the brood mares work for their keep besides.

A popular porker is a little fellow with large, juicy hams, the large hogs being more desirable for producing lard.

No rule can be given as to be the best plan of commencing to cultivate that will be applicable under all circumstances. What will be best for one soil and in one ceason will not answer with the next.

Dignity Costs Money.

Tom O'Neil believes that dignity should govern everything in connection with the mayor's office, and he is bound to see the idea carried out no matter what it costs. That it does cost money Tom found out a few days ago when a tramp came in and inquired for the mayor. Tom replied that he was not in. "When will he be in?" next asked the tramp. "I can't tell you," said Tom, "but I represent him; what can I do for you?" "Well you are just as good," said the man. "I want ten cents to get some coffee and bread with; I am hungry." Tom felt that here was a chance to sustain the dignity of his own and his superior's position, and, besides, he felt rather pleased at the remark of the tramp that he was "just as good."

He therefore took the man out to a restaurant, and, not to appear stingy, he handed him a bill of fare and told him to order what he wanted, thinking he might get stuck for fifteen cents, or perhaps twenty. He sat down at a table and began looking over a newspaper while his guest ordered. Presently the dishes came, and a few minutes later the waiter brought Tom a check; it was for sixty-five cents. Rather amused at the man's nerve he went over to ask him if he wanted anything more, and with perfect coolness Mr. Man said "No," and believed he had all he wanted. Tom went to the cashier and paid the check, and as he was leaving his guest shouted out to him: "I'll see you again." "All right," answered Tom, but outside he vowed the man would not see him again if he could see the man first.

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