

Farm Notes.

Early in the spring, where the garden is made a specialty, not only is profit derived but pleasure afforded to those interested, as much of the work is done with the spade, hoe and rake—tools that can be used by ladies and children, who prefer light outdoor work to a limited extent. It is easier to have the garden plot plowed and harrowed if possible, as spading is slow and laborious work, but on the suburbs of cities and towns, where gardens are small, plowing cannot always be done. The most essential work with the garden is the raking. On the farm the harrow is used to level and pulverize the soil, but the seeds used for the garden are mostly very small and the soil must be as fine as possible. Cultivation is done with the hoe, and it is usually better than can be done in any other manner. The garden should be cleared of all rubbish, which should be burnt, and if the ground is not frozen spading may be done now, leaving the land in the rough condition without raking, so as to allow the frost to break the lumps, and it should be spaded again just before planting begins, raking the plot several times until it is as fine as it can possibly be made.

FERTILIZERS.

As a rule, garden plots are usually rich, but they can, in time, be exhausted of their plant food. On farms the garden may be treated with a heavy coating of well-rotted manure, but the small gardens of the suburbs cannot conveniently be so assisted. Wood ashes will be found excellent, however, and may be used freely. In using fertilizers for the garden they should be of a kind that will readily dissolve in water, thus providing immediate plant food, and they should be procured in small quantities of seed-meal. The kind of fertilizer depends largely upon the fertility of the soil and its texture, but all gardens will be benefited by wood ashes, especially if applied early. A fertilizer consisting of 50 pounds of nitrate of soda, 60 pounds of sulphate of potash and 60 pounds of superphosphate, on one-fourth of an acre, will answer admirably for a garden that is rich, and the crops will grow rapidly from the start, as they will get the benefit of the soluble plant food as soon as they appear above the ground.

CROPS AND WEEDS.

By all means keep the weeds down. Use the hoe frequently. Onions, peas, early cabbage, beets, parsnips and kale may be put in as soon as the season opens. It is not advisable to grow potatoes in a garden, as they take up too much room. Late cabbage may succeed the peas on the same land. Use the dwarf peas for first crops, and the taller kinds for a succession. When the apple trees bloom the danger of frost is then considered past, and lima beans, tomatoes, peppers, string beans, squash, sweet corn and other summer plants should be put in. Celery, okra, salsify and cauliflower are seldom seen in gardens, yet they will be appreciated by those who will try them. By judicious rotation of early and late crops it is possible to get two crops a year from a garden, but it means work and the destruction of all weeds. A few rows of strawberry plants, set out this spring, will form a dense mat and produce fruit next spring. About two hundred plants should be sufficient to provide a bed of strawberry plants to produce fruit for a small family. Hot-bed plants for the early supply of cabbages, tomatoes, etc., can be purchased of seedmen more conveniently than they can be grown. Onions will be the first crop to plant, and peas next. Lima beans and tomatoes may be supported with wire, and peas with brush or sticks. The pleasure derived in caring for a garden is a consideration not to be overlooked in estimating its value.

The wealth derived annually from cattle is great, but it is small compared to what the gain to farmers would be if they would resolve to abandon all scrub stock and aim to excel in their calling. The lack of knowledge of and interest in the several breeds by farmers causes a greater loss to them than droughts, fire, blizzards or financial disturbances. There are thousands of scrub cows on farms, and farmers have not yet arrived at that stage of progress when they are willing to abandon them.

No one can make a good cow out of a poor milk, and no amount of food can assist in the effort. If a farmer prefers to keep a cow that gives only one-half of the quantity that he might derive from a better one, he is supplying her with food at half price, and devoting labor and shelter to her for which he receives no remuneration; also losing as profit the difference between what she yields and what he should receive.

Over one-half of the world's supply of sugar comes from the sugar beet, and there is much yet to be discovered in growing the beets to the best advantage. This country pays dearly for its sugar, yet every pound of it could be produced at home. The Government is making experiments in producing sugar from beets, and with in a few years the industry may be a thriving one.

When a cow shrinks in her milk it is difficult to get her back to the normal quantity. One of the causes of cows soon beginning to fall off in milk is the important milking. The udder should be completely emptied and the teats stripped, a matter which is not always properly attended to.

Abortion in cows—the curse of dairymen—would disappear if farmers would raise their stock, instead of bringing disease on their farms by purchasing their milk cows.

Steamers on the Yukon.

Particular efforts are now being made to open up the Alaskan gold fields. A company now forming in Chicago proposes to put one or two freighters on the Yukon, to run to its mouth to Circle City, the supply point for the gold fields; and five swift launches of 75 to 125 passengers capacity to ply on the upper course of the river to carry passengers in and out, and to take prospectors and supplies up tributary streams. During two months last summer the few hundred men in the diggings took out over \$1,000,000 worth of gold. Miller Creek, a gulch four miles long, alone produced \$200,000 in 50 days, and but few of the claims were abandoned. Not a few men took out \$5,000 to \$10,000 during the season, and some took \$85,000, and one man from Milwaukee \$80,000.

The Yukon is said to be the second largest river in the world, being next to the Amazon in size. It is 60 miles wide at its mouth, and at a distance of 1,500 miles from its mouth has a width of seven to ten miles. The river is too shallow for ocean steamers, but is navigable the entire length for flat-bottom river boats of 400 to 500 tons burden. The navigable tributaries of the Yukon are the Lewis, Pelly, Stewart, Tahnana, Hootaliqua, Porcupine, Tanana, Avik, White, Birch and the Salmon, and many others, to the extent of several thousand miles. Prospectors can penetrate by boat the most remote parts of the gold fields without hardships, get supplies without fail, working during the entire mining season, and coming out at the close of the summer, spend their winter in milder climates. All this will be made possible by the line of boats now in contemplation.

Valuable Timber Land.

In Clearfield and Elk counties, principally in the former, is located the most valuable timber estate in the State of Pennsylvania. It is known as the William E. Dodge estate and consists of some 20,000 acres, from off which is cut over 17,000 feet of lumber annually. William Dodge died in New York in 1885, and the property is now owned jointly by his eight sons, each one of whom is estimated to be worth at least \$4,000,000. It is twenty-eight years since this property was bought by the senior Dodge and during that time there has been paid upon it about \$5,000 annually in taxes into the Clearfield county treasury.

Days of grace have been abolished in the state of Pennsylvania on notes drafts, and bills of exchange which shall be drawn on or after January 1st, 1896, and where the banks give notice the day named is the one on which the note must be paid. The legal holidays in this state for the year 1896 are as follows: January 1st, New Year's; February 22nd, Washington's birthday; April 3d, Good Friday; May 30th, Memorial day; July 4th, Independence day; September 5th, Labor day; November 2d, Election day; November 26th, Thanksgiving; December 25th, Christmas. Half holidays, February 18th, Election day; every Saturday from 12 o'clock.

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An exchange says some mouths look like peaches and cream and some like a hole chopped in a brick wall to admit a new window. The mouth is a hot bed for toothache, the bungalow of oratory and a baby's crowning glory. It is the fountain head of patriotism and the tool chest of pie. Without it the politician would be a wanderer on the face of the earth, and the sweet singer go down to an unloved grave. It is the grocer's friend, the orator's pride and the dentist's hope.

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Watch How Thumbs are Moved.

They Are Tell-Tale Signs of Healthy or Sick Nerves.

"When I went to a nerve specialist first," said a man who was once an invalid, "he told me that one way to judge of the condition of a person's nerves was to watch his thumbs. Ever since that time I have found the greatest fascination in looking at people's thumbs. The doctor said that if they moved involuntarily outward it was a sign that the nerves of that man or woman were not in the best condition. I find myself now sweeping the line opposite me in the car, and if that doctor's test is a good one there is a surprising number of people in this town whose nerves need looking after. There are few among the women who do not involuntarily move the thumbs outward at intervals of every few minutes, and when your attention has been once attracted to it the process of watching their gloved hands grows very interesting. I have found the habit much less frequent among men, but take the average number of women in a street car, and it will be a surprise to you to see how many of them indulge unconsciously in this little habit. I only hope it does not mean anything as serious as it might indicate, if that nerve specialist's diagnosis was a good one."

The Letter "E."

An exchange says "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is never in cash, never out of debt, and never out of danger. The aforesaid exchange forgets that the letter "e" is never in war, but always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no bread, no meat, no meal, no water, no whiskey, no gospel, no hell, no heaven, no newspapers and no advertising.

PASTURING ALONG THE HIGHWAYS.—Inquiry has been made by a number of our readers regarding the rights of parties to pasture their stock along the highways.

In answer will say that no person has a right to pasture, cut, or carry away any grass growing upon, or along the public highway except where the road runs through or along his land. The owner of the land through which the road passes is the lawful owner of all grass or fruit growing on or along the same, and a person would have no more right to appropriate it to his own use, than if it was growing on the inside of the fence.

When a public road is laid out and opened through private property all the right the public acquires is the privilege of passing over the same at its pleasure.

Adolphus paused outside the door To interview the scrapper; Within those walls her father sat Intent on Sunday's paper.

Six times before he'd sought that door On the same mission bent; His courage failed—but now to-night He'll ask papa's consent.

"Respected sir, I've come to tell— To ask my fate—oh, seal! Oh, since the early spring time came I've felt—I mean—I feel—"

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Another thing suggested by having a battleship named Kentucky is, if there was a bar in the river, would it find any difficulty in passing it?

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