REPAIRING LAND FOR CORN.

The Manifold Advantages of Giving the Plants a Good Start.

Early in the spring the land is plowed for corn, and for several reasons the first being the desire to allow the frost to pulverize the soil and also to desiroy the cutworms. This is very necessary if sod land is to be used for corn, as the damage done by cutworms is often such as to prevent the making of a crop, as well as en-tailing much additional labor for replanting. There is a saving of time by early plowing because the teams will be busy later on. Sod land should be plowed in the fall and left unharrowed and then cross plowed in the spring. In some sections the farmers work over the land with a disc harrow in the spring, if the sod was turned under in the fall, but it is better to plow in the spring, and then use the disc harrow to cut up and pulverize the soil. All heavy yields of corn have been secured on land that was made fine and put in the best possible condition for the seed. The first preparation for corn is one-half the advantage, as it gives the young plants an early and vigorous growth, and increases their capacity for securing plant food as well as enabling them to better withstand drought.

It is customary to use all kinds of manure on corn land, no matter how coarse it may be, for the reason that the corn plant is a gross feeder, and completely covers the surface of the ground with a netting of roots and rootlets, but if a large yield is desired it will be found that the better the condition of the manure, and the nearer its approach to solubility, the more vigorous the corn plants at the start. If the manure is unrotted, and must decompose in the soil, it will be only when the plants are nearly ready to mature that the manure will begin to become available, and a large propartion will remain over until the secand year, which is no loss but prevents its use for the crop of the first year at a time when the plant food is most required by the crop.

Cultivation of corn should be done with the object of giving it an early start so as to get the plants ahead of the weeds and to afford the greatest root capacity before the dry weather of summer comes. It may happen that the manure is inferior, and affords but little benefit, especially at If the plants do not have a bright green color apply 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre, and the effect will be clickly noticeable after the next rain, but if sod land is used for corn the nitrogen will in all probability not be lacking, but a bag of finely ground bone meal may be used. Keep the cultivator in the field until weeds and grass have been completely subdued, for if this is not done the labor applied to growing a corn crop will be partly lost as the yield may be reduced below the cost of production.

Why the Churn Churns. The most plausible theory for the separation of the butter fat in cream by the churn, is that the fat globules in milk and cream being surrounded by a thin layer of liquid milk serum, the concussion of the churning causes the usually round, uniform, floating globules to harden into irregular shapes, which results in their adhering to each other until the enlarging granules of butter can be seen by the naked eye. For some time before the butter "comes," or the cream "breaks," the fat globules have been massing together, and the usually rapid increase in size after they are visible is due to the greater surface exposed, just as a rolling snowball grows fastest at the last. The factors which affect the completeness of the churning are stated by Director J. L. Hills, of Vermont, to include the food of the cows, the period of their lactation, the creaming and ripening, the size and kind of churn, with the heat and density of the cream. There seems however, to be no relation between the sourness of the cream, the temperature, the curd in the butter, and the time needed for churning.-American Agriculturist.

Barnyard Manure.

Speaking of barnyard manure, Prof. Bailey says there are sound scientific reasons for the high esteem in which this manure is held. It contains all the fertilizing elements required by plants in forms that insure plentiful crops and permanent fertility to the It not only enriches the soil with the nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash which it contains, but it also renders the stored-up materials of the soil more available, improves its mechanical condition, makes it warmer and enables it to retain more moisture or to draw it up from below.

Profitless Fields.

What to do with a profitless field is a matter of consideration by all farmers who are so unfortunate as to have such fields. The majority use these lands as pastures, upon which they turn the stock, but it will pay to aim to grow green crops on the land, to be turned under. If this is done for two or three years, and the land lined it will be found that such method will restore fertility at a small cost compared with the increased value of the

Feeding Cattle.

There never was a stable where all the creatures should be fed exactly alike. Some run to fat, others to milk, one is dainty, another is hearty, or here is a thief bound to steal all she can reach before she cleans her own. some are cutting teeth, others shedding them, this one is excitable, another naturally quiet. To many a cow is a cow, but there is much more we find when we attempt to keep each doing her best at the milk pail.

Planting Potatoes. The following from a correspondent of the Practical Farmer contains sound doctrine: Generally potatoes cut to one eye on a piece make such small places that they do not contain enough vitality to give the plant a good strong start, and should the ground be in a dry condition and no rain for ten days the small cut piece drys up, and you have a poor stand. On our soil I have always had better results in using potatoes cut in two or three eyes.

THE INQUISITIVE CLERK

He Finds a Customer Who is Too Much

The inquisitive clerk is everywhere, and everybody has had an experience with him. One of the genus was "called down" in a remarkably funny manner in a west end drug store re-cently. A tall, solemn looking man came in and asked for a half dozen six-ounce bottles.

"Bottles?" asked the clerk. "Yes, bottles," responded the man.
"With or without corks?" asked be,

"With cors," was the response, "Want 'em empty?"
"Certainly."

'And new?"

"Do you suppose I want bottles you've been keeping strychnine in?" The clerk said such an idea never entered his mind, and then asked; "What do you want them for?"

"To break," responded the impatient customer, promptly. What?"

The customer beckoned him to lean over the counter, and caught hold of the lapel of the clerk's coat and whis-

"I wouldn't want the neighbors to get onto it, but I rather like to hear em crack. Just a whim of mine. It's better than breaking windows, and gives me just as much pleasure, but my supply has given out, and I want a few to hold me over until the next carload arrives.

The clerk looked at the customer doubtfully. "Oh, well, of course it's nothing to

he said. "Then what made you ask about

The clerk made no reply, but got the bottles. As he was making the change, however, the spirit moved him to ask:

"What do you do with the corks?"
"Chew 'em," was the reply. "It's good for the digestion. Try it some

Then the customer walked out, and the clerk shook his head and tapped bis forehead, but he asked no more questions.-St. Louis Post.

Why Pa Wore Ma's Clothes,



Sarah Ann-Pa! What on earth you got ma's clothes on for? Pa-Wall, I 'low if you're a-goin' to town rigged man-fashion, I'm a-goin' to wear these along to even things up. -Scribner's Magazine.

Her Adam's Fall.

It was the custom not many years ago, in certain parts of Scotland, for the minister to make catechetical visitations among his people. An amusing anecdote is related of a worthy Scotch woman, who, intent upon her own trouble, made honest, but personal, answer to the minister's ques-

tions. Her husband, ,whose name was Adam, had one very serious fault, for which he had been severely reproved by the minister. Seeing the good man eaching one day, Adam, who was just getting over a drinking spell, bid himself under the bed, and told his wife to say that he was off fishing.

The minister came in, and was politely received by Jenny. He began by asking if she had studied the catechism which he had left at his last

'Deed, sir, an' I hae studied it a muckle bit," was her answer.
Thinking to test her knowledge a little, the minister asked, "Weel, Jencan ye tell me the cause o' Adam's

Jenny's mind was too much occupied with the misdeeds of her own Adam to give any thought to the great progenitor of the human race, and she replied, with some warmth:

'Deed, sir, it was naething else but drink;" and then she turned towards the bed and said:

Adam, ye may as weel come oot. for the doctor kens brawly what's the matter; some clashin' deevils of necbors hae telt him a' aboot it. Sae

Knew What He Was About. 'At one of our holiday resorts during the season, a coach used to run daily between the town and some ruins a few miles out, stopping at an Inn for dinner. The landlord of the inn used to make a tidy sum (which he shared with the coachman) by doing the passengers out of their meal. A good repast was provided, but the passengers were hardly allowed to be seated before the signal was given to start.

One day, after the coach had departcd, the landlord discovered a traveller still enjoying a hearty meal. He grew uneasy as he saw the eatables disappearing under his very eyes, but far more so when he noticed that all the silver spoons and forks were missing.

On the traveller describing a suspicious-looking character among the passengers, an ostler was hastily dispatched to bring back the coach. On its arrival out walked he accuser, who, instead of helping to identify, the thief, took his seat on the coach, and, addressing thefurious landlord, cooly remarked:

Thanks for my good feed. You'll and them spoons and forks in the coffee-pot. Right away, driver."

Getting Back at Him "What do you hear from Hiram?" said Mrs. Sunup. "How's he doin' at

college? "I ain't heard nothin' direct," was the reply, "but it come ter me in a roundabout sort o' way thet he is sowin' a good deal of wild oats."

"What air ye goin' ter do?" "Hev 'im come home. I wrote 'im thet ef he was so ded sot on ogriculture he might es well stick to the

There is not much exercise in sewing on buttons, but it is better than none at all.-Galveston News.

The new woman hasn't progressed so far that she can spade up her own flower garden yet.-Boston Globe. Mrs. Grill-Oh, dear, and she hasn't

stopped crying yet. Mr. Grai-Probably she has been waiting for you to stop.-Boston Courier. He-You are the only girl who can

make me happy. She (coquettishly)— Sure? He—Yes; I have tried all the others,-Tid-Bits,

Son-And what does father do for his country? Mother-Nothing whatever, my dear; he is a member of Congress.—Boston Bulletin. Court-Have you any visible means

of support? Female Vagrant-No, Your Honor; I somehow don't take to bloomers.-Detroit Tribune. "That last poem of Jones' has the

right ring," said the editor, "How so?" When I opened it a silver dollar dropped out!"-Atlanta Constitution. The new governess-What are the comparative and superlative of bad, Berty? Berty (the doctor's son)-

Bad-worse-dead!-Boston Budget. Undergrad Bummler (espying his tailor and shoemaker sitting together in a tavern)-Donnerwetter! A meeting of creditors, I do believe!-Dorfbarbier.

"No, Maud, dear, the quarter-deck of an excursion steamer is not so called because you can get a seat on it for twenty-five cents."-Philadelphia Reecrd. "Money talks," said the oracular

boarder. "It talks pretty conclusive-ly," admitted the Cheerful Idiot, "but at times it gets rattled."-Indianapolis Journal. "Blessed if I ain't a regular Trilby,"

multered the man in the crowd after being stepped on half a dozen times; "everybody gets on to my feet."-Boston Courier. "Did you look at that bill I left yesterday, sir?" said a collector to a member of Congress. "Yes," was

the reply. "It has passed first read-ing."—Exchange. He-Why does Miss Middleage presist in singing 'My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon?" She—Because he

can't come down and deny it."-Harper's Bazar. Oldmun-The girls are not so attractive as they were when I was a young man. Youngun—Don't you mean they are not so attracted?—

Cincinnati Tribune. The Tourist-You seem to be proud of your family title. The New York millionaire abroad (proudly)—Of course I am. I paid for it in good hard dollars.-Chicago Record.

Friend-And you are very happy? Bride-Very. Almost every day I hear of some other girl who would have jumped at the chance to marry, my husband.-Detroit Tribune.

Miss Lillie Cusack (coyly, after rejecting Alkali Ike's proposal—"But I'll be at home next Sunday night." Alkali Ike (sourly-"So'll I; and burcussed if I don't stay thar "-New York Tribune.

Benevolent old gentleman (to the two boys he had just stopped fighting) Dear me, how dreadful of you! Whatever is the matter? First ragged urchin — He tore'd my clothes. The other boy—Where? First ragged urchin-I don't know where, but I heard it.—Spare moments.

"I think," said the Cheerful Idlot, "that it will not be long before the fellow who was arrested for the mur-der of that man Saturday will be convicted." "Do you think he is going to confess?" asked the landlady. "Oh, no," said the Cheerful Idiot; "I base my idea on the fact that the confinement in prison may tell on him." -Indianapolis Journal.

"I licked him," said the boy, mournfully; " licked him good, and now there are a couple of big fellows in the next street jest a-layin' for me to lick me 'cause I licked him." son," said the father, earnestly, seeing an opportunity to impress a lesson in international politics upon the boy, "now you realize the position that Japan is in."-Chicago Tribune.

BITS OF IMFORMATION.

The United States produced \$53,000,-000 pounds of copper last year.

Ohio has 256,264 farms, the largest number of any State in the Union.

The entire collection of coins and medals in the British museum now consists of nearly 250,000 specimens.

Monte Carlo made 19,100,000 francs last year, 3,000,000 less than the year before, and nearly 5,000,000 less than 1892. The dividend was 8 per cent. The new Chimes at St. Paul's Ca-

thedral, London, will comprise seven English, seven Scotch, and seven Irish airs. A sacred air will be played on Sunday. It is said that there is to be found

in the old furniture and curiosity shops of Boston enough furniture that was taken from the Mayflower to fill whole fleet of such primitive craft.

There is no similarity of language perween the American Indian dialects and any Asiatic tongue. The only bond of union between them and the earlier Asiatic tribes is found in the mode of life, implements and the like.

Hell Gate was so called by the Dutch, who applied the name to the whole of the present East river. The Indians called the neighborhood of the famous reef Mon-ah-ton-uk, "dangerous water," also Ah-ton, "running

If a gipsy girl wishes to know how soon she will marry, she whispers in-to the ear of the first donkey she meets, "Shall I soon have a husband?" And if, in reply, as it were, the don-key moves its ears, the girl knows that she will marry almost immedistely.

In Malta bees are plentiful, and bee stings are in such repute as a cure for rheumatism that resort to this primitive method of inoculation has been in common practice in severe cases for generations, the results, it is said, having been most satisfactory to the patients.

How He Got Ahead.

"Come on, uncle, if you want to catch this train.' "How long do it take dis train to

go, san ?" "This is the express train. One

" How long do it take de nex' train to go, sah?" "Accommodation. Two hours."

" Den' I'll take de nex' train, sah." And he turned away to remark to those standing by, "Dese big corp'rations am't gwine to git ahead or me; deed dey ain't. I'se gwine to git the wurf of my money, I is."-From Judge.

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