

HOW TO INCREASE IT.

The increase of capital as ordinarily reckoned—money saved and prudently invested—is not at present under consideration. Every workshop proves beyond the need of discussion that by industry, thrift, and the avoidance of wasteful habits, to say nothing of the more reprehensible habits, it is possible for any man, even the lowest paid, workman to put by something, and thus, however slowly, accumulate a reserve that may be used as capital if opportunity serves. The industries of the country are so full of evidences of this fact, that it need not be insisted upon here. Let us consider rather some of the means by which wage earners (particularly those whose mental and manual habits are not set by age) may increase their working capital more effectively and rapidly than by any possible saving of wage money. By working capital we mean whatever adds to the productive value of a man's time, and increases his income without requiring any increase in the duration or severity of his labor. The intelligence or trustworthiness which causes one laborer to be selected from among a gang to oversee and direct the work of his mates, and an addition of a half a dollar to his wages, is productive capital just as much as money at interest yielding an equal sum a day. From two to five years' earnings of our laborer, saved in bulk and securely invested, would add no more to his income than those qualifications which gained for him his slight though materially valuable promotion. And almost any young man can add fifty per cent., or five hundred per cent., to his income by increasing his worth to his employer, easier than he can save the equivalent of one year's wages.

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In selecting breeding stock we do not urge our friends to place a lower estimate on the value of speed, but to place a higher estimate on the other qualifications that go to make up the horse that everybody wants. Intelligent and persistent efforts are making all over the country to fix and develop and improve the trotting habit of action, and these efforts have been attended with very marked success ever since breeders grasped the primal truth that to get a trotter they must go to a trotter, and not a runner. But there is a lack of balance in this profit. We are building up a breed from composite material, and while we are fixing and developing the others, we should fix and develop intelligence, just as nice a discrimination, and just as many generations to fix and develop the qualifications of size and beauty and good morals as to fix and develop the qualifications of speed. To be successful, breeders must free themselves from the crochets of a single qualification essential to a perfect horse and carry them forward together. This is the only way to realize on every animal bred, and the certainty of this profit elevates the pursuit far above the mere chance of a lottery. That a few animals of phenomenal speed, and greatly lacking in most of the other qualifications, bring great prices every year, is a constant temptation to breed only for speed. But if we look behind the curtain and see the multitude of failures, and estimate the cost in producing them to say nothing of the money thrown away in trying to make them fast, we will be content with the higher average price which less crotchety methods will secure.

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WORN OUT LANDS.

The following is Mr. J. W. Lang's advice to farmers concerning the treatment of worn out lands: "Don't try to renovate lands that ought never to have been cleared. 'Don't undertake to restore a piece of worn out land without giving it a good deal of hard, sharp thought beforehand. 'Don't get discouraged in the first attempt, nor attempt too large a piece the first time. Keep a strict and just account with each improvement, and study the lessons it presents. 'Don't try to improve wet lands until properly underdrained. 'Don't be afraid to lay out a few dollars in a well-devised farm improvement. Get up a faith in yourself and in your farm. 'Don't fail to thoroughly learn the difference between 90 per cent. and 110 per cent. 'Don't be too sanguine at the first success, or too discouraged at the first failure. 'Don't keep on selling bone off the farm, and not buying any back for a fertilizer. 'Don't neglect to make and save all the manure—solid and liquid—and all fertilizing material possible about the farm to use as judgment directs. 'Don't sell hay and buy stable manure, or depend wholly on commercial fertilizers. 'Don't take anybody's say so, but examine for yourself, and do your own thinking. 'Don't despise books or book-farming but read, reflect and act."

PRUNE THE HEDGE ROOTS.

Most kinds of hedge plants, under natural conditions, grow to large trees. By crowding them closely in a row and frequently pruning the heads they become dwarfed and, with branching low, serve as a valuable purpose as barriers. The practice of root pruning hedges is not as common as it should be. It is another means of checking the growth of the shrubs, which in what way it is done, is very desirable so long as health is not impaired. This may be accomplished by making a neat ditch about seven inches deep and close up on each side of the row, cutting off the roots that are met. Afterwards the ditch is filled up again. A gain always comes from this plan from the crops near the ditch, which is being interfered with by the hedge roots.

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An experienced dairyman says the grains buttermilk may be spoiled in churning where great heat is used. A slow, regular stroke is absolutely necessary and indispensable in manufacturing a first class article. An Illinois farmer gives his hogs red pepper tea on their showing symptoms of cholera, and claims that this has always proved an effectual cure, and that he has never lost a porker so treated, while his neighbors have suffered seriously. A nurseryman asserts that apple which have straight and upright tops have roots of a similar character, and that those which have low and spreading tops have bushy roots. Even the color and peculiar markings of the bark of some varieties extended to the roots. The nurseryman is therefore able to distinguish several varieties by their roots alone. The craving for salt by all animals is not the result of feeding under the care of a man. While this country was a forest every salt spring was frequented by deer, and this fact was taken advantage of by hunters for their captives. Near the ocean it is true that plants contain more salt, but we have also found the most liberal dressing of sea as a fertilizer would obviate the necessity of giving salt to animals fed on the crops thus manured. There are many farmers who are short of good hay, and, in fact, there are always likely to be, since the competition is fast spreading that hay is really one of the most expensive foods on which to winter stock. Good straw cut up fine and mixed with corn meal, wheat bran and middings, makes an excellent feed for all kinds of stock. One of the feeds each day may be cut cornstalks. With the disease of wood fires there is a smaller supply of ashes on most farms, and this may in part account for the difficulty in growing fruit. No more profitable use of ashes can be made than in apple or other fruit orchards. It is best applied early in the spring, that it may be washed into the soil. If applied late in the fall it may make some of the fertility of the soil available and be washed away before the trees can use it. Where the grain is only to be used for feeding, oats and peas are sometimes grown together. The practice is an excellent one, as the two grains will produce more feed than either grown separately. They are also good when used for green for soiling purposes, or for putting into the silo. Peas are strong, rich feed, and their vines shade the ground so completely that they act as a mulch to the soil during the hottest weather. Oats growing with peas keep the vines of the latter from falling down. As many people are beginning in the poultry business, a caution may be needed against building very expensive houses, and especially very large ones. If you calculate to keep 500 or 1,000 fowls do not build any one structure for more than a tenth of that number, and do not keep more than fifty together. Then, if you succeed, it will be the easiest thing in the world to build a second, or third, or fourth house like the first, with as many improvements as experience suggests. It is generally agreed among pomologists that the characters of the fruits of different varieties are too vague and undefined to answer all the purposes of identification. Attention is being turned to the flower. We might suggest the more attention be given to the general habit of the tree. Most varieties are well marked by the shape of the disposition of the limbs, color of the twigs and leaves, shape of the leaves, etc., as to be at once distinguished by experts. The time of blossoming, leafing, etc., is also a distinctive feature. It is probable that all our small fruit is sown more thickly than it should be. There is no enemy to the wheat plant's danger as another wheat plant competing with it for light and room in the struggle for existence. Both want the same food when there is not enough for both. The result is a puny growth, however the field may be fertilized. The same is true of oats and barley. Farmers well understand the bad effects of too thick a stand of corn in diminishing the grain yield. Three stalks in a hill give more sound corn than a greater number of stalks, and with some varieties even two stalks will yield even more than three. The same fact holds true with regard to small grain. Great care should be taken to feed horses only with hay free from weed seeds. The weeds themselves are bad enough, as they are less nutritious than good hay, but the greatest objection is that they pass through the animal's system, retaining their vitality. In a carefully conducted experiment it was found that ninety per cent. of daisy, plantain and other small weed seeds passed through horses unharmed, and mingled with the excrement, will be in just the best condition for growing. It is well known that oats fed whole will pass through horses unharmed, and the scattered bunches found in corn and potato fields generally come from feeding whole grain when plowing or dragging.

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