

FARMERS' COLUMN.



To Blanch Lettuce.

To produce lettuce with white heads, the usual way is to tie up the heads a week or two before the time for setting. Select a dry day, gather the leaves in the hand in a close rounded form, the inside being clear of dirt. Pass a strip of bass matting several times around the ball, making it close at the top to exclude rain and prevent rotting. Bury the heads in a shallow trench of earth as a support in place of the spreading leaves. In two days, more or less, they will be sufficiently blanched for use.

What Makes Hard times for Farmers.

"I live in a settlement where I am the only one who takes an agricultural paper. The rest of the population are engaged in a living from the soil by cultivating it. They mortgage it. My farm, with one or two others, is all that remains for miles around not mortgaged."

Cultivation of Spinach.

The French call this desirable vegetable the "saviour of the stomach," because it is as healthful an article of food in the early spring time, and in the city markets it always finds plenty of purchasers, but it is not cultivated in the country as plentifully as its merits demand. Cows, chickens, and hogs, and even the pig, will eat it as heartily as man, and its taste is not so objectionable as that of the lettuce. It is a gross feeder, requiring a rich heavy soil to grow it as rapidly as it demands—it will not flourish in a poor sandy garden, but if the seeds are sown very early, they will come forward quickly, and make a very palatable addition to the table. There are two kinds of spinach: the round leaf, a prickly spinach, which is used for fattening, and can be sown early in October in rows so far apart that it can be kept free from weeds. When snow threatens, the beds can be covered with stable litter or dried leaves, and the plants will not care until the frost is out of the ground, when the soil can be dug up lightly and a top dressing of manure given.

In the suburbs of large cities, spinach is one of the most productive of early crops, and it is cut very often, and sold in great quantities.—Cultivator.

How to Increase the Value of Farm Stock.

The man who makes a specialty of any business, as a rule, produces a superior article. This is notably true in the rearing of thoroughbred stock. Men who devote their lives and fortunes to propagating a pure race of cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, or any other farm stock, keep the blood pure, and rear animals which may be relied on to transmit the qualities most desired to their offspring. Men engaged in ordinary, mixed farming cannot do this. They lack either the knowledge, time or opportunities, and sometimes all of these requisites to success. It is, therefore rarely the part of wisdom or economy for farmers who attempt to raise males to breed from. It will generally pay them twofold to purchase them from well-known breeders, or hire the services of such stockmen as they are not in condition to buy. Never keep half-bred and scrub males to breed from. The best horses, the offspring of a thoroughbred short horn or other breed of cattle should be kept as mothers, but the sire should be of pure blood every time. Make this a cast-iron rule, if possible to do so, in the raising of every species of farm stock. It is fully as important to carry this principle into the poultry yard, in proportion to the value of stock, as to adhere to it, in breeding horses, or any other large stock. Never breed from mongrels on the male side if it can be at all avoided.

If farmers were alive to their own interests they would generally patronize professional breeders, and breeders, and present every inducement in the way of prices to cultivate and increase the trade between themselves and farmers. The farmer's stock would very often sell for double the price he receives for it in his market, cows, etc., had been served by thoroughbred males. This is one of the important truths which should be constantly pressed home upon the farmers, and breeders should leave no stone unturned to bring this reform in stock raising about. They have been too intent in striving to hold up their animals to fabulous prices. It would pay them much better to be able to sell ten animals at \$100 to \$150 apiece than one for \$500. If this course was steadily pursued by farmers for ten years, it cannot be doubted that the value of farm stock would be much more than doubled, if the present course of breeding from mongrels is continued. Farmers will never be able to separate themselves from the "hard times" till this fact and many similar truths are learned and acted upon. Why should any farmer continue time and food in producing \$500 worth of stock, when by a wise system of the use of thoroughbred males, he could produce \$1,000 from the same expenditure? And yet nineteen out of twenty are doing this very thing.

Something to Do.

There is work for the farmer to do in all seasons—in sunshine and rain. If he is a practical, painstaking man, his time will be employed in-door or out to some advantage, during the winter months the tools are overhauled and repaired, harness washed and oiled, and everything made ready for use against the time when spring work comes on. Farmers that succeed are the painstaking ones who look after the details of the farm and find "something to do" at all times and seasons. Those who complain that farming does not pay, are generally the ones who find plenty of time to spend away from home at the village store, tavern or the street corners, talking politics and bewailing their conditions—wishing to dispose of their farms and remove to town. Such men are farmers in name only and no true sons of the soil.

The compositor who was told he might, when setting up a speech, insert "loud applause" or "cheers," in order to fill out the measure, was summarily discharged when he made the application general and set up an obituary notice as follows: "His announcement was made yesterday that our highly respected citizen, Mr. —, fell dead in the street."—(Loud applause, etc.)

FACING DEATH.

Brother Gardner was whitewashing the back end of an old house on Catherine street when the staging gave away and he had a fall of about fifteen feet. He was senseless when picked up, but a man poured about a gallon of water down his back and brought him to. Mr. Gardner then explained matters to the reporter:

"Wal, I was up dar, an' dar was de horse, an' dar was de scaffold, an' dar we all was—I was jes' drawin' that brush aroun' to kill when I fell a gooness. Seemed I was prusin' aroun' on de air, wid no chance to dig in my toes."

"Why didn't you fall at once and have the affair of your mind?" asked the policeman.

"Why didn't I fall? Why, seh, I was fallin' all de time. I went down about fifty feet head first, an' I changed, and went sideways, and den I struck on one foot and boaf ears. All dis time I was doin some powerful thinkin, I was."

"Did you think of oysters fried with crabs?" asked the reporter.

"Doan' be talkin' dat way, boy. I remember all my bad deeds while I was gwine down—I call out dat I would live a better life if de shock didn't kill me."

"In de group was a colored man whose face brightened at these words and he softly asked:

"Brudder Gardner, deen' you remember de \$5 you borrowed of me?"

"I do."

"Den pay it—han' it over. De shock didn't kill you, and now begin on dat better life."

"Brudder Jones," solemnly replied Gardner, "de shock didn't kill me, but de devil do."

"I pays out any money I owe, and I want de same of you. No goods advertised at 25¢ but I want de same of you. I pants to be all right, but possibly I may be fatally injured in a case of de corners and not know it for a month. G'lang, brudder Jones, an' doan' rob de cradle and de grave!"

SEE CAME DOWN ON HER.

A young lady gave her skating experience as follows:

"You ought to have seen me," said the vivacious young lady to the new minister who had just got the skates on and made a start, when down I came on my—"

"Maggie!" said her mother.

"What? Oh, it was so funny! One skate went one way and the other a tother way, and down I came on my—"

"Margaret!" reprovingly spoke her father.

"Well, what? They scooted from under me and down I came on my—"

"Margaret!" yelled both the parents.

"On my little brother who had me by the hand, and liked to have mashed him. Now what's the matter?"

The girl's mother emerged from behind the coffee pot, a sigh of relief escaped from the minister, and the old gentleman politely turned the conversation in a political channel.—Briswick News.

ORDER IN A DAKOTA COURT.

Mr. Webster's attorney (rising and addressing the attorney for the other side)—I call you a coward and a liar.

The Court—Sit down, sir.

Mr. Webster's attorney—He is a coward and a liar.

The Court—If you don't sit down and keep quiet you will be sorry.

Mr. Webster's attorney—He is—

In the subsequent proceedings the Court took a hand. It swiftly glided from its seat and placed its powerful grasp upon the coat collar of the attorney for Mr. Webster. There was a momentary void in the understanding of that gentleman. The morning stars began to sing together in his ears, and danced before his vision. Then he found himself outside the building, without any hat and the dusty zephyrs playing through his luxurious mustache. Parties in the room as innocent spectators aver that the feet of the attorney for Mr. Webster did not touch the floor after the muscles of the hand of the Court had contracted upon the collar of his coat.—Faintness Press.

UNCLE REMUS.

Waiting for the rain to cease yesterday, Uncle Remus sealed himself on the coal box and went to sleep. Finally his hat fell off and a piece of paper dropped out. One of our young men, more curious than the rest, picked it up and subjected it to what the lawyers call a very severe examination. It proved to be in verse, and was read aloud. The comment it caused had the effect of arousing Uncle Remus, and he was asked about it. He pleaded ignorance, and the verses were read to him.

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