

FARM NOTES.

BENEFITS OF CROP ROTATION.—Every observing farmer knows that cattle can be pastured in a field after horses, and will subsist for a time where horses would have starved; and that sheep will do well after the cattle. A similar principle applies to the raising of the various farm crops. Wheat may thrive gloriously on the plant food left in the soil by a corn crop; oats on that left by the wheat and corn; potatoes on what was not taken by the three preceding crops. But the requirements of plant nutrition are no. the only reasons not the strongest ones that can be urged in favor of a strict system of crop rotation. The chief objection to planting the same crop year after year in the same ground is that the insects and diseases affecting that crop attack it each succeeding year with increased force. Frequently the entire soil, and the whole vicinity become overstocked with the insects and the spores of diseases injurious to that particular crop. Shifting the locality of such crop from one field to another near by can afford, at best, but partial protection in this respect, and it were far preferable to select for each crop subject to insect attacks and diseases a location at the greatest possible distance from any field where that crop was grown the year before. If some such crop could be left out of the farm rotation for one or more years altogether, one might be able to starve out the insects and diseases affecting it for some years; and if by concerted action such a measure could be extended to a whole neighborhood, or county, old-fashioned big and clean crops might for a time be grown again.

CURING PORK.—The meat is not fit for salting until free from animal heat, and yet it should not be frozen in the least, as this condition prevents the salt penetrating it. Cover the bottom of the barrel with salt to the depth of three inches, then pack the strips of pork in circles, the rind facing the barrel, but with a deposition of salt intervening and a stratum of salt upon each layer of pork. When the middle-ridges are salted prepare a brine sufficient to well cover the pork, using all the salt that the water will dissolve. Bring to the boil, skim, and when cold pour over the salted pork. A well adjusted cover is a necessary part of a pork barrel.

Trim the hams and rub them over with salt, to extract the blood. In two days apply the following pickle: One and a half pounds of salt and a pound of brown sugar to each gallon of water, and an ounce of saltpeter to 100 pounds of meat; bring to a boil, skim, and pour over when cold. Hams should remain in the pickle from four to six weeks. In packing don't let them press against each other; they are likely to taint at the bone before becoming thoroughly salted. Those skilled in the curing of hams remove them from one barrel to another twice a week until the curing is partially completed, to prevent tainting at the bone.

ADVANTAGES OF COVERING PLANTS.—A mulch or covering should consist of manure, as it will be a saving of labor, and the plants will get the benefit of the matter dissolved by the rains. The covering is not intended to keep the plants warm, as that is impossible, but to prevent the ground from warming too early or too suddenly. It is just as important to mulch in those sections where the climate is mild as it is to do so where the winters are severe, owing to the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground. If the ground is frozen it can be partially kept in that condition by the mulch, which prevents the plants from being thrown up out of the soil, and also from beginning growth too early in the season. In this section the winter is seldom very cold previous to January, and the necessity for a mulch is greater in a mild winter than at any other time, owing to the liability of the plants to begin to grow too early.

WORK on the strawberry bed should commence before the plants begin to grow. The sooner the manure is spread over the plants the quicker will be its effect after spring sets in. There are several reasons for giving a good coating of manure, one being to supply plant food and the other to protect the vines. If this is done early no damage will be caused to the plants, but if it is delayed until the plants begin to grow it is often the case that where the manure is very concentrated, such as the droppings from poultry, the plants will be killed.

Do not crowd too many sheep together. An open shed, facing south, and well-lit at night with clean straw and leaves, will make an excellent shelter for them.

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A DARK FUTURE.—Johnny is a lad whose future gives his parents much apprehension. During the Christmas holidays he tossed a grain of popcorn on to a twig of mistletoe that was lying on the mantelpiece. Later on he said to his sister: "Sis, I wonder if some of these decorations ain't in pain." "Now, Johnny, don't be silly." "I ain't. Look here; this mistletoe's got a corn on it."

TRUNK DEALER.—I see. Want something for a six months' tour abroad. Well, madam, in the adjoining building I have a trunk which I'm sure you will like. Can't get it in the storeroom; double door is too narrow. I thought of remodeling it and using it for a seashore cottage, but if it will suit you I will let you have it cheap. Dame.—I'm not the one who is going abroad; it's my husband.

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QUITE LIKELY.—"Yes, my dear children," said the visitor at Sunday school, lowering his voice to hushed and solemn tones, "this brave missionary, this saintly man of God I have been telling you about, was captured by the cannibals and killed. And now, little ones, can any of you tell me where he was after that?" "Glorus! Yes, ma'am." "Well, this dear little boy may tell me." Dear little boy—in the soup.

A NATURAL CONCLUSION.—Young Physician, proudly.—Yes, I've called at Mrs. Upperton's mansion three times a day for the last three weeks. She is my friend.—Three times a day? Y. P., with a proud look and gesture.—Yes, three times a day.—For the past three weeks? "Yes; she is a very sick woman." "When did she take sick?" "Three weeks ago." "Yes, I thought so."

A QUICK RETORT.—A father was remodeling a house with a son who was soiling his wild cats. "Father," said the young man in self-defense, "you should remember that I am in the very heyday of youth." "And that is any reason why you should make an ass of yourself?" inquired the father.

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