

Kept Right

Part of the Ritual of Purification That Has Survived in Scotland Until Recently.

In folk custom, needfire is fire kinward off disease from the flocks. In owner came he was gone. still exist in parts of Europe.

No woman has entered the convent spot in the dining room. of St. Catherine, on Mt. Sinai, for more than 1.400 years.

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NEEDFIRE OLD FOLK CUSTOM | TIRED OF HIS LITTLE SPREE

"Runaway" Canary Giad to Be Back in the Comfort and Safety of His Home.

Mrs. Robert Tomlinson of Martinsville has a canary that answers or of a repe on a wooden stake to the name of Woody, relates the Indiward off demons of disease. Among the anapolis News. Last fall the bird esmany customs and beliefs connected caped from the cage and flew away. with fire me of the most important is Immediately the whole town was that of Hual purification. The new asked to keep its figurative eye on fire is supposed to regenerate, as fire Woody. He was reported here and sacrifice is designed to sustain, the there, feeding with the town sparrows, invisible beings. Needfire is a prac- Mrs. B. would call up and say that she tice, usually, of shepherd peoples to had seen him, but by the time his

historic times the sparks for kindling | For a whole month Woody cavorted the needfire were obtained by twirling around with the pests of the neighbora wooden peg around a wooden post. hood. Then dark, rainy days began As in the case of new fire, the need- to dawn. Still Woody stayed with the fire was almost always accompanied sparrows. A neighbor called up from with the extinguishing of the fires of the other side of the town one day the locality, and the neighbors also and said that Woody was sitting rekindled tweir fires from it as in the around in her trees, the very picture new fire ceremony. In practice, the of despair. There is little doubt that people passed, or the herds were driv- he was thinking of his warm cage en through or between the flames of at home. So his owner hied herself the needfir, for purification. The need- over to the spot and hung his cage fire custom survived in the highlands in one of the trees. Then she went of Scotland until recent date, and in to gossip. The rain continued to probably traces of this superstition fall and presently Woody hopped into his cage, and the tragedy was over, for that night he had his regular warm

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# **FARM TERMS NOT** IN DICTIONARIES

Great Many in Common Use in Agricultural Discussions Not Yet Recognized.

## MOVEMENT TO STANDARDIZE

Department of Agriculture Plans to Secure Uniform National Usage of Terms Indispensable in Agricultural Work.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture.) A great many terms in common use in agricultural discussions have never found a place in the dictionaries. So widely used and important a term as "vitamin" has not yet found its way into the principal unabridged dictionaries. For the public, therefore, there exists no approved spelling, no approved pronunciation, and no approved definition of the name of a thing that is vital to all living things. Terms Not Recognized.

There are scores of terms, indispensable in agricultural writing or speaking, that have not been recognized by the lexicographers, and there are quite as many new usages of established words. "Blood line," a term commonly used in discussions of breeding, is not in the dictionaries. Nobody knows whether it is one word, two words, or a hyphenated word. "Overrun," a term widely used to express the thing that is practically the determining factor of profits in creamery establishments, is unknown to the dictionaries "Standardbred," "trap nest," and any number of other commonly used terms, understood well enough by agriculturists, remain undefined for the accurate information of the general public.

To Standardize Terms. The United States department of agriculture, through the joint efforts of the bureau of animal industry and the division of publications, has begun a movement to standardize the use of such terms, and about 30 of them are on the griddle now. Three points of view are taken-that of the field man who knows the common usage of the layman, that of the scientist who has diseased plants and those which are the view point of the specialist, and not true to name or to type. At harthe point of view that tooks merely to the use of good English. Each word is submitted to the various classes of the best strains of the different vapersons interested, together with the rieties. These potatoes in turn will proposed usage and the authority or lack of authority for it. From the

The first agricultural term to be acted upon in the manner described was "corn belt." That was considered more appropriate than corn-belt or cornbelt.

Although the principal purpose is to establish approved usage for department of agriculture publications, lists of terms evolved will be furnished later to dictionary editors with the view of obtaining uniform national usage. The co-operation of agricultural experts and editors is invited.

## ALFALFA IS FERTILITY AID

Where Crop Can Be Grown Successfully It Excels All Other Hay Crops in Yield.

Thirty years ago alfalfa was quite a stranger in Wisconsin, but its introduction and dissemination have gone on at a rapid pace until about 60,000 acres of this great forage are now grown in the state.

"Alfalfa growing is popular in Wisconsin," declares R. A. Moore and L. F. Graber in a free bulletin just issued by the experiment station at Madison. "Where alfalfa can be grown successfully, it excels all other hay crops in yield to the acre, feeding value, drought resistance, soil enrichment, and weed eradication."

Trials conducted on the Wisconsin experiment station farm at Madison show that alfalfa gives yields practically double that of clover hay and three times as much as timothy. An acre of alfalfa produced in a single season three times as much protein as an acre of clover and nine times as much as an acre of timothy.

## COVER BROKEN WINDOW PANE

Glass Should Pe Replaced Without Unnecessary Delay-Muslin or Paper Is Good.

When a window glass becomes broken in the poultry house it should be replaced or covered without a day's delay. By to means should the aperture be lar over night.

It is but the work of a few minutes to tack over the hole a thick piece of muslin or other white cloth. This will keep out the wind and let in some light. If muslin is not handy, paper can be used. This is, of course, only a makeshift until one can get the glass needed.

## RAISING STOCK WITH CROPS SUPERIOR RATION FOR STOCK

When All Things Are Considered There Is Nothing More Dependable on Any Farm.

Live stock is not always profitable; than live stock with crops?

## BETTER POTATO SEED TO INCREASE YIELDS

Progress of Work in Developing Improved Stocks.

Department of Agriculture Co-operating With Experiment Stations in Practically All of Important Producing States.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture.) Seed stocks of Irish potatoes commonly available to growers contain many mixtures, not infrequently diseased, and as a rule not as productive as they should be. The chief of the bureau of plant industry, United States department of agriculture, makes this statement in reporting on the progress of work in developing improved seed stocks. It is a recognized fact, he says, that the yield of potatoes in this country is far below that secured in some other countries, and the difference is commonly attributed to the use of relatively inferior seed stocks. Seed-improvement work is being carried on by the department in co-operation with agricultural ex-



Typical First-Class Irish Cobbler, the Leading Early Commercial Variety in the Atlantic Coastal Plain States.

periment stations in practically all of the important potato-producing states. The best seed stock of the leading varieties in different regions is being grown in the various states, During the progress of the season the various plats are inspected several times for the purpose of eliminating vest time carefully studied selections are made for the purpose of obtaining be used for seed purposes with a view to developing stocks that are true to suggestions received in reply, the final- name, true to type, free from disease ly approved usage will be determined, communicable through the seed, and that possess high-yielding proclivities.

## SUPERIOR WHITEWASH RECIPE

Government Formula Given for Bensfit of Those Wishing to Brighten Up Buildings.

Slake a half-bushel of time with bolling water, keeping it covered during the process. Strain it. Add a peck of salt dissolved in warm water; three pounds of ground rice put in boiling water and boiled to a thin paste; onehalf pound of powdered Spanish whiting; one pound of clear glue dissolved



A Whitewashing Outfit.

in warm water. Mix well together and let the mixture stand for several days, Keep the wash thus made in a kettle or portable heater. When used, put it on as hot as possible with painter's brushes or with whitewash brushes.

## MANURING IN COLD WEATHER

Particularly Advisable to Make Application in Winter, Says Purdue University.

The Purdue university extension department particularly advises application of manure in winter when it contains a great amount of straw and undecomposed matter. The loss of plant food because of the leaching of the manure will be offset by the advantages of winter application. As far as possible coarser manures should be applied to the heavier clay soils, since these will respond in fertility and will be made more mellow and porous.

Young Animals Will Make Splendid Growth on Corn Silage and Clover or Alfalfa.

Young stock, from the time it is neither is exclusive crop growing. weaned, will make a splendid growth Men cannot always be sure anything on corn silage and clover or alfalfa will be profitable. But when all things hay without any grain. This ration are considered what is surer and safer is not only a cheap one, but is within the reach of most avery farmer.

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### NEW DRESS FOR OLD WITH DIAMOND DYES

Women Can Put Bright, Rich Color in Shabby, Faded Garments.

Don't worry about perfect results. Use "Diamond Dyes," guaranteed to give a new, rich, fadeless color to any fabric, whether it be wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods,-dresses blouses, stockings, skirts, children's coats, feathers-everything!

Direction Book in package tells how to diamond dve over any color. To match any material, have dealer show you "Diamond Dye" Color Card,-Adv.

Cripple Almost Made Whole.

A man who had both arms cut off between wrist and elbow is able to fress, shave, eat, do his work and thake down his furnace by means of crtificial arms which have metal wrist plates. Various implements, such as brushes, razor, knife, fork, spoon and pen, fit into sockets in the wrist plates and are held by a spring catch.

Cuticura Scap for the Complexion. Nothing better than Cuticura Soap daily and Ointment now and then as needed to make the complexion clear, scalp clean and hands soft and white. Add to this the fascinating, fragrant Cuticura Talcum and you have the Cuticura Tollet Trio .- Adv.

Economy. "Why are you letting your children learn those classic dances? Don't you think it is a foolish fad?" "Not a bit of it. It saves shoe leather."

Hapsburg.

Hapsburg, meaning "Owl's Castle," was a castle which stood in the canton of Aargau, Switzerland, the reputed cradle of the Hapsburg dynasty.

A single dose of Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" will expel Worms or Tapeworm. Its action upon the Stomach and Bowels is beneficial. No second dose or after purgative necessary .- Adv.

Every man is valued in this world, as he shows by his conduct that he wishes to be valued .- Le Bruyere.

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## ADAM EVIDENTLY A GENIUS

the Primitive Tools He Had to Work With.

It was just before Christmas and the prepossessing young woman was investigating the furniture in one of the new, and the clerk assured her the

So she was initiated into the mys-XIV, and other styles and had about picked out the piece which suited her fancy when they came upon another

"And this, madam, is of the Adam period," explained the clerk.

"Good gracious," exclaimed the woman, "how did he ever manage, without hammers and saws?"

## OUCH! MY BACK! RUB LUMBAGO PAIN AWAY

Backache Away With Small Trial Bottle of Old "St. Jacobs Oil."

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone.

Don't stay crippled! This soothing. penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the pain right out and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica, backache or rheumatism so promptly. It never disappoints !- Adv.

Forty commandments could have been put into the Mosaic law, but ten were considered enough.

Whenever there is a tendency to constination, sick-headache or biliousness, take a cup of Garfield Tea. All druggists .- Adv.

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