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Farm Notes.

Customers in market will always be willing to pay for the excellent appearance of an article. They judge of the quality largely by the appearance. It therefore pays to send all articles to market in an attractive form.

Crude petroleum is cheap and may be used as paint for preserving the wood work of machines and implements. It will be found useful on iron and steel, serving to prevent rust and assisting in preserving the whole from damage due to moisture condensed from the atmosphere.

The pig is one of the animals that consumes much that would be lost. In the spring and summer he will eat weeds and grass and strive all the better by reason of such bulky food. He is a savings bank that permits of the accumulation of small sums expended as food which are collected at the end of the year.

The Indiana Farmer says: Rape is going to begin an era in American sheep breeding. Its value will soon be learned, and ever afterwards it will furnish the main late summer and fall feeding for the flock, large or small. For the farmer it will be equivalent to a most liberal manuring of the land of which the sheep will pay every cent of the cost.

Cows differ, just as do horses. Of two so nearly alike that only their constant attendant can tell them apart, being fed from the same trough, and possibly been from the same dam and sire, no one can tell which will be the better, the speedier, or the more fruitful of the two. Why the one develops into something beyond the ordinary and the other is a failure, no man knows.

Every farmer's wife knows the waste of heat in burning wet or green wood full of sap. There is the same waste in burning coal that has been soaked by snow and rain, though the greater amount of heat that the burning coal sends out makes the loss less obvious. When coal is used for fuel it should always be kept dry until it is ready to be used. The saving of heat by this will repay the cost of providing the necessary shelter.

There are many new novelties in seeds offered the farmers this season, many of them being meritorious, but all novelties should be tested in a limited way. Stick to the old standard varieties until you are satisfied that there is something better. It is the duty of farmers to accept new varieties, but they should be certain that they are all that is claimed for them before making a radical change.

There is one thing that goes to waste on hundreds of farms, and that is honey, the farmer who does not keep bees loses that which he should save and use. Bees also serve a very useful purpose in distributing pollen, thus ensuring crops that would fail without their aid. A single hive of bees will be worth quite a sum to the farmer in more ways than one. Where fruit is grown bees are almost essential to success.

It is always a good plan to put some salt with phosphate drilled in with the seed grain. It keeps the mineral in soluble condition for the roots of the young grain to take hold of. It also increases the tendency to fermentation of vegetable or animal manures when used, as it must be, in small quantities. Large dressings of salt make the soil barren for one or two years until the rains wash out the surplus above what is needed.

Cows that produce from two to three pounds of butter per day are high, but the farmer can raise his own cows and gradually reach the limit attained, if he will use only pure-bred sires. As long as farmers buy their cows, instead of raising them, they will never improve, unless they know just what they are procuring. Unfortunately, when a farmer desires a fresh cow he buys any kind, provided it has recently calved, and that is where he makes his greatest mistake.

The most successful persons with poultry are those who keep but one breed and study its characteristics. Breeds differ greatly, some excelling in egg production, while others are specially adapted for the table. When the flock is large, it is possible that many of the hens will prove unproductive, even if of the same breed. When hatching the pullets this spring, only the best hens in the flock should be selected from which to use eggs for hatching, as by so doing the flock will be gradually improved every year.

Clover hay is one of the most valuable foods grown because it combines many advantages over grain. Being bulky it serves to promote digestion, and contains more bone-forming material than grain. Clover is also highly nitrogenous, and for that reason is relished by all classes of stock, while its proportion of carbonaceous material is also very large. When cut fine in a feed cutter and sealed it becomes an important food for swine and is also excellent for geese, ducks, turkeys and chickens.

Merchants never fail to remind the farmer that they should encourage business at home, and buy from the local merchants, instead of sending off to large cities for supplies. No doubt the claim has some truth to support it, but it is just as much the duty of the merchants to encourage the farmer as for the farmer to sustain the merchant. Instead of giving lower prices for country produce, and compelling the farmer to "trade it out," the merchant should be willing to give the farmer fully as much as he could secure elsewhere.

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