

FARM NOTES.

While inventors and scientists have done much for agriculture, yet the farm itself has been a source from which has come much that is wonderful. Looking over the work done during the present century, it may safely be asserted that the animals on the farm have been entirely changed in appearance and characteristics.

BREEDS PRODUCED.

Among cattle are found the Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey, which have been bred as producers of butter; the former also standing high as milkers, along with the Ayrshires, with the Shorthorns, Angus, Galloways and Herefords as beef breeds.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANTS.

It would require much space to enumerate what has been done in fruits and plants. The tomato has been one of the grandest acquisitions of the century, and the strawberry now nearly rivals the plum and peach in size.

It is not creditable to those who grow grapes and provide no supports, depending upon trees or the sides of buildings. If grapes are worth growing they should receive some attention.

If windmill irrigation, or pond irrigation, or any other kind of irrigation can ever be made to answer the purpose of giving a small tract of ground on every farm a good soaking just in the nick of time between tardy showers in July or August, there can be no question but that even so small a piece of individual enterprise as this would prove of vast public good.

If a burdock at any stage of growth is cut below the surface of the ground and a handful of salt thrown on the cut surface it completely destroys it. The moisture from the cut dissolves the salt, and this in turn helps to rot the root, so that no sprout from it is possible.

Gooseberries and currants are the most neglected of all fruits, receiving but little cultivation, yet they pay well when made specialties. The bushes need trimming and careful protection from weeds and grass, and should receive an abundance of manure or fertilizer, which will induce them to produce more and better fruit.

If you desire a full matted row of strawberries next spring work the plants in the row with a hoe, so as to kill the weeds and grass, and then go deep on each side with a cultivator, applying fertilizer liberally, so as to have the plant foot ready for the runners that may be sent out by the parent vines.

It is the labor that is the most expensive item on a farm. It is much cheaper to have a good man at high wages, who can handle the maximum number of cows, than to have a cheap man who can do only half as much work. A good farm hand who understands his business save time and labor.

A canning factory in Mississippi canned 1000 bushels of sweet potatoes in 1893, and sold them in Chicago at ninety-five cents per dozen three-pound cans, one bushel making about fifteen cans. This factory paid farmers forty cents per bushel.

If you have fences on your farm see that they are properly kept up. Broken fences and tumble-down gates are sure indications of indifference in the owner.

Good blood is all right, but good quarters, good feed and proper methods make success doubly sure in the raising of hogs.

The Poor Pacifico.

He Seems to Be Getting the Worst of the Present Spanish War in Cuba.—Two More Cases Cited.—The Effects of Some of Gen. Weyler's Ridiculous Orders.—They Don't Better the Rebels.—They Are Reducing Peaceful Farmers to Financial Ruin by Depriving Them of Staple Crops.

From the province of Havana, via Key West are proof of the cruel beating of two men, the murder of a third and the maiming of a boy, none of whom were connected with the war, and the savage mutilation of the corpses of three insurgents inhumanly hacked in the fury of fiendish vindictiveness.

Investigations have been painstaking. The witnesses are the peaceful mourners of the dead. I have not taken the testimony of the insurgents, but have listened to the stories of the neighbors and eye-witnesses of the shocking atrocities.

The sugar estate La Frances is about nine miles east on the north coast from Mariel. It is near Playa Salada, where the dead were desecrated the other day.

INSURGENTS PACK UP AND LEAVE. The forces of Acosta had been in the habit of camping on the estate, despite several attempts to drive them out. The place is a desirable one for an insurgent camp, on account of the difficulty of approaching and because of the amount of wild fruit about it.

The battalion of San Quintin, of the Spanish forces, got into the camp early yesterday morning only to find it deserted. There was a tobacco storehouse nearby filled with this year's crop. It was a poor Pacifico's only wealth. The rebels had slept in it and the troops burned it to the ground.

The little negro, Jose Pimiento, had very early in the morning left his mother's house on the American-owned estate, Central Lucia.

SLASHED IN THE NECK WITH A SABRE. He passed a neighbor's way sack over his arm and said he was going to the hills to get some mangoes. This fruit is very plentiful near La Frances, and the boy, knowing nothing of the nearness of the troops, went there. There he was killed by the sabre cut of a Spanish soldier.

No postmortem Spanish spy was indulged in. The body had been buried for some hours when I arrived with the patriots. I considered that the necessity for absolute proof warranted its disinterment.

On the 23rd of May, an escort of about eight Spanish guerrillas of Carinto, under Captain Garcia, were conveying a provision train on the road toward Havana. Near Hoyo Colorado, they were fired upon by five Cubans in ambush. One was killed.

STARVATION IN HAVANA SUBURBS. They turned back towards Carinto, and when near the place, took a Cuban mulatto out of the field in which he was working, and killed him. I have not yet verified the details, but regard the facts as true.

Reports from the poor quarters of Havana and from many small towns forming its suburbs, indicate a condition there bordering upon starvation. In obedience to Government edict, and in fear of the Spanish troops, many farmers have gone there. Their slender supply of money is fast giving out, and hunger is near.

The late edict of Weyler as to the removal of this year's crop of Indian corn is a great injustice to the poor farmers and will seriously cripple their food supply. The edict provides that within 20 days all the corn shall be conveyed from the farms to the fortified towns, to be there stored until it can be sold.

EDICT FAILED OF ITS OBJECT. The proclamation is only intended to deprive the insurgents of corn for their horses. As a fact, very few insurgent horses get more than semi-occasional feeds of corn, the staple ration being sugar cane. Naturally, there is cane and to spare this year, so that the insurgent horses will actually experience no hardship whatever.

For a Black Eye. For a black eye there is nothing to compare with the tincture or strong infusion of capsicum annum mixed with an equal bulk of mullage or gum arabic with the addition of a few drops of glycerine, says "Medical Progress."

Florida Indians. "Our Indians," says Dr. Brecht, Indian commissioner in the state of Florida, "are not multiplying rapidly. This is due to physiological and social reasons. Still, there has been an increase. In 1859 there were but 112. Now there are something over 500.

SPANIARDS CORRECT A BLUNDER. The provinces named are the ones in which the most active military operations were and are being carried on, the intention probably being to deprive insurgents of the great benefits of the willing services of these pacificos as guides, spies and scouts.

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farmers to continue at work, or should the Spanish troops be stopped from the killing of farm laborers, the rich country of Western Havana and Eastern Pinar del Rio will support pacificos, Spaniards and Cubans for years.

Tobacco Growing in Florida.

There has been any amount of talk and writing about the excellent qualities of the tobacco that can be raised in Florida and Georgia. We have been told again and again that there is no reason in the world why the Florida product should not be equal in quality to that of Cuba, only ninety miles distant.

Weyler's prohibition of the shipment of bananas from certain Cuban ports is another exhibition of arbitrary stupidity. All the bananas that the United States can eat can be obtained from other West Indian and Central American countries.

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