

FARM NOTES.

SLEEPING PLANTS.—It is well known that plants sleep at night, but their hours of sleeping are a matter of habit, and may be disturbed artificially, just as a cock may be waked up to crow at untimely hours by the light of a lantern. A French chemist subjected a sensitive plant to an exceedingly trying course of discipline, by completely changing its hours—exposing it to a bright light at night, so as to prevent sleep, and putting it in a dark room during the day. The plant appeared to be much puzzled at first. It opened and closed its leaves irregularly, sometimes nodding in spite of the artificial sun that shed its beams at midnight, and sometimes waking up, from the force of habit, to find the chamber dark in spite of the time of day. Such are the trammels of use. But after an obvious struggle the plant submitted to the change, and turned day into night without any apparent ill-effects. The marigold goes to bed with the sun, and with him rises weeping. Many plants are so sensitive that their leaves close during the passage of a cloud. The dandelion opens at 5 or 6 in the morning and shuts at 9 in the evening; the daisy opens its day's eye to meet the early beams of the morning sun. The crocus, tulip, and many others close their blossoms at different hours toward evening. The ivy-leaved lettuce opens at 8 in the morning, and closes forever at 4 in the afternoon. The night-dwelling cereus turns night into day. It begins to expand its magnificent sweet-scented blossoms in the twilight, it is in full bloom at midnight and closes, never to open again, at the dawn of day. In a clover field not a leaf opens till after sunrise.

SANDY soils contain at least 80 per cent. of silicious sand; they are extremely porous and, of course, easily permeable by air, water and the roots of plants. The color, in such soils when not white varies from yellow to brown and red, according to the quantity of oxide of iron that they contain. In fact oxide of iron produces these colors in all kinds of soils, excepting the chalks and black molds. A red sandy soil is likely to be fertile from the fact that oxide of iron has the power of retaining phosphoric acid. A sand soil when devoid of lime, iron, and alumina and humus is barren, for it is then pure sand, which is nothing but small siliceous quartz stone. There are, however, some sand soils consisting of over 94 per cent. siliceous sand with only 2 per cent. of clay and one each of humus, phosphoric acid and lime, and yet these deficient soils are very productive when sown with legumes like clover and lucern. Little or no nitrogen exists in such soils and yet the legumes that grow there abound in nitrogen. This fact has been adduced as evidence in favor of the theory that plants derive much of their nitrogen in some way direct from the atmosphere. A barren sand can be made fertile by the application to it of limed mud, clay and marl, and afterwards the fertility could be kept up for a long time by green manuring.

The stock interest of this country is immense, and is certainly the most profitable branch of husbandry. Our horses, cattle, hogs and sheep bring in an immense revenue to the farmer, both from foreign and home markets. It behooves the farmer, then, to foster and build up this business in every conceivable way. Our stock is too much on the scrub order, and on an average, is only about half fed and half cared for. This should be remembered and our farm animals brought up to a high standard of excellence in breeding and in merit. Again, they should be much better cared for on most farms than they are.

The farmer who attempts to raise hogs and begins by keeping them until a year or more old before attempting to feed them out for market makes a mistake and will find the business, as a rule, unprofitable. The cheapest pork is made from pigs that come in the early spring and are fed out in the fall, at about eight or nine months of age, for market, though it may be better to have the pigs come in the late fall and then feed them out in the summer months; as it is generally true that better average prices can be obtained in these months than at any other time.

The New England farmers have settled down to the conviction that the silo is a valuable auxiliary to the stock farmer, enabling him to become a little more independent than formerly of unfavorable weather for curing and preserving the crops grown. The Massachusetts farmer who cultivates forty-five acres, has fodder enough on hand to winter fifty head of cattle, and will sell his best hay at \$20 a ton.

The care of milk is not understood as well as it should be by many farmers' families. Milk cannot be exposed to deleterious influences, such as the bad odors of the stable, moldy and impure milk room, and many other things which could be mentioned, without being contaminated. The milk room must be properly cooled, and its temperature kept regular, either by natural or artificial means. In fact the milk is as a rule handled too carelessly for making the highest quality of butter.

To prevent the spread of chicken cholera Dr. Salmon recommends a mixture of two ounces of sulphuric acid to two gallons of water. This will destroy every germ of cholera that it touches in a few minutes, being one of the best disinfectants known.

GIVE your hens all the skimmed milk and buttermilk that you can. They will repay you for it fully as well as the pigs. Nest boxes should either be thoroughly cleansed and whitewashed, or else burned and replaced by new ones quite frequently.

WATCH the turkeys that they do not wander into the woods, and become victims of malicious and careless sportsmen.

LADIES who apply themselves closely to business are almost invariably among the most successful poultry raisers.

Col. D. J. Williamson, Quarter-Master U. S. A., and ex-U. S. Consul at Callao, Peru, spent \$20,000 in eight years in trying to cure himself of rheumatism, but got no relief until he used St. Jacobs Oil, which cured him.

No great civilization is possible to a race, nor spiritual progress to an individual, where the power of death to dissolve life is not conquered in thought and feeling.

IT IS SO EVERYWHERE.—E. B. Ball, druggist at Hiattsville, Kan., has this to write about Allen's Lung Balm: "It is the best selling throat and lung remedy, and gives general satisfaction. I cheerfully recommend it." Price 25c, 50c, and \$1 per bottle at Druggists.

If you will not do that which God hath enabled you to do, how can you expect that he should do that for you, which, of yourselves, you cannot do?

A railroad engineer in York state was cured of kidney complaint by wearing a Top Flaster. "I recommend them to all the boys," he says. 25c. any drug store.

REASONING BY ANALOGY.—"Does your wife talk in her sleep?" asked one married man of another, one day when they were comparing notes. "I don't lie awake to see," replied the heartless husband, "but she talks all the rest of the time, so I rather guess she does."

FRASER AXLE GREASE.—The Fraser Axle Grease is the very best. A trial will prove we are right. Received first premium at North Carolina State Fair, Centennial, and Paris Exposition.

THE SHAH of Persia smokes a pipe valued at \$400,000. We may expect to hear at any time that the bank of which the Shah is president has failed for \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000.

A New York man has commenced the manufacture of vinegar from sawdust. He dumps it into a big retort, heated very hot. About 47 per cent. of what boils over is crude vinegar. This is boiled down and purified. It is then ready for use.

A Small Leak will sink a great ship; and what at first appears to be a trifling cough is apt to culminate in consumption if not properly attended to in time. For consumption, which is scrofula of the lungs, and for all blood and skin diseases, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has no equal. By druggists.

Examine the mouth of young stock to see if they have loose teeth in the way of feeding.

As stages are quickly abandoned with the completion of railroads, so the huge, drastic, cathartic pills, composed of crude and bulky medicines are quickly abandoned with the introduction of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets, which are sugar-coated, and little larger than mustard seeds, but composed of highly concentrated vegetable extracts. By druggists.

It is with our good intentions as with our days; to-morrow is but too often the hash of today.

Young and middle-aged men, suffering from nervous debility and kindred affections, as loss of memory and psychodonia, should enclose 10 cents in stamps for large illustrated pamphlet suggesting sure cure. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

A sudden elevation in life, like mounting into a rarer atmosphere, swells us out, and often perniciously.

A Case Not Beyond Help. Dr. M. H. Hinsdale, Kewanee, Ill., advises us of a remarkable cure of Consumption. He says: "A neighbor's wife was attacked with violent lung disease, and pronounced beyond help from Quick Consumption. As a last resort the family was persuaded to try DR. WM. HALL'S BALM FOR THE LUNGS. To the astonishment of all, by the time she had used one half dozen bottles she was about the house doing her own work."

Be careful how thou sayest anything of the absent, which thou shouldst be unwilling they should hear, if present.

A COLD of unusual severity which I took last autumn developed into a difficulty decidedly catarrhal in all its characteristics, threatening a return of my old chronic malady, catarrh. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm completely eradicated every symptom of that painful and prevailing disorder.—E. W. Warner, 165 Hudson St., Rochester, N. Y.

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The century plant is the American aloe. Its botanical name is Agave Americana, and it is called the maguay in South America and in Mexico the mezcal. It is a plant of the cactus kind, having a short stem, which terminates in a circular cluster of fleshy, sharp-pointed, bluish green leaves, covered with spines. Each of these live, for many years, so that but few have withered when the plant has reached its maturity. It is a popular error that this only occurs once in a hundred years, wherefore the name "century plant" is used.

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Dr. Liman, of Berlin, has recently made some interesting observations on the effects of lightning exhibited in the bodies of two men who were struck down while taking shelter from a storm beneath trees. The hair was singed, and the skin in many places discolored. On one of the bodies was seen one of those peculiar figures which have often been described as impressions of branches, twigs, etc., and which have given rise to the fiction that the body of a person struck by lightning will sometimes bear a kind of photographic picture of the trees, etc., near him. In this case the figure resembles a palm leaf, but it was traced to the contact of the folds of the shirt, such parts as were under pressure remaining white, the rest being discolored brown. In the case of both men some of the internal organs were ruptured.

In the Kharkoo region of Russia quinine is considered of no account for the cure of chills and fever. The Kharkoo doctor catches a mess of live crabs, pours whiskey over them until they become hilariously drunk, and then puts them in a hot oven. After being well dried they are pulverized, shells and all, and administered in drachm doses. The local papers say that whether the treatment is scientific or not the patient gets well under it, though quinine had no effect on him.

An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for all Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, he will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this French or English recipe, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NORRIS, 109 Foster's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

"MARGERY," said Ethelbert, as they sat on opposite ends of the sofa, "why am I like the letter Q?"—And a silence fell, broken only by the melodious cough of Margery's throat. "Because, dear," added Ethelbert, "I feel that I am useless without you."

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