Agricultural.

Rye on Fall-Plowed land.

The only objection to fall-plowing is that occasionally heavy rains pack the soil, whereby much of the benefit of alternate freezing and thawing is lost. This can be remedied by drilling in one bushel of rye per acre late in the fall. Rye is better than wheat for this purpose, as it is less expensive, and, owing to smaller grains, one bushel of rye is equal in seeding to a bushel and a half of wheat. Besides, rye grows stronger than wheat, is less liable to winter-kill, and its matted growth makes a better protection to the soil from washing or packing by rains or snows.

Farmers have noticed that where winter-killed wheat is plowed and sowed with spring grain the crop is nearly always excellent. This shows the advantage of fall-plowing combined with some protection to the surface. But it does not pay to have a crop of wheat thus destroyed while it pays to plow and sow some cheaper grain that will answer the same purpose. There is probably a good deal of loss of ammonia from naked fields in winter and early spring which a growing crop would save. The young rye plowed under in April would form an excelent and well-distributed coating of manure over the field—much more valuable than its probable cost. On land designed for corn or potatoes, the rye could be left to grow till the middle of May, or be pastured by cows, or ewes with young lambs. It is better that the ground should be left as rough as possible after the fall-sowing. Spring feed for cows is often scarce, and two or three acres of young rye, intended for pasture on land designed for summer crops, will be a clear gain at a very trifling expense.—*Country Gentleman.*

Care of Heifers.

Mr. Orcutt, who contributes some excelent items to the Hartford *Courier* thus describes his method of treating heifers and their first calves:

Our position in regard to suckling calves upon young heifers—their first one or two calves say—is that this natural action encourages the mothers in giving milk. The idea may seem novel to some, and then there is a difference in heifers. Some are more "foolish" and sentimental concerning their offspring than others. In breaking a heifer to milk, I am apt to mix in with her calf a good deal, endeavoring to associate myself in the minds of both as a familiar object, so that my little stripping passes as a matter of course among new and bewildering circumstances. As in times of general excitement, shrewd managers are very likely to be found—stripping the public purse. Barring the opinions that may obtain with the selfish and short-sighted against the policy of developing the lacteal secretions in this natural manner—by allowing a heifer to "fuss around with a young calf"—the plan must look quite reasonable. It is certainly a time honored practice among careful farmers, and a good deal of observation and some experience will warrent me in asserting that early indulgence in the cares of maternity is no detriment to the future productiveness of the grown-up cow. Shrewd cow-buyers—milkmen and others, go a picking among the stock that has been bred ane fed in the plainest normal farm fashion, preferring to add the extreme themselvei, After three or four years of age, when the milking habit is formed, calves may be "deaconed" with less feeling on the part of the mother. She is used to the hand of man and becomes by habit reconciled to her lot. Your old cow is not a romantic or sentimental animal. I made a visit lately to our eldest cow, Clover, sold last spring. She wouldn't even look at me, or scarcely stop gathering grass long enough to smell of my hand when I lifted her head by the horn. This may not be precisely like refusing to look at her calf, but if you knew the intimacy formerly existing between us, you'd allow it was somewhat like. But this animal never showed much affection for her calves at any time.

Swine Breeding.

The breeder seeks first for animals of good form and good constitution; he looks next to the pedigree—which of their breeds he shall select may depend upon many circumstances, and his taste. For myself I chose Berkshire and I have seen no good cause to regret my choice. I find them hardy, of good form. good mothers yielding excellent meat, and having excellent offal. They mature early, and are large enouth for shipping. With those who seek larger hogs, Poland Chinas are the favorites, while the pure black, otly little Essex on the one hand and the mammoth white Yorkshire on the other have their advocates. Each man must examine and decide for himself. I only suggest that thoroughbreds should in all cases be chosen, and only from well known and responsible breeders can one buy with any degree of surety of receiving that for which he so liberally makes payment. Begin with thoroughbreds, and then keep strictly within the breed. Only thus can satisfactory results be counted on with certainty. Mixed breeds show the traitss and forms of all their ancestors. They will be very uneven in their breeding. Keep strictly within the breed, but not couple near relations. This advice is founded upon the following principle: Every individual has its excellencies and its defects; near relations are likely to have the same excellencies and its defects. By coupling such relations, both excellencies and defects are aggregated and intensified; the defects may be so intensified as to destroy the utility of the produce again. Breed to get animals of like character. The produce will be like the parents; they will be even and sure.—*Prof. Jones, of Iowa Agricultural College.*

Cost of Raising Horses.

The Agricultural Department, having made inquiries as to the cost of raising horses in each of the various States, reports as follows: IN the Middle States, the maximum cost of wintering horses is $48 per head in New Jersey; next in order stands Delaware, $43; New York, $37; and Pennsylvania, $36. Delaware farmers, last year, received the highest average price for hay, $20 per ton; and those of New York the lowest, $13.10. New York received the maximum price for corn, ninety-three cents per bushel; and Delaware the minimum, seventy cents. The price of oats ranged from fifty-two cents in Delaware, to sixty in New Jersey. Averages of Eastern States were as follows: Maine, $27; New Hampshire, $37; Vermont, $38; Massachusetts, $45; Rhode Island, $48; Connecticut, $45.

West of the Mississippi, the average cost of wintering ranges from $9 in Kansas, to $28 in Minnesota. Iowa averaged $16; Missouri, $12; and Nebraska, $13. Farm prices of hay vary from $3.86 in Kansas, to $12.05 in Missouri. The cheaper hay of Kansas and Nebraska is mostly made from the wild grasses of the prairies. Corn ranges from forty-three cents per bushel in Iowa, to fifty-three cents in Kansas.

It is a good plan for all fruit growers to apply lime freely in their orchards every two or three years. A half bushel to each tree, or one hundred bushels broadcast per acre, will suffice.

Young Folks.

THE DOVE MAIDEN.

A CATSKILL FAIRY TALE

(*Continued.*)

A long time passed, and the dove child appeared to have grown quite content with her new life. She never tried to find the chain which Otto had concealed so cleverly. One day she paused in the meadow, and the other dove hovered down to alight on her hand. She received it with delight, cooing over it in her own tongue, just as if she had never learned another language.

Otto found them talking together, and bade her catch the dove; but this she would not do, so the bird flew above the boy's reach.

"If it comes again I will shoot it with a gun," cried Otto, shaking his fist angrily.

Then the dove child wept, and told her mate what the naughty boy had said; and the dove went away, not daring to return. The little girl begged Otto to restore her chain.

"No, indeed," said he. "Your father must be a great king or prince, from your appearance. When he comes to take you away in a gilded chariot drawn by splendid horses, he must give me ten chests of silver to make me rich. Then he may have you, and the chain also."

The dove child looked at him sadly.

"You seem to care more for money already than your own good."

"I wish to have my own way," cried Otto. "Yes, and I will have it always."

She ran to Aunt Katrine, who always petted and soothed her, entreating her with many tears to find the chain which Otto had concealed so long ago.

"What strange enchantment binds you, poor child?" asked the good woman, hoping to hear a story of magic. The stranger only shook her head sorrowfully, and looked away into the clear sky where the other dove had flown. After this she grew discontented and unhappy. Often would she watch for her mate, but the other never dared to appear, for fear Otto's bullet should pierce its tender breast.

Aunt Katrine decided to find the chain and release the child, whatever the result might be. She was an amiable old lady, and she rather dreaded Otto's ill temper, so she asked him nothing about the matter, because she feared he would only hide the chain somewhere else. Besides, he was already growing to be a fall, stout lad, and would soon become master of the house. Accordingly, she chose an hour when the banking and sweeping were done for the day, the children away at school, and, putting on her spectacles, deliberately began the search.

First she examined the chamber where Otto slept, but there she found nothing besides a few playthings. Then she remembered that the boy came down the ladder from the attic after he had run away with the chain on the day when the dove child was found; so up the creaking ladder went Aunt Katrine, and it was not long before she placed her hand directly on the chain as it lay coiled up snugly on the beam behind the bird trap. She returned to the kitchen with the treasure, and, seating herself by the open window, admired the delicate chain, polishing the jewels on her sleeve the while, just to make them sparkle and glitter.

A tiny black dwarf crept through the window like a spider, and perched on the back of Aunt Katrine's chair, without her being aware of his presence. The dwarf nodded and chuckled as he peered over her shoulder. After awhile he drew a bit of folded paper from his girdle, which grew in size to a large fan, ornamented with strange figures and smelling of sweet perfume, and began gently to fan Aunt Katrine. The perfume, was thus wafted from the paper, and presently she bobbed her head twice, and sank back in the chair fast asleep. Oh dear! she had done more harm than good, with the best intentions. Down hopped the dwarf to the floor, and snatched the chain from her lap. She opened her heavy eyes just as he reached the door, where he took the chain in his mouth; then wings unfolded from his sides, and he flew away in the shape of the large black hawk which had first pursued the doves.

There was no end of mischief done. Aunt Katrine wrung her hands over her folly in taking the chain from the safe hiding-place; and now some evil fairy had made off with it.

The children were crossing the meadow at that moment.

"See the hawk up yonder with something in its mouth," said Sophia.

"It must be a frog or a snake," returned Otto, not dreaming that the precious chain was gone.

Aunt Katrine said not a word, like the cowardly old body she was. What was the use? Otto would sulk for a month, and the dove child weep herself to death to think that she could never be restored to her own people, wherever they might be.

Now the hawk was a wicked fairy, Skimp by name, who felt malace toward every one. When the fairy king's third wife died, leavhim an interesting widower, Skimp expected to be asked to marry him. Instead of that he chose her young maid of honor; and Skimp's temper was soured, so she went about in many shapes, not only tormenting the other fairies, but any chance mortal besides. In this way she made the acquaintance of all the giants and hobgoblins in the universe.

"Before I had the chain where it can not easily be found, I must do a trifle more mischief," she thought, and paused near a great city, where the smoke could be seen curling up from the chimneys, and the church spires were outnumbered by the masts of the shipping in the harbor. Here she changed her hawk dress to the costume of a country girl; a broad hat shaded a rosy, innocent face; she carried herself shyly and awkwardly; and no one could have believed that the simple lasse was shrewd, wicked Skimp, so perfect was her disguise.

She entered a dingy building where young men were busy counting money and writing in books. She wished to see their master the broker, and soon she was showing the wonderful chain, which she declared she desired to sell. Of course the broker wanted it; he would give his head for the diamond clasp alone; but he did not say so—oh no; he only shut one eye, and sighed that he could not offer more than two gold pieces for it—such a trifle! Skimp had been inside his brain, and whisked around twice to discover his thoughts, although she seemed to stand opposite all the while, a simple country girl.

"I will take twenty gold pieces," she said, firmly.

The broker shook his head in horror; he would give four gold pieces, and no more. Then the fairy led the greedy broker a merry dance. Twice she gathered up the chain and went out the door, prepared to leave without completing the bargain, and twice the broker called her back, adding another coin to the pile on the counter. Finally he paid the full sum, pretending to shed tears at his own folly; and all the clerks paused, with quills behind their ears, to cry also, because their great employer did.

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PHILADELPHIA AND READING ROAD

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

MAY 24, 1875.

TRAINS LEAVE RUPERT AS FOLLOWS (SUNDAY EXCEPTED

For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville Tamaqua, &c., 11,38 a. m

For Catawissa, 11,38 a. m. and 7,06 p. m.

For Williamsport, 6,20 a. m. and 4,06 p. m.

TRAINS FOR RUPERT LEAVE AS FOLLOWS, (SUNDAY EXCEPTED.)

Leave New York, 9,15 a. m.

Leave Philadelphia, 9,15 a. m.

Leave Reading, 11,3 a. m., Pottsville, 12,10 p. m and Tamaqua, 1,30 p. m.

Leave Catawissa, 6,20 a. m. and 4,00 p. m.

Leave Williamsport, 9,20 a. m. and 5,00 p. m.

Passengers to and from and Philadelphia go through without change of cars.

J. E. WOOTEN,

May 8, 1874—tf. General Superintendent.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD.

BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

Time-Table No. 29. Takes effect at 4:00 A. M THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1874.

NORTH.			STATIONS.	SOUTH.		
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
12 25	8 35	1 45	.....Scranton.....	10 10	2 20	6 30
12 21	8 30	1 40	.....Bellevue.....	10 14	2 26	6 33
12 1	8 23	1 18	.....Taylorville.....	18 19	2 33	6 41
11 48	8 13	1 28	...Lackawanna.....	10 17	2 41	6 50
11 34	8 05	1 16	.....Pittston.....	10 25	2 50	7 00
11 29	7 59	1 11	.....West Pittston.....	10 29	2 55	7 05
11 19	7 53	1 05	.....Wyoming.....	10 34	3 01	7 11
11 17	7 48	1 00	.....Mainby.....	10 38	3 06	7 16
10 48	7 41	12 53	.....Kingston.....	10 45	3 13	7 25
8 25	7 35	12 40	.....Kingston.....	10 50	3 20	7 35
8 17	7 30	12 41	...Plymouth June..	10 55	3 28	7 45
8 12	7 25	12 36	.....Plymouth.....	11 00	3 33	7 50
8 05	7 19	12 30	.....Avondale.....	11 05	3 36	7 58
8 00	7 15	12 26	.....Nanticoke.....	11 19	3 40	8 12
7 46	7 5	12 15	...Hunlock's creek.	11 18	3 57	8 15
7 35	6 50	12 01	.....Shickshinny.....	11 32	4 15	8 35
7 06	6 35	11 40	....Hick's Ferry.....	11 46	4 21	8 51
6 57	6 28	11 30	....Beach Haven.....	11 53	4 28	9 15
6 45	6 20	11 21	.....Berwick.....	12 1	4 36	7 01
6 32	6 08	11 08	.....Briar Creek.....	12 8	4 45	7 12
6 27	6 03	11 17	...Willow Grove.....	12 12	4 50	7 18
6 20	5 63	11 11	.....Lime Ridge.....	12 17	4 56	7 25
6 06	5 53	11 02	.....Espy.....	12 26	5 05	7 38
5 58	5 46	10 55	....Bloomsburg.....	12 32	5 12	7 47
5 51	5 40	10 48	.....Rupert.....	12 37	5 18	7 55
5 44	5 34	10 43	Catawissa Bridge.	12 42	5 24	8 02
5 40	5 30	10 40	...Clark's Switch.	12 45	5 30	8 06
5 15	5 12	10 22	.....Danville.....	1 03	5 48	8 35
5 01	5 02	10 12	.....Chulasky.....	1 11	5 58	8 48
4 55	4 57	10 08	.....Cameron.....	1 14	6 03	8 55
4 30	4 40	9 5	.Northumberland.	1 3	6 20	9 20
a.m.	p.m.	a.m.		p.m.	p.m.	a.m.

DAVID T. BOUND, Supt.

Superintendent's Office, Kingston, March 5, 1874.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

On and after November 20th, 1873, trains will leave SUNBURY as follows:

NORTHWARD.

Erie Mail 5.20 a. m., arrive Elmira.....11.50 a. m

" Canandaigua.... 3.35 p. m.

" Rochester..... 5.15 "

" Niagara..... 9.40 "

Renovo accommodation 11.10 a. m. arrive Williams rt 12.55 p. m.

Elmira Mail 4.15 a. m., arrive Elmira 10.20 a. m.

Buffalo Express 7.15 a. m. arrive Buffalo 8.50 a. m.

SOUTHWARD.

Buffalo Express 2.50 a. m. arrive Harrisburg 4.50 a. m

" Baltimore 8.40 "

Elmira Mail 11.15 a. m., arrive Harrisburg 1.50 p. m

" Washington 10.30 "

" Baltimore 6.30 "

" Washington 8.30 "

Harrisburg accommodation 8.40 p. m. arrive Harrisburg 10.50 p. m.

arrive Baltimore 2.25 a. m.

" Washington 6.15 "

Erie Mail 12.55 a. m. arrive Harrisburg 3.05 a. m.

" Baltimore 8.10 "

" Washington 10.35 "

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Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

ON and after SUNDAY, MAY 23d, 1875, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Rail Road Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

FAST LINE leaves New York..... 9 25 a. m

" " " Philadelphia..... 12.55 p. m

" " " Baltimore..... 1.30 p. m

" " " Harrisburg..... 5.00 p. m

" " arr. at Williamsport..... 8.55 p. m

" " " Lock Haven..... 10.20 p. m

" " " Bellefonte..... 11.50 p. m

ERIE MAIL leaves New York..... 8.25 p. m

" " " Philadelphia..... 11.55 p. m

" " " Harrisburg..... 4.25 a