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FARM NOTES.

-Radishes are usually ready for use in six weeks from sowing. -Don't trim the cherry trees now. Wait

till June and then be light handed. -Cold frames are useful for forwarding lettuce and cabbage in spring or early sum-

mer. -To bleed the grapevines by cutting during March, April or May is bad

management. -Probably no other small fruit will give more weight of crop for the space it

-When the implement pulverizes the ground to a great depth the warm air comes in contact with a body cooler than itself, the water in the soil condensing into drops, which partially answers in place of rain. The deeper we pulverize, therefore, the greater the amount of moisture collect-

-The Courts have decided that bees do not injure fruit, and that they are bene-ficial in distributing pollen. The question now being considered is that, if they distribute pollen, cannot diseases also be carried by the bees from one tree to the others, which is claimed by many to be a

-When ditches or streams are crooked they do not cause inconvenience in the pasture, but where the land is cultivated they are an annoyance when plowing or mowing. By placing the tile or pipe in the ditches, and covering them, much valuable land may be saved and the field work rendered easier.

-If the supply of hay is becoming short the use of mixed hay and straw or fodder will lessen the amount of hay required, but the cut foods should be reinforced by adding a little more cornmeal, bran and cottonseed meal to the rations. All changes of food for cows should be made gradually.

-Much dissatisfaction may exist when cows are purchased, owing to the change made in removing the cows. The best milkers will sometimes fall off in yield when taken to a strange place. A change in the kinds of food, when made suddenly, will also affect cows in the amount of milk yielded. These facts should also be considered by those who purchase fresh cows to take the place of those that become

-Where a few melons, squashes or cucumbers are to be grown the next summer the plan of making the hills during the early spring, if the weather permits, is practiced. The ground is dug out two feet deep and four feet square. A mixture of one part manure and one of dirt is filled in and well trampled, packing or trampling in as much manure and dirt as possible, then hilling up. Later in the spring these hills are spaded and left until time for planting the seed, when they are worked

—It will be an advantage to have the manure heap "heat" until thorough decomposition of the material has been effected, but the heating should not be allowed to progress until the heap "fire fangs." By forking the manure over, and throwing the postions to the centre the whole coarser portions to the centre, the whole mass can be gradually reduced to a fine condition, which will not only render it more available as plant food, but also enable the farmer to handle and spread it trology, some critics think, in the story more easily. The cost of manure is not of the visit of the three wise men from alone in the materials, but in the labor of the east to Bethlehem at the time of loading, hauling, and broadcasting on the

—The potato crop is probably the most exacting in its requirements of labor at special times, of any that the Northern farmer can grow. In cultivating, destroying bugs and harvesting, a little delay may include the last of carrything that has involve the loss of everything that has heretofore been done. All these operations are going on while labor is needed in cultivating corn. Hence farmers who make a specialty of one crop cannot grow the other extensively. A large orchard in bearing also interferes with success in growing potatoes. The harvesting and marketing of one is pretty sure to be nearly simultaneous with that of the other.

-Give the cow all the food she can eat at regular periods, and weigh the milk. About two pounds of milk make one quart. If preferred, the milk may be measured. Compare the cost of the food with the the sum obtained for the milk, and the value of the cow as a producer can then be estimated. Test her also with other cows, and if there is one or more of the cows that do better than the others sell those that are lowest in the list and fill their places with better ones. No farmer who buys new cows will know what they can produce until he has tested them, but by selling off those that do not produce as much as should be expected, in proportion to the food con-sumed the herd will gradually be improved until each cow will give two or three or more quarts extra per day, the value of which will be considerable if the herd is a large one.

-The hot bed should be started as early as can be conveniently done, but because the weather is now mild and pleasant for March there is no assurance that a hothed may not be useful. The hotbed is a necessity where early vegetables are desired. It gives young plants an early start, protects from frosts and prolongs the growing sea-son. The hothed may be of any size de-sired, but many persons make it of a size to accept some kind of sash that can be used for the purpose, usually about 3 feet by 6. A pit is dug and a frame set in, enough of the frame being above ground to shed water and admit the sunlight. If the pit is three feet deep and the lower side of frame 10 inches above the ground, with the upper side 14 inches high, the open or lower space facing the south or southeast, it should answer; but some gardeners do not adhere strictly to this depth, being governed by conditions and circumstances, the exposure, protection of buildings, dryness of soil, etc., being con-sidered. Horse manure that is free from litter should be used. If the manure is fresh it will sooner or later decompose, and in so doing heat is generated. Put the manure in the pit and trample it firmly, so as to exclude as much air as possible, for the more air the more heat, and it may not be desirable to have too much heat. Over the manure place rich dirt, sifted to the depth of six inches, the top of the dirt to come about eight or ten inches of the top of the lower side of the frame. Bank around the out side of the frame with earth to the depth of the boards, trampling well, so as to protect against frost, and also to permit water from rains to flow away from the hotbed.

AN HERB FOR EVERY PAIN.

Old Fashioned Remedies That Were

Used by Our Forbears. In the village of Greenwich, England, in a quaint old street where the buildings are so thick that they tangle themselves together in a knot, there is a queer little shop with a sign over the door that reads, "An Herb For Every Pain."

On the shelves of this shop are to be found hundreds of different kinds of herbs for the cure of all bodily ailments. There can be found all the old time herbs that our grandmothers used to have hanging around the walls of the kitchen and stored away in the attic, ready to be made into teas and sirups in case of sickness.

People who still have old fashioned ideas about health and sickness go there for bugleweed, sumac, wintergreen, sassafras, camomile, horehound. yellow dock, catnip, cherry bark, mullein, extract of oats, lobelia, and so on. All these herbs have the reputation of being good for some one or more ailments-catnip for nervousness, sassafras for the blood, horehound and boneset for colds, sumac for sore throat, wintergreen for rheumatism, lobelia as an emetic in case of poisoning, mullein for consumption, etc.

Nearly all of these herbs are made into teas. Sassafras tea, boneset tea and catnip tea are brewed and served either cold or hot. Among the many hundreds of herbs that are sold in this little shop are some that are deadly poisons, and they are labeled and sold under the same restrictions as other

poisons. The good old remedies that our grandfathers hunted and dug in the woods, those that our grandmothers planted and tended in the garden, have given way to harmful remedies, to drugs that leave the patient in a worse condition than when he began their use. We believe it has been a mistake to give up the old remedies.-Medical Talk.

ASTROLOGY.

One of the Most Ancient Forms of Superstition.

Astrology means the "science of the stars." The encyclopedia calls astrology "one of the most ancient forms of superstition." Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindoos and Chinese were given to it. The Jews became addicted to it after the captivity. It spread into the west and into Rome at about the beginning of the Christian era. Astrologers played an important part at Rome, where they were called Chaldeans and "mathematicians." Although they were often banished by the senate and the emperors on pain of death and were otherwise persecuted, they continued to hold their ground. Even Ptolemy the astronomer did not escape the infection, which in his time had been universal. Mohammedanism was well adapted

to astrology, and the Arabs cultivated the "science" with great ardor from the seventh to the thirteenth century. Some of the early Christian fathers argued against astrology in its earlier form and others received it modified to some extent. There is a hint of asthe Nativity.

Probably the palmiest days of astrology were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. At two of the oldest universities in Europe chairs were founded for its teaching-at Bologna and at Padua. No prince's court was complete without its astrologer. After the renaissance the study of astrology was vigorously opposed, though for centuries many men continued to believe in it, among whom, at least to a certain extent, was Napoleon. The merciless ridicule of Swift had much to do with its discredit in England.

Few Bad Fathers Among Birds. Bad fathers are rare among birds. Usually the male rivals his mate in love for their children. The carrier pigeon-in fact, so do nearly all birdsfeeds his mate while she is on the nest. More than that, the crow, the most dismal of all birds, often sits on the eggs in the nest in order that Mrs. Crow may have an hour or so of relaxation and gossip among the other Mrs. Crows of her acquaintance. The blue marten, the black coated gull, the great blue heron and the black vulture all do the same.—Louisville Post.

He Won It. "Dear father," wrote the young lawyer who had just hung out his shingle in a great city, "congratulate me. Today I won my first suit. "And," he continued to himself, "it's a lucky thing the cards ran as they did or I wouldn't have had any winter clothes." -Cleveland Leader.

Fashion Note. "And what is the neatest, prettiest thing in waists for the season?" Mr. Vansant thought a moment and

replied solemnly: "The tenant!"-Baltimore News.

Too Expensive. "What a happy dog you are! Don't you ever borrow trouble?" "Nope. Can't afford it. The interest

is too high."-Town and Country.

Discouraging. He-I told your father that I just dote on you. She-And what did he say? He-That I had better find an antidote.—Illustrated Bits.

Cranky Patient.

Dr. Bailey (looking at thermometer)-Hum-m! I don't like your temperature. Sick Student-Then why did you take it?-Harvard Lampoon.

African epicures consider the tongue of a young giraffe a great delicacy. The meat of the animal is said to taste somewhat like yeal.

OLD FASHIONED.

A real old fashioned woman always

calls a prescription a recipe. What has become of the old fashioned man who "got the mitten?"

What has become of the old fashioned mother who accused her daughter of having "false pride?" "Along about 9 o'clock at night," said

an old fashioned man, "I get the stretches and go to bed." The old fashioned man with his blue

overcoat, which he wore in the civil war, seems to be no more. What has become of the old fashioned man who wore gray knit socks and sat around in the evening without his shoes

on? There used to be an old fashioned man who inquired when you were introduced to him, "What part of the footstool do you hail from?"-Atchison Globe.

A Russian Baby's Cradle. In Russia a cradle is used, contrived rudely as to both structure and motion. It is an oblong box or wicker basket, with a cord from each of its four corners converging to the hook or the rafter from which it is hung and with a looped cord underneath it, in which the mother puts her foot to swing her baby. In winter, which in Russia is long and severe, the cradles or sometimes the hammocks in which the youngest children sleep are slung around the great stove, upon which the parents and other adult members of the family pass the night, wrapped in their sheepskins.-Strand Magazine.

Deserted Their Towns. So late as the end of the seventeenth century the inhabitants of Ceylon were in the habit of deserting their towns. Their customs are described in the narrative of Captain Robert Knox, who for nineteen years-from 1660 to 1679was a captive among them. He speaks of several towns as lying desolate owing to the fact that their inhabitants had forsaken them. This they did if many of them fell sick and two or three died soon after one another, thinking that it was a visitation of the evil one. Some of them came back when they thought the evil spirits had departed.

The Important Foint, Papa-What! Daughter-I wish to marry the duke. Papa-Well, I'll give up! Daughter-I knew you would, you dear old popper you, but the duke wants to know how much.-Houston Post.

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