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FARM NOTES.

Lettuces can be grown during the winter in hot beds or cold frames, and as they are hardy they do not require much warmth...

Turkey raising is becoming more profitable and popular. Likelike sheep, they grow and fatten in the fields on what would be otherwise lost...

Those who have failed to find crimson clover as hardy as desired should not overlook the fact that it has been the late seedling which caused the loss.

Meadow lands infested with white grubs should be plowed and thoroughly cultivated in the fall, then planted to some crop that requires thorough cultivation...

Mulching sometimes fails to give satisfactory results. This is due to the fact that the mulch should be heavy.

All fowls get too much corn in fall and early winter, especially if they are on a farm that produces corn.

Celery blight is encouraged by leaving refuse celery on the ground to harbor the germs of the disease.

Unless it is intended to fatten the dry cow care should be taken not to feed any fattening food.

Experiments at the Cornell station demonstrated that the cost of a pound of butter was 12 cents at the Minnesota station, 11 cents, and at the Missouri station, 11 cents.

No one can inform a farmer in regard to the requirements of his farm as well as the teachings of experience.

Farmers object at times to expending money for fertilizers, relying entirely upon manure, but the low yields on some farms demonstrate that the farmer should not hesitate to use fertilizers liberally.

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CATECHISM ON BIBLE WINES.

Why is it so important to give serious attention to this important subject? Because through lack of knowledge Christ is dishonored, and much sin is the outcome of ignorance regarding Bible teaching on the matter.

Is the Bible misunderstood? Yes! It has been called a book of sanctified common-sense, and yet thousands represent it to be the very opposite by their erroneous views about wine.

Do you say there are different kinds of wine mentioned in God's Word? Yes, the good and the bad wine. The unfermented and the fermented. The blessed and the cursed.—1 Cor. x. 16 to 21.

How is it that there are writers upon the subject who have us believe that all Bible wines are intoxicating? They are like the Negro preacher who said, "I reckon I put my own narrow notions into the Bible and then proceed to think they are inspired."

What has misled such writers? The fact that in the English Version there is but one word, "wine," for at least twelve different words in the Hebrew and Greek.

Is it necessary to know Hebrew and Greek to understand about these wines? Certainly not, for then how many would remain in ignorance?

Do the learned see these truths more quickly than the ignorant? No, for God by His Spirit, reveals Himself to "babes," and many "wise and prudent" are ignorant regarding things "spiritually discerned."

How many I know about these wines? By a careful study of passages which speak of the different wines. The context makes it plain which kind is meant in most instances.

Most certainly; and those whom God has already taught by His Spirit can teach others; and amongst these are many eminent Theologians and scholars.

Is "wine" a generic word, a word used for the good and the bad? Yes, as much as "man," for man may be good or bad, and only by the context can we tell if we are reading of the righteous or the sinful man.

What has this to do with Bible wines? It is just the essence of the whole matter, for many who would not like to be called unlearned are so misinformed as to say all wine spoken of in the Bible is grape juice when it has undergone this great change, and is, therefore, no longer harmless, but poisonous.

Do learned men talk like this? Yes, but they are not rightly informed on this point. Why do you not agree with them? Because such a want of common sense represents the Bible as a book to be ridiculed.

Who can dispense such arguments? Those who make unfermented and fermented wines; also travellers in the East and in the North of Africa, as well as in grape growing countries on the Continent, where the pure, unfermented wine is a common beverage.

Do not the errorists on this subject say that it is impossible to keep pure wine from fermenting? Yes, but a wine maker on the Moselle keeps tons of such wine, and the favour of the old is better than the new, thus explaining the words of our Lord—"No man having drunk the old wine straightway desired new, for he saith 'The old is better.'"

Can you give texts to prove that grapes are called wine? In Gen. xxvii. 28, "Plenty of corn and wine" should be "Plenty of corn and wine fruit." In Jer. xl. 11, 12, "Gather wine and summer fruits" clearly means "Gather grapes," etc.

was uttered by the Lord after the awful death of Nadab and Abihu, who had, probably under the influence of intoxicating drink, offered strange fire unto the Lord.

Is there another prohibition? Yes, "Look not upon the wine when it is red."—Prov. xxiii. 31. The juice of even dark grapes is nearly white when first squeezed in the vats; but when alcohol is formed by the process of fermentation, it extracts the red out of the skins, and the wine is red by the time it is intoxicating.

Where are wines pronounced against the drunkard's drink? Isa. xxviii. 1, 3, 7, and 8 to 18; Hab. ii. 5-15, etc.

Was the destruction of cities associated with the forbidden drink? The wealth of Babylon was used to make the nations of the earth mad, and England's wealth is being used in the same way.—(Jer. li. 6-9). Babylon was destroyed. (Nahum i. 1 to 10; Nahum iii. 1 to 11) Nineveh was destroyed.

Is there any passage that fitly describes the drink traffic? Isa. xxviii. 15. The drink traffic is a covenant with hell. Are abstainers specially blessed? Yes, at the Recheabites (Jer xxxv.), Daniel, Samson, John the Baptist, and many others.

Explain the first Miracle of our Lord? Dr. Isaac, a Rabbi, says fermented wine was considered to contain an omen of evil, and it would have been an insult to offer this to the newly married.

What do you think of those who say that the Lord Jesus made intoxicating wine? That our Saviour did what no consistent abstainer would do. "The disciple is not above his Lord."

Where is there a verse to prove that feasting upon intoxicating wine is a sin? Isa. v. 11, 12, 20, 25.—"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning to till strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflame them." There is no sight more disgusting than the hilarious or changed condition of those who are inflamed with wine, and the first draught of intoxicating wine begins to work this change.

Could the son of God encourage anything so degrading? No, this is the devil's work. State another reason why the Saviour could have nothing to do with intoxicating drink. Because it defiles, and Jesus was undefiled.

How do we know it defiles even God's servants? At the cases of Noah and Lot. What other proofs have you? The great army of those living in impurity; intoxicating drink is rarely absent from the bodies of such, and it is nearly always the cause of the first step on a downward course.

What wine was used at the Passover? Because leaven or ferment was so strictly forbidden, it being a symbol of death and corruption, and nothing that had seen corruption was a type of Christ, we know that unfermented wine was used.

How was the Passover observed? At this yearfest, each guest had his own cup, and even children drank freely of the unleavened wine.

Dr. Adler, the Chief Rabbi, says that unfermented grape juice has always been valued, and if not easily obtained, boiled raisin syrup may be used.

Is it not strange that so many Christian churches are still satisfied with the peculiar mixtures palmed off upon the public as wine, much of which has never seen the grape?

Yes, indeed it is strange! Is it not a great danger to substitute intoxicating wine for the harmless "fruit of the vine," so named by our Lord?

Yes, both to those who administer and those who receive, and the numbers of reclaimed drunkards who go back into sin through this cause should teach this great lesson—the large number of our teachers and leaders who become drunkards, and are to be found in the company of drink's victims in our poorest lodging houses.

when it would make Him stupid. Is not the mind stupefied through even the moderate drinking of the brandied mixtures sold as wine in the present day? Yes, and unfortunately the intoxicating power pleases the senses, and weakens the desire to see the truth.

How have some been enlightened? By drinking for health purposes the life-giving and nourishing fruit of the vine. What other terms distinguish the intoxicating from the pure wine in Scripture? It is called "the cruel venom of asps," and described as "biting like a serpent, and stinging like an adder."

Does science agree with these Bible statements? Yes, the poisonous serpent is sure of its victim, and the drink often takes hold of the drinker and his children; for they can not escape the punishment of weakened will power, shattered nerves, imbecility, and other horrors which descend to "the third and fourth generation."

Did not the loving Father know of this inheritance of suffering? Yes, and to prevent this, He warned us against the formation of deadly habits and encouraging depraved tastes which quench or thrust out the Spirit of God our only Helper.

What encouragement have abstainers to wage this war against so mighty a foe? The assurance that the battle is the Lord's, and that Christ is our Captain, who will help us win it for stricken humanity.

When discouraged at the fierceness of the struggle, what passage should we read? Rev. xxi. 26, where the foundation of the wall of the Heavenly Jerusalem is described. It is ornamented with precious stones, and the twelfth and last is the Amethyst. This word is derived from two Greek words—Anot, and methustos a user of strong drink.

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