HOUSE AND FARM.

Farming in the Moon. A farmers' club in Central Illinois. ss we learn from the Secretary, has been discussing the subject of the influence of the moon on vegetation. The particular point in the discussion was in regard to the proper time to sow wheat in order to gain the greatest amount of good from the infinen es of the moon. As is usual when this subject comes up, there nere some who dealed that the moon sterts any influence on growing rops while others affirmed that it did exert a powerful influence, and one which farmers should avail themselves of.

No intelligent person, or persons possessed of a very large share of common sense, we think, believes that the moon exerts any occult induance on vegetation in any stage of its development. There is, however, some reason for believing that the moon's rays do influence the growth of vegetation, and observation seems to confirm the idea that apphished plants do make a more egold growth during the period of the moon's greatest light, then during that of her greatest obscurationall the circumstances being equally favorable. It is also claimed to be attent and there is some reason for the belief, that very tender plants, for example young wheat plants, do Bhest if allowed a period of rest during the night, in which they recuperate, as babies and young ducks do; while hardy young plants like aproats of potatoes and other bulbs. which have something to feed upon directly, do better if their growth is pushed during the whole of the day snd night.

Admitting both of these premises be true, the conclusion would be this: If we could regulate the gether in respect to warmth and. drigers, or he reasonably assured visithey would be favorable during the whole of the season when planting and sowing must be done to insure a crop, we would sow their seeds when plants are very tender at clook," to the end that they might have the "night's rest.!" so grateful and recuperative to all who work. On the other hand, we would, every acuther being insured, plant potaes, and some other crops which whardy at the start, so that they moon," in order that they might. make the fastest growth possible. avorable action of the moon's influepecially favorable or unfavorable; be people laugh at him for his ful.—Independent. .-- Prairie Farmer.

Farmers' Children. that for the fresh blood infusday, and ask them where Acre him; and they will tell dominio farm—perhaps in the

The ignoramus does not weight.—Exchange.

make an impression upon the body politic. Ignorance does not rule, but intelligence does. If we would have society better, we must educate our children. Farmers' children are educated chiefly in the common school. Good common schools are doing more for the country, for good morals, than any other instrumenality. They must be encouraged. Those having them in their keeping ORGANIZED IN APRIL, 18 72 must employ the best teachers, visit them, in every possible way. They should constantly strive to secure the best-not the cheapest-teachers. They must employ teachers whose hearts are in their work; who love their vocation; who do not teach simply to make a few dollars, but because they feel that they wish to do honestly and well.—Rural World.

Training Heifers to Milk.

Cows usually become addicted to kicking when heiters, from being milked by abusive milkers. I have never seen an old cow hecome a kicker unless abused. Instead of cows being averse to being milked when giving a large quantity, I have ever found it it the reverse. When pasturage is good, and cows come PRLEG T. CLARKE, home at night with udders distended with milk, they seem grateful to have it removed. Milking a heifer for the first time requires patience, for they will almost invariably kick. In such a case, put a broad strap round her body, just in front of the under, and buckle it up moderately tight, and as soon as she gets quiet (for she may kick around a little at first), take your pail, sit down and go to milking, for she is as helpless as a kitten. Do not attempt to use a rope instead of a strap for it will not answer. This is a much better method tying the legs, etc., as it does not hart the animal in the least. A few applications of the strap, with plenty of patience and kindness, will cure the most obstinate

Cherry Trees. These should never be highly manured. Singular as it may seem, THE TOLEDO MUTUAL the start, so that they would break better results have been obtained by ground during "the dark of the growing cherry trees in grass than by cultivating them as high pears. Experienced fruit-growers in Delaware, who once began a system of DIFFERENT KINDS OF POLICIES liberal manuring and treatment of thing being favorable, and good cherry trees, found after an experience of a few years, that the bark would burst, gum would ooze out, and many portions of the tree show would come up "in the light of the an unhealthy condition. The growers immediately discontinued high feeding and seeded the land down But there are "so many ifs in the to grass. The trees recovered their way" that we do not believe it is bealth, and have borne bountifully practicable to take advantage of the ever since the system of grass culture began. It is the only fruit tree ence, if, indeed, it exerts influences of all varieties which we can safely recommend to be treated in this al our convictions are, that the way. A Delaware friend says his timer who puts off seeding when row of cherry trees, growing in the hand is in good condition in order grass along the fence are the picture plant or sow during the right of health and luxuriance; while in be of the moon, will be quite like- previous years with orchard culture, me beg in harvest," and have he could never make them success-

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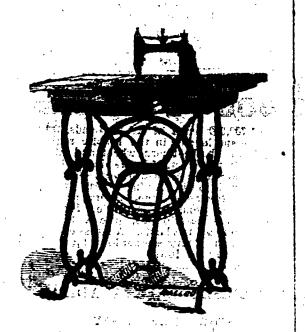
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