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Why was Fashion wrong?—The answer, like the business man, must have been that he is doing, he must have some pretty decided ideas of what he is accomplishing in fact he must calculate it beforehand.

He must know the soil—that of each lot; he only the top, but the sub-soil is in fact he must know what grains and grasses are adapted to each.

He must know when is the best time to work them, whether they need summer plowing.

He must know the condition in which ground must be when plowed, so that it be not too wet or too dry.

He must know that some grains require earlier sowing than others, and what those grains are.

He must know how to put them in. He must know that it pays to have machinery to aid him as well as muscle.

He must know the value of manure, and the cultivation of trees and small fruits, and many other things; in a word, he must know what experienced, observing farmers know, to be sure of success. There is a will not guess—will not run such risks.—Bural World.

LAST FARMER.—Ladness prevents a man from getting off his horse to put up the first rail that has been cut and laid, and through his legs a whole field of corn is seriously damaged.

Ladness keeps a man from driving one nail when one would do, and finally costs a carpenter's fee for the repairs required.

Ladness allows a gate to get of the hinges and lie in the mud, or stand propped by rails—or a stable or barn to leak and damage hundreds of dollars worth of provender.

Ladness, in short, is the right and proper name for nine-tenths of the excess of expense for farm building. But by far the most prolific of the many wastes that are due to ladness is the waste of ignorance. But this waste is in itself a great, and has so many ramifications, that we do not have time to discuss it for another time.—Dodge (Farm).

FOR BREAKFAST.—A lady correspondent sends us the following receipt for a breakfast dish, which she says serves for most dishes and potatoes:

"Put into a compound biscuit pan a heaping teaspoonful of butter, and let it melt and spread over the pan; then take enough slices of bread (stale answers as well as any) to cover the bottom of the pan, and make a mixture to dip them in by beating well two eggs and pouring in with a very little milk; season with a little white pepper and salt—make the bread quite moist; then lay it in butter and fry brown on one side, add a bit of soft to try, put into the pan to brown over the top, and you will have a dish that serves for meat and potatoes, consisting of neither. Tell me if you like it.—Heart and Home.

SOAP suds is an excellent fertilizer for grass and grape vines, and should not be wasted. A bit of alum in a tub of soap suds will keep it from becoming soapy, and leaves the water fit for use again. If carefully poured off from the sediment, which becomes a concentrated fertilizer, almost as good as guano. If a lump of alum as large as the thumb joint is thrown into four or five gallons of boiling soap suds, the suds run over and leave the water clean and soft and useful for washing. We have often, in ancient times, settled a glass of Mississippi water, and made it look as clear as bell in a few days, by adding a bit of alum to a string and twisting it under the surface of the water in the glass.—Hall's Journal.

WHAT FARMERS OUGHT NOT TO CONSIDER.—A poor farmer can not choose the fact that he is a poor farmer. All his surroundings proclaim the verdict against him. His house, cattle, wagon, harness, plow, sleds, outfit, his wife and children bear silent but unmistakable evidence against him. On the other hand, all these things will testify for him on behalf of the good farmer. His house, his carriage, his harness, his plow, his sled, his outfit, his wife and children, all these things will testify for him, and he will be pronounced a good farmer according to the evidence.

SHORT HORSES.—From the Rochester Union, we take the following: "Horses as a general thing, get too much licking and too little feed. If a man loses his hair while driving his horse, he licks the horse to pay for it. If he runs into another wagon through his own carelessness, he licks his horse to make it all right. If his horse slips or tumbles, he gets licked for it—if he does anything he gets licked for it, and if he doesn't anything he gets licked for it. A great many horses know 'sight' more than their drivers, and if they could change places with them, society at large would be the gainers, and so would horses.

MAKING HAY BY MACHINERY.—According to a writer in the London Times, a machine has been invented and tested in England which will greatly facilitate hay-making. The apparatus takes the grass as soon as it is mown and places it in a strong current of hot air in motion by a fan, to be worked by steam or horse-power, as preferred. The hot air is generated by a furnace, and the revolving fan throws it over the grass. In this manner, it is claimed, moist grass may be converted into hay of the best quality in ten minutes.

TOMATOES IN A NEW FARMER.—Take good ripe tomatoes, cut them in slices, and sprinkle over them finely cut salt. Sprinkle, then add salt with sufficient to cover them. Tomatoes are sometimes prepared in this way diluted vinegar, but the latest way imports to them a richer and more pleasant flavor, and resembling the strawberry than anything else.

TO MAKE VINEGAR FROM TOMATOES.—Wash up two bushels of Tomatoes, to make forty gallons of Vinegar. Put the Tomatoes in a cask, add three gallons of common molasses to a barrel, and fill your cask with hot water, and in six weeks if standing in the sun, you will have a superior quality of vinegar, and in the best cider vinegar.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "There is a man up in our country who pays for his paper in advance. He has never seen a sick day in his life, never had any cough or toothache; his potatoes never rot; the wheat never fails; his corn is the best; his fruit never kills his cows or beans; his babies never cry in the night, and his wife never scolds." Reader, are you the man?

ONE OF THE BORN.—"Where were you Charlie?" "In the garden, ma." "No, you have been swimming; you know I cautioned you about going to the creek, and you will have a superior quality of vinegar, and in the best cider vinegar.

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