Farm and Household.

When to Cut Clover.

Nearly all farmers know that turning under a green crop makes the soil more productive without any more manure. This is because all that was taken from the soil in the production of the green crop is returned to it, with the addition of the elements of fertility drawn from the atmosphere by the vegetation turned under. It has been established beyond dispute, that the soil is exhausted to some extent by the plants it produces if removed from it, and more so by some than others. Annual plants are generally more exhausted than perennial. It also has been proven by actual tests, by practical farmers in this country, extending back over a period of more than forty years, that when annual plants are cut at the time of flowering they exhaust the soil but very little, one writer says not at all, as their roots return to the soil all the loss that has been occasioned by their production. But the case is quite different after the fruit or seed has matured. Then the soil derives but little benefit from the dry and exhausted roots.

As near as can be ascertained, it is believed that the juices and nourishment necessary to the information and maturity of seed in most plants, and particularly in clover, are drawn from the roots. If the plant be mown and removed after the seed has matured or ripened, the root is a mere piece of dry, woody substance, containing nothing to return to the earth when it decays.

It has been the practice of some of the best farmers in this country, North and South, to cut clover when it is in bloom, while others, among them some good farmers, postpone mowing until, as they say, "you can see a right smart sprinkling of heads beginning to turn brown." A very little reflection would convince these that the stem has then become hard and tough, and has parted with a portion of the rich juices which contribute so much to its nourishing and fat producing qualities as a hay plant. It is held by some good writers that before the seed ripens the plant is nourished by the atmosphere and the dews and rains, but during the formation and maturity of the seed they draw their support entirely from the earth. This however does not hold good in regard to all plants—cabbage, turnips, potatoes, etc., being exceptions.

The stem of clover continues to be green, tender and full of juice during the entire period of growth, and up to the time of seeding. At this time the roots and stalks begin to dry up and wither, and are of little value, either as food for animals or as a manure for the land. If the farmer intended to cut his corn and make fodder of it, instead of using the grain, would he wait until the stalks became hard and dry and all the substance had departed from it, and the blades became brown and crispy, or would he cut it when green and full of sap?

We are satisfied those farmers who have been cutting their clover as soon as it gets in bloom will continue to do so. But to those who have heretofore postponed mowing until a later period, we would suggest that a little experimenting in the matter of hay making might lead to valuable results.

Raising Calves Without Milk.

Calves have often been raised upon haytea for a few weeks, and then mixing in meal and bran. Good hay contains all the elements necessary to grow a calf, but dry hay cannot be used by the young calf; its first stomach is not sufficiently developed for that. When the hay is steeped in hot water, the soluble food contained in it is dissolved out, and this liquid is easily digested by the calf. But a better food than this is prepared by making flax-seed gruel. The flax-seed contains an oil which answers the purpose of the cream in milk, and it is also rich in albuminoids, similar in composition to the case in milk. Boil one quart of flax-seed in two gallons of water; after the seed is boiled into a mucilage, stir in two quarts of good oats, or the same of middlings. This will require diluting with warm water into a thin gruel when used. When the calf is young this amount will be sufficient for three days, and the amount must be increased as the calf grows older, except that the flax-seed need not exceed one pint per day at any time; the other food can be increased according to the needs of the calf. If flax-seed is difficult to obtain, oil meal may be used instead, dissolved in hot water. Very good calves may be raised by either of these methods.—*Live Stock Journal.*

Care of Young Fruit Trees.

Young fruit trees, for the first two or three years after transplanting, should, before hard winter sets in be protected against any undue quantity of water, especially in low situations. This can be best done by making a small hillock of dirt around the stems sufficient to throw off the water and not let it settle about the roots. We have known young trees to be killed by constant immersion in water through most of the winter, and have frequently known them to be stunted, from which many of them never entirely recovered. On the other hand, in summer these trees should have the soil slightly bowled out around them in order that they may have a more abundant supply of water than they would otherwise obtain. If we expect to be successful in fruit raising we must adopt all the means attainable to insure it.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

A HANGING GARDEN.—A hanging garden of sponge is one of the novelties in gardening. Take a white sponge of large size and sow it full of rice, oats or wheat. Then place it for a week or ten days in a shallow dish, and as the sponge will absorb the moisture the seeds will begin to sprout before many days. When this has fairly taken place the sponge may be suspended by means of cords from a hook in the top of the window, where a little sun will enter. It will thus become a living mass of green, requiring a little occasional moisture.

Around the Fireside.

Beautiful Years.

Beautiful years, lying calm and bright
In the distance far away;
Your soft hills bathed in golden light,
Which deepens never to purple night,
Nor shadows cold and gray.

What did ye bring to us? Summers fair,
Sweet with the breath of flowers—
Birds that sang till the dew laden air
Thrilled our hearts with an unsaid prayer,
In cool, green forest bowers.

What did ye bring to us? Many days
Shimmering like ruby wine;
Mornings fashioned of crimson rays—
Evenings winding through moonlit ways,
Safe to some glorious shrine.

All ye have brought to us, beautiful years,
Out of the marvellous past,
All the bright hours entangled with fears,
Ebbying away into sorrow and tears,
Rainbow-like glimmered at last.

So, like the waves of a restless sea,
Or a low, sweet murmured hymn,
Thought drifted back, forever; and we
Know that the Future can never be
To us what the Past hath been.

Business Morality.

Religion bids men be honest, not because honesty is the best policy merely; be truthful, not because lying is unmanly only; be temperate, not because intemperate habits weaken the intellect and impair the vital energy, and, in short, put you outside of the pale of society; but be all these from one supreme, absorbing motive, the fear you have of offending a loving God. It will be the thought of God and of Christ which will alone make us true to man. Our religion will not be of that kind which displays deep emotion in the words of our lips, and then goes out to drive very large bargains, if not to steal. And what do some men mean by this business morality. Surely not that God allows and winks at some recognized code of signals by which if one man can overreach another, is it all fair play. Are the strict commandments of God to be admitted into the church, and an expurgated and revised edition hung up in the counting room? Of many business transactions it may be said: "Everybody does it;" but the Christian man will say, "So do not I, because of the fear of God." And so, too, will this powerful motive, the fear of God, purify into a bright, honest, cheerful single mindedness and considerate kindness, the reciprocal duties of employer and employed. The servant will not reason, "My Lord delayeth his coming; I may do this trifling piece of commission, and no human eye will detect me." The landlord will not hardly press his tenant, though long accepted precedents still flourising around him may invite his imitation. The workman will not "scimp" his work, or waste the time of his employer. Why? "Because of the fear of God."

Shall We Meet Again?

The following is said to be one of the most brilliant articles written by the lamented George D. Prentice:

"The fiat of nature is inexorable. There is no appeal for relief from the great law that dooms us to dust. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest, and the flowers that bloom and wither in a day have no frailer hold on life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps. Generations of men will appear and disappear as the grass and the multitudes that throng the world to-day will disappear as the footsteps on the shore. Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own pathway, hiding from their eyes the faces of loved ones whose living smiles was the sunlight of their antagonist of life, and the cold thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts.

"We do not want to go through the dark, dark valley, although its dark passage may lead to paradise; we do not want to lay down in the grave, even with princes for bed-fellows. In the beautiful drama of Ion, the hope of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death devoted Greek, finds deep response in every thoughtful soul. When about to yield his young existence as a sacrifice to fate, his Clemantha asks if they should meet again, to which he replies:

"'I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that looked eternal—of the stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirit has walked in glory. All were dumb; but as I gazed upon thy loving face I feel that there is something in the love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemantha.'"

How to Beautify God's House.

But there is a way to be adding ever increasing beauty and glory to the house of God. Oh that we may prize it more and more! Go out into the lanes and highways; find some outcast wretch—some stray fragment of the universal wreck of man, some trampled stone in the miry clay; sound aloud the word of the Lord, that harp of blessed music by which the Spirit draws dead stones to Christ. By and by, under the power of God blessing the word, that soul is awakened to a sense of ruin and want, and is led, in the strong captivity of the truth, to Christ. No sooner does he touch that Rock, than the virtue of a new life comes unto him, and he lives. The love of God is shed abroad in his heart. The beautiful garniture of inward graces, more precious than the most fine gold, adorns him. He is united to Christ, and through him to God. Here is the honor of the church, the preciousness of the gospel, and the glory of the grace of God. How wonderful that communication of life, that resurrection from the dead, that ascension of the regenerate soul "to sit in heavenly places with Christ!" Look unto the rock whence he was hewn, and the hole of the pit whence he was digged! How is God glorified in such an addition to his church? What joy is it to the angels that do His will? By such is the church a building of God. Thus does it rise toward heaven. They are thy jewels, daughter of Zion; "thy walls, salvation; thy gates, praise."

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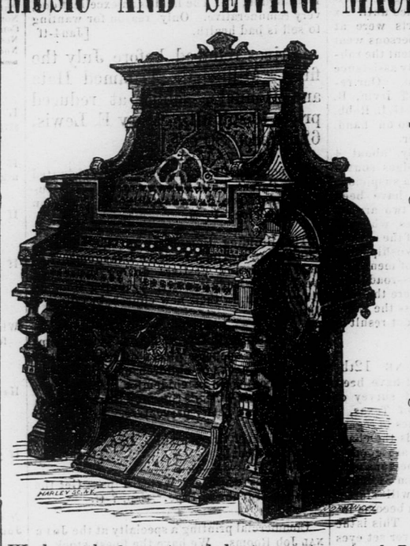

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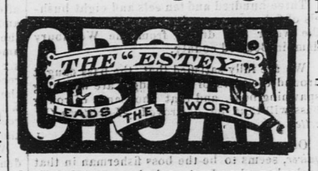

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