

FARMERS' COLUMN.



CROPS and STRAWBERRIES.

The season is near at hand when farmers lay out and begin the work which is to occupy their time and thoughts during the season of crop making.

If they would have a full supply of what they do not get to call the good thing off, and for wh'c's, u'd ex-^{tra} want price are paid by the non-farming class, the farmer must prepare now to plant and cultivate. Among these vegetable luxuries there are none which rank higher than grapes and strawberries, and yet how few farmers make any effort to grow these easily and delish ful fruits.

Any farm house may have an abundant supply of grapes, if a dozen Concord vines are pruned in the spring and set out eight feet apart, in one row. The ground should be the dry soil type and near the house, having eastern or southern slopes. Work it up deep and mellow, and plant the vines, taking care that a good bed of loamy soil is placed around the roots of the young plants. When the heat of summer approaches, mulch the ground round the vines for about three feet from the roots, with cool sand. Make the mulch three inches in depth. This will keep weeds down and the ground moist. The vines being porous admit the air and absorb the sun.

If no root aduers are to be had use straw that is partially decomposed and wet. Cover the ground about six inches in depth around the vines for a depth of four or five inches all sides. Allow the vines to make an undisturbed growth the first year in order to form an abundance of strong healthy roots. If near the kitchen or wash-house, the vines should be poured around them, which will cause them to grow vigorously.

Strawberries are very easily raised in abundance, as far as I know, if worthy the name, can plant and cultivate a bed of strawberries. Keep them well covered the first season and cover the bed with coarse manure, late in the fall, to protect them from the severe frost of winter. Take the litter from the bed the following spring, and keep the bed clean through hoing, and the vines shortened up into strong hills of bunches and an abundance of strawberries, large and delicious will be the result.

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ROLLING GRASS in the Spring.
Farmers would look at the theory of rolling the wheat and rye fields in the Spring, it would be resort to much more frequently than it is. O casually the Winter and Spring have been favorable to these crops as not to render it necessary. But in these seasons out of four it is necessary, and doubtless adds considerably to its productiveness. The thawing and freezing of the ground, throwing or spewing the roots and exposing them to the drying winds of February and March, very seriously affect the grain. Passing a roller over the seed the soil is to go upon, presses back the roots into their beds, and gives them a fair grip again upon the support on which the crop must depend. This must be apparent to every one who will look at its operation. We have no doubt that rolling clover fields, that have been holly thrown up by the frost, would also have a most beneficial effect.—Germanicus Tegelberg.

VACCINE OF CALVES.
Joseph M. Headley stopped at a farmer's in Huntington and left his horse in the barn for about three hours. When he returned he found that a calf had eaten part of the horse's mane and tail and had made considerable progress on the harness. He was glad he got back in time to save the horse. W. W. Blakeman took a party of young folks to Bungay to pick berries. He put the harness in the wagon and turned the horses into a neighboring field. When he came back he found that the calf was making a meal of the harness, and he got home with difficulty. Some time ago, A. F. Sherwood drove to Great Hill and hung his harness under a shed; in the morning he found that the calves had made such havoc with it that it was necessary to get a new harness before he could drive home. If there is any saving a calf will not eat, it must be the tires on the wheels.—Good Guard.

BEST CURE FOR CROUCH.
A lady who speaks from experience says, that probably nine children out of ten who die of croop might be saved by the timely application of warm onions, mashed, laid upon a folded napkin and goes off, wet oil, or even hard poured on and applied as warm as can be borne comfortably, to the throat and upper parts of the chest, and to the feet and hands.

HOW TO EAT MILK.—There are many who say, "I like milk but milk does not like me," that is, it does not agree with them. The reason for this, in most cases, is that the milk engorgates in the stomach to two fold a hard to be easily digested. But many who can not drink milk or eat bread and milk find no difficulty in digesting a bowl of boiled apples and milk. Upon this hint the experiment has been successfully tried by a physician of large experience, of telling his patients who could not digest milk, to use apple sauce as a constituent, taking a mouthful of apple alternately with a spoonful of bread, crackers, or pudding and milk. The apple prevents the formation of a solid mass in the stomach, and its juice aids digestion, so that no distress or sense of heaviness follows after a meal thus taken.

WINTER MUSCLES.—Inverted suds make a good winter wash for trees and shrubs. Let the suds remain in the spring until they rot, then soak up and they make good dressing for the summer and also serve as pretty good mulches.

If the hens are kept warm, and are fed well with warm feed once a day, and provided with clean nests, eggs will soon be plentiful. Hens that have been laying may become broody, and may sit if a glass coop is provided and placed in a sunny spot, hatching out two ugly gashes about six inches long. She scolded, and started up stairs, letting the door after her. She then sat on the stairs. The would-be mother stopped them.

The family up stairs, in the mean time, made free use of their lungs, and the cry of "Mama, we're cold on the right side!"—S. L. of Boston, Mass., and the Boston Beehive, who were staying the evening before hearing the cry, at once went to the room. When she entered the house they called out to know what "Help" for God's sake! Some one in the house is trying to injure us." Miss Hostenstein was carried to her chamber, her clothing dripping with blood.



She was badly cut below the abdomen, and in the thigh, &c., of the thigh. Through the force of the blow, the spleen ruptured. Medical aid was summoned, and the stab wounds were found to be deeper than waist first supposed. Tears are entertained that tetanus was set in and destroyed her life.

Let me tell you that she was strong enough to tell her father that she thought she knew the man who stabbed her and knocked the lamp out of her hand. Her statement implicates a young man living in the neighborhood, but as yet no arrests have been made. The police are active in their inquiry into the case. The house narrowly escaped destruction by the burning coal oil. Miss Hostenstein is highly respectable and quite accomplished, and is a woman of commanding presence. It required all her energy to restrain her feet and bolt the door leading up the enclosed stairway which she had descended.

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