

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Items Relating to Farm, Live Stock, Orchard, Garden and Lawn.

Feed the hens at daylight. Grind the cobs with the corn. Geraniums begin to "pick up".

Quickly grown flowers fade quickly. Sow golden feather seed this month. "Snow" is the name of a new white pink.

Drifts don't form where fences are down. Hay, bitter from weeds, makes litter butter.

Orchid blooms last month after cutting. Straight branches indicate straight roots.

Seed growing as a pursuit is on the increase. In a temperature of 60°, clematis winters readily.

The tree agent is at large; try him before you buy. Every sunny window should now have its pot plant.

Squirrels are a nuisance about corn cribs often; set traps. Charcoal slightly, and it's most as good as wheat for fowls.

Apples and small fruits can be grown where wheat and corn thrive. The checkerberry or wintergreen might be grown in shady spots.

To cut grafts in cold weather is not now believed to be harmful to them. Weight for weight and milk is richer in butter in winter than in summer.

Never feed corn stalks uncut; even for manure making, cutting is far better. Bran, sprinkled with pepper and mixed with milk is excellent feed occasionally in winter for laying hens.

Market gardening is not so much a matter of soil as of situation for getting manure and selling the produce.

January is a critical month with all kinds of live stock. They should be kept comfortable and gaining. If they begin to fall off in condition, they will be almost sure to lose rapidly.

A plant in a pot is like a bird in a cage in this respect, that its well-doing depends wholly upon what is brought to it. In food and water daily and the general care it gets.

Send for catalogues of dealers in tools, fertilizers, seeds, and so on, and study them in the winter's leisure. Really they contain a vast fund of information, virtually free.

When skim milk or buttermilk can be secured at from two to three cents per gallon, it is one of the cheapest foods that can be given to chickens. It may largely take the place of flesh, and will induce them to lay early and often.

A vegetable garden is nothing if not highly manured; it is ample plant food that gives to esculents that quality of tenderness and flavor so much prized; it is the same that gives the large crops which alone ought to be satisfactory.

A good condition powder for fowls is made as follows: One pound each of ground bones, dried meat, flinseed meal and fennyreek; an ounce each of sulphur, ginger, pepper and copperas. Give a small quantity once a day mixed with soft feed.

Orchard trees need peash as one formative element. With this disease of wood free, there is naturally a smaller supply of ashes finding its way to the trees than formerly. These should be saved for the purpose. In their absence the German potash salts are the best substitutes.

Where many bedding plants are wanted in the spring, money may be saved in the procuring of them at that time by giving the order to the florist now. Then he can cultivate specially for them, and if he knows what's what, he will be ready to furnish them at a discount from regular prices, even though you do not pay for them before the time of delivery and planting.

The craving for salt in animals is natural and not a result of the care of man. When this country was wild deer, a fact that was taken advantage of by hunters for their capture. Near the ocean less salt is required than farther inland, owing to the fact that the atmosphere is in a degree charged with salt, and this is imparted to growing crops through the dews and rain.

Few plants are better adapted to window gardening the year round than the mariondas. The plants are climbing in their habit, but very neat and tractable at all seasons, and besides profuse bloomers most of the year. To those who have to raise the plants from the seed, we would say, that the seed should be gotten directly and sowed before the month is out. There may then be strong plants by spring which will serve to make an excellent show during the summer, and even till late in the fall.

In managing live stock, a main thing is to look to the comfort of the animal. No animal thrives at the same time that it is cold, and uneasy, while a quiet appearance is a sure indication of thrift. When the observing farmer sees a restless and uneasy animal he may know something is wrong; he will treat it to remove the cause if he studies his best interests. We do not maintain but the same animals are by their very nature restless under any treatment; such will usually be found unthrifty and unprofitable in the same degree, and had better be weeded out unless, perhaps, there is some chance of reforming them.

Coal ashes and soot are becoming known as perfect specific against the troublesome radish worm. These are used very freely in the radish beds and the vegetable is never infested. The statement is however necessary that the full effect of ashes or soot is not realized until the second year and later, as against the worm. All one has to do is to apply these a year ahead of time, devoting the spaces in the meantime to any other crop you may choose. The efficiency of this remedy ought to be good news to the many persons who are very fond of this vegetable, but who never have any success with it owing to the damage inflicted by the worm.

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