

Farm Notes.

The most important work at this season is the management of the manure. It is the farm savings bank, and pays good interest if the manure is handled in a manner to prevent loss. No manure can be of service until all the ingredients are reduced by decomposition, and to spread coarse manure on the ground in the spring is to take the risk of a large portion of it remaining in the soil beyond the time when the crops may need it most. In early spring the manure cannot be quickly decomposed, as decomposition is slow when the weather is cold, and the best period of the year for making manure and preparing it as plant food is in the fall and winter. The exposure of manure to the effects of winds, rains, and sun leads to a loss of a large proportion of its plant food, and the addition of coarse material to the heap without turning the manure in a manner to decompose all of the black material is a loss of time. The real value of the manure is not in the quantity of coarse matter it contains, but in the proportion of nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash therein, and they may be insoluble and unavailable or may be gradually leached out by the rains as fast as they become soluble in the heap.

THE LIQUIDS.

The most valuable portions of manure are the liquids. Entering farmers are careful to save this, and with suitable drains carry it to the manure heap to be absorbed by the solid portions, but such is not the rule with the majority of farmers, who are careful to save the solids, but permit the liquids to run away, some of them making ditches to carry off the black liquids which overflow the barnyards, instead of filling the barnyard with an abundance of material for absorbing them. The centre of the manure heap is where the heat is generated, and when liquids are added to the heap they hasten decomposition. As long as there is no danger of overheating or "fire-fanging," it is an advantage to have the heap in this condition, but when the centre of the heap is well decomposed the manure should be handled the entire mass turned over, and the coarse material on the top thrown to the centre, saturating it with the liquids which will at once cause the materials to decompose.

ABSORBENT MATERIALS.

One of the advantages of manure is its even distribution on the soil. Manure spreaders do this work in an excellent manner, but when all absorbent material is first rendered fine the capacity of the solid matter to absorb liquids is greatly increased, and the decomposition is more perfect, while the loss of ammonia is likewise reduced to a minimum. If all bedding is cut, and all coarse foods reduced with a cutter, the increased value of the manure will pay for the labor of so doing. The winter work should include manure making—not simply adding materials to the heap—which demands the judicious use of absorbents so as to save the valuable liquids, and to prevent loss of plant food, as well as reducing the manure to a condition approaching availability as nearly as possible. Frozen manure will not decompose, and the heat in the heap should be maintained uniformly. It may require stalks a year to rot in the soil, but this is quickly accomplished in the heap. Keep in view the fact that in making manure the process is one of preparing available plant food.

This is the time to select seed corn. It should have been done before the corn was cut in the field, but when husking the corn, the best ears should be selected from the stalks that were the strongest and most thrifty. A large ear, with well filled grains, small cob and large stalk indicates something better next season than when the seed is used promiscuously from the crib. Corn is easily improved by careful selection of seed.

The keeping of sheep on worn-out land has always resulted in increased fertility, due to the even distribution of the droppings and the treading of the manure into the soil by the feet of the sheep. In England it is estimated that one hundred sheep kept on one acre of land fifteen days will render the land capable of producing more than an average crop of grain.

In the Elgin dairy district the churning of the butter ceases as soon as the granules of butter are about the size of grains of wheat. The butter-milk is drawn off, and brine poured into the churn, the churn turned a few times to wash out any remaining buttermilk and the butter taken out and worked. In this manner the buttermilk is more thoroughly removed and the butter keeps better.

No healthy animal needs medicine. The practice of using coppers, carbolic acid, etc., preventives of diseases, by giving such drugs to animals, and especially as done with hogs, results in more damage than occurs from disease. Such substances are poisonous, and cannot be allowed without risk of deleterious effects.

Early cut clover is a delicacy to sheep, and they will highly relish such hay, requiring but little grain and will thrive and do well through the whole winter. Ewes may be allowed half a pint of oats at night during severe cold weather, but they will keep in good condition on hay and coarse foods.

An experienced breeder of sheep who raises early lambs for market says that by feeding ground oats and corn to the lambs, and forcing them, he manages to get \$2 a bushel for his grain. Lambs increase very rapidly when fed judiciously.

President Diaz in his message to the Mexican Congress, devotes much attention to the progress of Mexico in commerce, education and the arts. He finds much to commend in the affairs of his nation and little to condemn. There can be no question but Mexico has joined the United States in the race for improvement and is making a good showing in it. It has wonderful resources, vegetable and mineral, and much of it a splendid climate, factors that go to make a great country when joined to a stable and liberal Government, qualities which have been notable under the Diaz administration. The people of the United States note the advancement of Mexico with great satisfaction, because it is the sister Republic and a vindication of the wisdom of the fathers in establishing that form of government and because it is our close neighbor. The change from the political turmoil of former years is appreciated.

The corn report of the Department of Agriculture for September is reassuring. The average is high and it is highest in those States which grow the most corn. It is hard to figure out less than 2,400,000,000 bushels of corn as this year's crop. This is a round 1,200,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop. No crop like it was ever grown. Incredible as it may seem, this crop will be fully one-third of the entire cereal crop of the world. Such a crop means prosperity in the great corn belt from Indiana across to Nebraska, cheap food for the civilized world and enormous provision exports from this country from December to the following June. The last corn crop of corresponding magnitude, brought pork down to \$5 a barrel. This can scarcely do that; but it will come near it.

Part of the money Jay Gould stole by wrecking railroads and impoverishing widows and orphans is disappearing in Paris. The Count Boni de Castellani in making it fly, and within a few months has squandered 6,000,000 francs in all sorts of follies. In accordance with the usual way, a legal separation will probably be announced in due time. The noble Italian Colonna has consented to accept a pension of \$500,000 a year from his American wife, the consideration being that she shall be undisturbed in the possession of her children. This makes an opening for Bonanza Mackay's millions.

Uncle Mose Explains.

"What mek de niggah's hair so kinky?" said Uncle Mose, in answer to a question from the small boy, who wanted to know. "Doan' you know? It des disaway: When old Noah give Ham dat cussin' dat you read about in yo' pa's Bible, he cuss him so hard dat it make his hair cu' up an' it ain't nebbber been straight since."

Lieutenant Peary, the indefatigable explorer of the Arctic regions, has reached St. John's N. F., on his way home from the frozen north. He is one of the bravest of the brave men who have risked their lives in the far northern world and the American public will be gratified at his safe return. It had been thought that he had perhaps been lost, for he had been a long time absent, but he has again turned up all right. The Arctic regions were not new to Lieutenant Peary, but he has probably learned much more about them.

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Not Consistent.

Republican newspapers are making much-a-do about the possibility of another bond issue, none doing more in this line than the New York Tribune. The President may find it necessary to do this in order to keep up the gold reserve; but who made the law compelling the Treasury to keep the reserve at \$100,000,000. The Republicans! made in order to have a supply of the yellow metal on hand to redeem national bank notes. The Treasury cannot help itself for the notes must be redeemed whenever presented. When the gold reserve runs low, the President is authorized to issue bonds to bring it up to the required amount, and he can't help himself, for he is obliged to maintain the credit of the government. If he did not, every Republican newspaper would jump on him. The law authorizing the issue of bonds was also passed by the Republicans. As a matter of fact, the Republican party is responsible for our whole financial system, and when Mr. Cleveland came into office his hands were completely tied, and he was without the power to change it in any one particular. There really seems to be something wrong in our finances, but whatever it is, the Republican party is responsible. When they went out of power they left us a faulty tariff system and a disjoined financial policy, and they now hold a Democratic President responsible because there's something wrong with our finances when he had nothing to do with bringing about the present conditions. Not very consistent to say the least—Doylestown Democrat.

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Surprised to Hear It.

A certain minister is the father of a very bright youngster who has the bicycle fever. The minister had occasion to leave the city a few days ago on a short trip, and the first night after his departure the little fellow was saying his prayers as usual, and wound up without making any reference to his father. His mother softly stroked his curly head and asked: "You are not through are you?" "Why, yes," answered the youngster; "what else must I pray for?" "For your papa's safety," replied the mother. The youngster sprang from his knees in surprise and cried: "Why, mamma, I didn't know papa had a safety."

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A Lady 69 Years Old Cured of Catarrh and Deafness. Some years ago I contracted catarrh and it went to my ears. Gradually I became worse and my ears began to trouble me very much, and my strength began to give out, and I became weaker and weaker so that I was not able to work. I took treatment from several of our doctors in the county, but somehow they couldn't do me any good; so I went to see Dr. Salm. He promised to cure me, and I dare say, he kept his word, for to-day I am again stout and healthy as could be expected of any good patient. I am glad to find that I got value received for the money paid to the doctor. Mrs. Jacob D. Findley, British Valley, Indiana Co., Pa.

Thought His Time Had Come but was Cured by Dr. Salm. For some years I have been suffering very much with various ailments and broke down at last. I suffered most excruciating pain from head to foot all the time. My stomach troubled me a good deal, liver and kidneys as well were out of order; in fact, I thought my time had come. The doctors couldn't do me any good; patient medicines had no effect; so I went at last to Dr. Salm, and after a course of treatment, I am now again as hale and hearty and strong as ever. F. L. Conroy, Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

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After Total Blindness Made to See by Dr. Salm. About 1 year ago my brother accidentally hit me in my left eye, with a bow-gun. I began to get blind rapidly in that eye, and in a short time, could not see anything out of it; total blindness was caused by the hurt. I heard so much of Dr. Salm's wonderful success in his eye operations, that I went to him, and he has once more proven his wonderful skill on my eye. For to-day, after having been totally blind, I can see splendidly out of the same again. JOSEPH HENRY, Stultion, Somerset Co., Pa. March 26th, 1895.

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