

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

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

Milk is a good thing to make hens fat. It is not too late to sow tomato seed for early plants.

Have regular hours for feeding your stock; it is very important.

Before laying out a garden, do not forget that labor is the chief expense.

Carriages should be washed immediately whenever they are returned home soiled.

One spoonful of tar to a peck of seed corn will prevent crows from pulling up the corn.

The tomato is a native of South America. It was first introduced into England in 1594.

Nothing lessens the labor of digging more than having a perfectly smooth and polished spade.

Remember, the stomach of a horse is small, and therefore he should be fed three times a day.

In McPherson county, Kas., peaches have been abundant only once in the past seven years.

Plant peach trees very early in the spring, so that they get well established before a dry spell of weather.

A small farm well tilled is better than a large farm badly managed or worked with insufficient capital and labor.

Manure should never be left on a heap in the field, as it makes very unclean crops. Scatter it broadcast when it is hauled out.

Grass hands should be put in order for the mower by rolling. Pick up fallen branches and whatever will obstruct the machine.

When ordering a new wheelbarrow for farm or garden use, see that the handles are long, so that the weight will be thrown on the wheel.

In pruning, always make a clean, sharp and slanting cut, so as to leave the bark in a healthy state to make an effort to cover the wound.

One of the first steps in fighting insects is to cut down and burn all worthless fruit trees, thus reducing the number of breeding places.

Manure should not be left long exposed in small quantities to the air in hot, dry weather. It loses a great part of its nutritious qualities by evaporation.

While digging garden always have a wheelbarrow or bucket near at hand, into which can be thrown the stones which you may turn over with the earth.

Farmers are using pure ground bone as a fertilizer, to a much greater extent than ever; there is no danger of injuring the soil with it if applied judiciously.

Never grease a hen that is setting, for if grease gets on the eggs it closes the pores through which the confined chick gets air, and the consequence is death to the chick.

Oats grown in a northern locality are much better than those grown farther south; therefore, in selecting your seed get from as far north as possible, and renew your seed every two or three years.

If your garden soil is stiff and heavy, mark out a small space, spread on it a quantity of clean sand, and work it well in with the soil; in this spot you can grow radishes that are crisp, and not pithy.

As soon as the soil is ready plant potatoes. Early planting of early varieties is advisable where the beetle is troublesome. If "the bug" attacks the crops do not delay the use of Paris green.

What new crop can I try this season in a small way that is likely to turn out more money than that those I have been growing—cauliflower, celery, cucumbers for pickles? Perhaps I may find some seedsmen who want a careful man to grow some of his specialties.

A cheap and good disinfectant to use about poultry houses and yards when contagious fowl diseases are present or feared, is made by dissolving 3 pounds of sulphur in five gallons of water and adding one pint of crude carbolic acid. Sprinkle about the house and yards with a common watering pot.

Many of our people, says the Indiana Farmer, were taken in one year ago by a Chicago sharper who induced parties to sign their names to their family record, for statistical purposes they claimed. Now they are called upon by another agent to pay for a \$12 book, the history of Dearborn county, partly taken from old newspapers.

A Connecticut man says he has found four or five grades of Paris green offered in the market, and adds the manufacturers claim it is better to cheat the farmer a little in selling them the poison than to have them kill their potatoes by too liberal doses. How thoughtful these manufacturers are of their friends, the farmers, to be sure?

We cannot afford to throw away the cobs. They should be made the most of, and the way to do it is to have the corn ground, cob and all. Out West they have big cob-crushing machines which crush the ear, husk and all, and the cattle eat these chips of ears with the corn on, and chew them well. It is an economical way of feeding.

Ducklings should not be allowed water beyond that furnished from a fountain from which they may drink, but not swim in. Young ducklings will stay in the water till cold and cramped, when the death rate will be great. Ducklings kept out of water till grown have fully fifteen per cent. lower death rate than those which are permitted a full supply of water.

An Ohio correspondent claims that radishes may be grown in a very few days by the following method: Let good seed soak in water for twenty-four hours, then put in a bag and expose to the sun. In the course of a day germination will begin. The seed must then be sowed in a well-manured hot bed and watered from time to time with lukewarm water. By this treatment the radishes will in a very short time acquire a sufficient bulk to be good to eat.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Items Which Will Prove of Interest to the Women Folk. Roasted almonds are growing in favor at dinner parties as a substitute for olives.

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Southern pudding: Three eggs beaten separately, two cups of white sugar, one cup of sweet cream, one cup of butter, two or three tablespoons of flour. Mixture of rice, water, cognac and glycerine should be kept by those who are troubled with coughs and hoarseness.

Ground rice pudding: Boil a large tablespoonful of ground rice in a pint of milk after first mixing it into a smooth paste with a little cold water or milk; add for flavoring half a teaspoonful of cinnamon and a little thin- pared lemon rind.

Vegetable soup: Put a piece of pork that is not too fat and any bones left from roast beef in a soup kettle with as much water as will be needed for soup, and set the kettle on the fire.

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