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Farm Notes.

—People will continue to eat beef, pork, mutton, etc, and there is no danger of the demand ceasing. Put a first-class quality on the market. and it will bring the top market price.

—An animal thoroughly heated by rapid driving on a cold day should be kept moving lively until he reaches the stable. Neglect of all this precaution has resulted in many a fatal case of pneumonia.

—It is said that if a team is inclined to pull unevenly the trouble may be remedied by unhitching the inside traces and crossing them, so as to have the same horse attached to the same end of each singletree.

—The red raspberry is a good honey plant, the flowers lasting three or four weeks, and furnishing a honey that is excellent in quality, while the berries prove better and more abundant if bees visit them frequently.

Verbenas are easily started either in the house or out of doors, require rich mellow soil and plenty of sunshine and moisture. They give an abundance of bloom and amply repay one for the care bestowed on them.

—Scales on the farm soon pay for their use, as they enable the farmer to know whether his stock are gaining and the kinds of food used to make the greatest gain. Scales may be considered an absolute necessity if system is to be practiced.

—When a crop is taken from the soil, and the land is left in better condition than before, a profit has been made, in the increased fertility, being stored in the soil for use next season, provided the receipts and expenses balance in other respects.

—The blight which attacks onions when grown for seed is of two kinds. One affects the heads containing the seed and soon turns them black, and of course makes the affected head worthless. The other is a fungus which turns the stalk yellow.

—If a mistake is made in selecting a variety of apples, pears, peaches or plums, it may be three or four years before the error is discovered, and it will then be too late to correct the mistake. The greatest care should be exercised in order to be sure of the varieties desired.

—Do not mix plaster or lime with the phosphoric acid, or with phosphates, as the free phosphoric acid will sooner or later unite with the lime, or "revert," as it is styled. Phosphates contain lime in combination, hence no lime is necessary as an addition with such fertilizers.

—To make wheat start off rapidly, change to a green color, and yield more grain, apply 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre, or even half that quantity. The effect of the nitrate will be quickly noticeable, and the crop will more than repay the cost of the fertilizer.

—The first shoeing will be largely experimental. If your colt is pure-gaited and strongly trotting-bred, he may acquire speed with very little change from the first shoeing. Again, it may be necessary to shoe him in many different ways before you get him just balanced.

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—Failure is usually the result when a new orchard is planted on the location of an old one. This is due to the fact that the long occupancy of the plot by trees that have born fruit for years has deprived the soil of the most available food for the young trees. When planting a new orchard use a location that has not before been given up to fruit trees.

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