

Agricultural Department.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 26, '89.

A Plea for the Crows and Foxes.

Messrs. Editors:—A great many of our farmers are in the habit of killing all the crows and foxes that they can. This is all wrong, and detrimental to the best interests of the farmer. Instead of crows and foxes being enemies to farmers, they are their best friends, and if the cultivators of the soil properly understand their best interest they would use their influence in having laws passed preventing the destruction of their friends—the crows and foxes.

The greatest enemies farmers have to contend with, in order to raise good crops, are mice and "out worms." Mice, during the winter months, often destroy large fields of wheat, while "out worms," in the spring, frequently destroy crops of corn.

All the inventions heretofore created to scare crows from cornfields and destroy "out worms," have proven a failure. Crows do not visit cornfields for the purpose of destroying the corn, as generally, but erroneously, supposed; but for a more laudible purpose, of devouring worms bred to the surface by the cultivation of the soil, thereby promoting the material wealth of the farmer, and as long as these can be found, the most selfish crow will not disturb a hill of corn, and if the husbandman, while planting his corn will observe whether worms were plenty or scarce, and if scarce, drop a few grains of soaked corn here and there over his fields, the planted corn will not be disturbed by crows. If the birds find the worms plenty this need not be done, as the corn will remain undisturbed.

There is no good land but what produces a good crop of field-mice, who, during our long winters, must have something to eat, and as their fall supplies generally are eaten up by the 1st of January, the wheat fields and fruit trees furnish them with good food until spring, to the great annoyance and damage to the farmers.—Now it so happens that foxes consider mice the best of food, and will not eat any other kind as long as mice are procurable, consequently they make it their special business to hunt all the mice they can find, and as long as they can get them the farmer's fowls are safe and his wheat crop good. Instead of crows and foxes being the farmers' enemies they are his best protectors. Farmers, spare them.

PHILO. BELLEFONTE, May 19, 1869.

Stick to One Thing.

There are many farmers who do not stick to one thing long enough to make it pay, consequently they lose in everything. At one time they conclude to devote themselves to stock-raising. Before they get fairly under headway in this, they change their minds and go back to raising grain.—Some again make a specialty, for a time, of a certain crop—wheat, corn, or potatoes for instance. While they are following this specialty, the crops may be small and the prices low, and they turn to another just in time to miss large crops and good prices in what they have left.

The best farmers we have observed are those who first find out what their soil is best adapted to produce. They then turn their energies in that direction and go straight forward in that line. A proper crop does not discourage them. They go on and are sure to be finally successful.

To illustrate our idea. We once knew a farmer who made it a point to fatten from twenty-five to thirty hogs every year. Let the price of pork be high or low, he every year had his lot of hogs about the usual number.—He took great pride in having the best in the neighborhood. Some years perhaps he might have done better by turning his whole attention to some other specialty in farming. But we always noticed this, that taking one year with another for a long time, say ten years, he made the hogs pay. He was a successful farmer.

Another farmer, near by, every year planted potatoes. Sometimes his crop would fail, and sometimes when he had a good crop, the price would be low. But he kept straight forward. Every spring he planted potatoes.—The result in this case was the same as that in the other. Taking one year with another for a considerable number of years, he made the potatoe crop pay. He, too, was a successful farmer.

The farmer who would make his business pay must have a policy, and must adhere to it.—*Am. Farm Mag.*

How to Raise Many Cucumbers.

1. Never take fresh seed of last season, but always take seeds two or four years old. Who cannot get old seed, should have his fresh seeds dried near a warm stove during several weeks. Some gardeners, in order to obtain this end, carry their seed in their pockets. Old cucumber seed will bear earlier and more fruit. Fresh seed will make weak plants, and is longer in germinating.

2. Pinch off the end of the main shoot. This will strengthen the growth of the vine, the laterals will come out sooner, and you will get more fruit before frost sets in again.

How to get fine flavored cucumbers. 1. Get your seed from a reliable seedman. 2. Soak your seed in milk for about twenty-four hours before sowing.—*Horticulturalist.*

Domestic Receipts.

Aunt Betsy came yesterday as I was making paste to paper my bedroom. "Put a little pulverized alum in it, Kate," said she; "a half teaspoonful to the pint of flour, then you will not need to wash the wall with vinegar, and it will make the paper stick, too."

While she was in, old Mr. Mix drove up with eggs and meat to sell. He and Aunt Betsy used to go to school together when they were children. "What sort o' meat you got," said she, "tender or tough?" "Some of its tender; line-steak is allers tender, you know. My old woman says she can make any steak tender by rubbing this ere carbonate of soda on it over night, and then washing it off just afore you cook it in the mornin'."

"Stop at my house," said Aunt Betsy. "If sody'll make it tender, I can keep it with black pepper all I eat it up."

"How did you say, Betsy?" inquired Mr. Mix.

"Why, jest rub common black pepper all over it, and it'll keep in the warmest weather. Some folks salt their steaks to make 'em keep, but salt draws all the juice out of the meat, and makes it tough and tasteless. When you want to cook it, wash off the pepper, and it'll be just as tender and savor-like as one could wish. Salt oughtn't to be put on steak till it is all done, and laid on a hot platter. I allers salt my steak just afore I put it on the table."

After Mr. Mix left: "Do tell me, Kate, how you made that sponge-cake you had at the Sewing Society the other day; 'twas real nice, and so light; just what sponge cake out to be."

Sponge-cake.—Two cups of flour, two cups of sugar, six eggs, one teaspoonful essence of lemon, one tablespoonful of water.

Thank you, Kate; and would you mind writing down on the other side of that sheet, how to make that fruit puddin' you had the last time I dined here? I can't generally eat plum puddin', but that didn't hurt me a bit."

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While I wrote as follows, baby all the while in my arms, and pulling at my nose and hair:

FRUIT-PUDDING.—One cup of molasses, half a cup of brown sugar, half a cup of butter, one cup of milk, three and a half cups of flour, one-half teaspoon each of cinnamon, allspice, and cloves, half a cup or more of raisins or currants, a large cupful of chopped apples, or if you have no apples, dried peaches or dried apples that have been well soaked, will do: one teaspoonful of soda stirred in the molasses. Boil two hours.—*Heath and Home.*

SWEET CORN.—It is a surprising fact that sweet corn is not abundantly grown among farmers. Every farmer thinks he must raise his five or ten acres of Indian corn every year, in order to fatten his pork, and to furnish fodder for his stock, &c. Now, if every farmer would grow three or five acres of sweet corn, his crop would prove of much more value in proportion to the number of acres of Indian corn for feeding purposes. Last spring I planted six acres of sweet corn for the purpose of taking it into market green. But after the market became "glutted," I concluded to save the balance of my corn and cure it to feed. I cut and fed my hogs (in the stalks) every day, and they would eat stalks and all as clean as they would green clover. I would recommend it to those that sow corn in preference to any other.

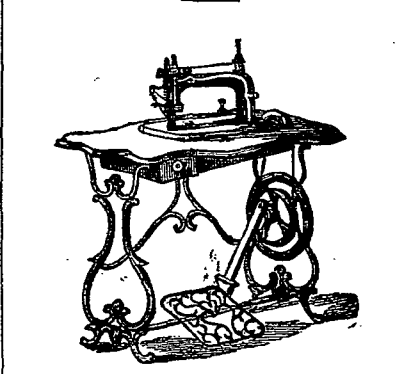
Be careful to trace up your seed in the fall and then you will not fail to have good seed when you come to plant or sow.—*Selected.*

WEEDS.—One of the greatest nuisances in farming is the way that weeds are encouraged and protected in the crooks and vicinity of fences, from which place their seeds are scattered over the surrounding land. The extent to which seed is carried by high winds prove that one negligent farmer may annoy hundreds of farms by failing to exterminate the foul herbage. Could the evils be concentrated on the farm which nurses the weeds, the consequences would be a proper punishment for his carelessness and criminality—for criminal is any man who nurtures nuisances that thus injure the surrounding farmers. The fellow who keeps a bull-dog that annoys if not bites the passing travelers, may be reached by the law that is powerless to expose the injury occasioned to his neighbors by the nurseries of foul weeds which are harbored about his premises, especially in all the vicinity of his fence.—*N. Y. Independent.*

CLEANLINESS.—A neat, clean, fresh, sweet, cheerful, well-arranged house exerts a moral as well as a physical influence over its inmates, and made the members of a family peaceable and considerate of each other's feelings and happiness. The connection is obvious between the state of mind thus produced, and habits of respect for others, and for those high duties and obligations which no laws can enforce. On the contrary, a filthy, squallid, noxious dwelling in which none of the decencies of life can be observed, contributes to make its inhabitants selfish, sensual, and regardless of the feelings of others. And the constant indulgence of such passions renders them reckless and brutal; and the transition is natural to propensities and habits incompatible with a respect for the property of others or for the laws.—*N. Y. Independent.*

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