

We have seen buzzards on the plains that swept through a man who was clad in heavy woollens and fur overgarments...

Keep colts growing by feeding a few oats daily. Horses will be grateful for a run in the pasture on hot nights.

As soon as the raspberries and blackberries are gathered cut away the old canes. Prof Tracy says that if cucumbers are planted in drills, the loss from bugs will not be felt.

The ends of Lima bean vines should be picked off when they reach the top of the poles. As soon as the ears have been taken from the sweet corn cut up the stalks and cure for the cow to eat in winter.

Beets, carrots, parsnips and other root crops should be hoed or cultivated until the growth of the leaves prevents. Harness glands, sores of all kinds, by bits, etc., we find are best treated with carbolic soap (sheep dip) used as a salve.

Melons often set more fruit than will ripen. Cut off the surplus. Melons ripen more evenly if turned over every few days. If any vegetables are sent to market, wash, trim and bunch neatly; they will bring a much better price than if sent loose and in poor order.

It seems very strange indeed that so many people still persist in using the old-fashioned dash churn, when there are so many improved kinds. Onions, as soon as the tops fall over should be harvested. Pull and allow them to cure for a few days in the sun, and store in a cool, dry place.

Cucumbers for pickles should be watched every day, and all those of a suitable size be gathered. Cut away all that have grown too large, unless wanted for seed. Fine specimens of fruit to exhibit at fairs may be obtained by severe thinning, giving one specimen all the nourishment that would have gone to half a dozen or more.

The fruits of egg-plants are so heavy that they will rest upon the ground and decay; a wisp of straw, or a single or other board, placed under the fruit will prevent this. Celery plants may yet be set out in a well manured bed, or on ground manured for an earlier crop. Mark out rows three feet apart and set the plants six inches apart in the rows.

A man owning a farm has no business working out, for his work at home is of more value to him than the pay which he will receive for his work; and if he works out, his own work will be neglected. Gates are cheaper, all things considered, than bars. In the busy season much valuable time is lost in taking down and putting up bars, so say nothing of patience exhausted by the operation, especially if one is in a hurry.

Early potatoes, when dug, should not be exposed to the sun; it may be well to try exposing those intended for seed for a few days, until they become thoroughly greened, and store carefully until planting time, being careful not to break the sprouts in handling them. Insects must not be neglected. Tack strips of old carpet or other coarse fabric around the trunk of apple trees; remove every week or ten days and crush the "apple worm," larva of the codling moth, that has taken shelter under them. Pick up all windfalls, or allow swine to do it.

Turnips will make a good crop, sown the first week in August; even Swedes do well on light, rich land, and the small roots, such as a pint size, are more marketable than bigger ones. After the rains soften the sward we may plow for wheat, and in some sections the practice of early sowing to grass, without the intervention of a grain crop, is successfully followed.

Young horses frequently recover quickly from ringbone, while old ones are sometimes treated without effect. The proper course consists of rest and cooling applications until the inflammation is subdued; then apply a blister, such as 20 grains each of corrosive sublimate and camphor, 10 drops of hydrochloric acid and 1 ounce of turpentine; watch the blister and wash off when the effect is sufficient.

Guano water, says the Rural New Yorker, is hated by mealy bugs, red spiders, and by thrips, when applied to house plants. The plants assume an increased thrift, and the insects chase other localities. The old proportion of a table-spoonful of guano to a gallon of water is applied in the following way: Put in the guano, stir well and leave out for a day or two to settle; then pour off the liquid, leaving carefully the sediment. It will be safe to add as much more water.

Early plowing is a great advantage to land intended for winter grain, especially if weedy or somewhat stiff; repeated working mellow the soil, makes sure of a good catch of grass seed, and defends against winter killing. In case the season is dry—and it generally is over a great part of the country—no more favorable time can be selected for digging drains with a view to improving swamps. If the actual reclaiming cannot now be pushed, the land may easily be dried, so that it can be grubbed with further ditched during the autumn and winter.

Early apples of showy kinds should be carefully selected and sent to market in neat packages. Half barrels, lined with white paper, are the most attractive packages, though, on account of their cheapness, bushel and half bushel crates are used by many. The fruit should be matured—i. e., full grown when gathered, but should not have had time to mellow. When an apple or pear is mature, it readily parts from the tree; when lifted to a horizontal position the stem of the fruit will break away from the twig to which it is attached, leaving a clean, well defined neck. With fruit, maturity is a distinct stage, and ripeness, or mellowness, another. Early fruit generally, if picked when mature, will be ripe and mellow by the time it reaches the consumer. Fruit picked thus, and ripened in the tree, is vastly better in flavor, juiciness and texture than if allowed to remain on the tree until "dead ripe."

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