FARMERS' COLUMN.

(From the American Agriculturist for May 1.)

Hints for May Work.

May is a very busy month, and there is so much work crowded into it that a farmer is in danger of being in a hurry. Every hour of work should be so planned that it will tell most effectually, and this requires considerable thought in order to do the most urgent and important work first, and leave undone those things which may be done almost as well bye and bye. As we sow so do we reap, and as this is the month of sowing, the work now will in great measure determine what the harvest of the year shall be. Keep pushing on, but with a plan.

LABOR.—It must be admitted by every one familiar with farm work, that the labor problem is a difficult one, and it may fairly, from its importance, claim the first consultation in deciding upon the plan of operations for the year. The largest possible crops may not return a profit, if the labor in their production has not been well planned. One of the most important advantages obtained from a systematic rotation of crops, consists in judicious distribution of labor throughout the year so that there may not be a surplus at one time, and a deficiency at another that will require the employing of extra hands at the digest wages.

MANGELS may be sown early this month. Our practice has been to sow in drills 20 inches apart, using six pounds of seed per acre. A liberal supply of seed is required to secure an even stand, and the plants should be thinned by striking a broad hoe directly across the drills so that single plants will stand 12 to 16 inches apart. Root crops are often a failure from defective thinning.

CLOVER.—An early rolling of clover to settle the roots that have been raised by frost will be especially appropriate after the open winter just passed. Fifty pounds of plaster per acre will often have as good effect as the larger doses of 100 and 200 lbs. that are recommended. Wood ashes on many soils will be found an useful application.

MEADOWS.—Pick up any stones that may have been raised above the surface from the action of frost. The roller may be used to bring the surface into good shape for the mower. Meadows are frequently injured by the tread of cattle before the ground is fairly settled. The grazing of meadows in spring is at the expense of the hay crop. It is better to keep cattle in the barn until the pastures are ready to furnish them a full ration.

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES are growing in favor; they are relished by nearly all domestic animals. They may be left in the ground all winter, and when dug in early spring are crisp and fresh and the most acceptable change in the feed. The round, short variety called "Brazilian" is best. The seed is cut the same as potatoes, furrows made 3 feet apart, and the pieces dropped about 12 or 15 inches apart in the furrow and covered with a few inches of earth.

SHEEP.—Sheep should be tagged before turning out to grass. Dry ewes may be fattened, and marketed as soon as possible. Lambs that are for early market, will need the best of care and extra feed. The good shepherd will look well to his flock, and count it every day, so that no animal may get astray. The best way to kill ticks is to dip the lambs shortly after the sheep are sheared in tobacco water to which sulphur is added.

WASHING SHEEP.—A deduction of about one half is made by the wool buyers for all unwashed fleeces, and this is right if the washing is properly done. Take it all in all it is best to wash the sheep, though there may be cases where it is not convenient, expedient, or even safe.

ORCHARD AND NURSERY.

Grafting can be done now, but great care is necessary. As the bark peels easily at this season it should be cut through with a knife, and the saw made to follow the cut, otherwise the bark may be peeled and a bad wound made. It is not best to remove all the buds from the stock before the graft starts, as there will then be no inducement for the sap to flow upwards. After the union of the graft is made and the buds upon it have started, all those upon the stock below should be removed, in order that the graft may have the full supply of the sap.

The Tent Caterpillar will hatch into the "worms" which will at once begin their ravages upon the foliage. Fortunately these destructive caterpillars put up "a sign," without which they might escape notice. They pitch their "tents" at once, and though these are at first small they may be readily seen in the early morning when the dew makes them conspicuous. Take the tent when the whole family is "at home" and crush it under foot. Various devices are suggested for this, but the hand, with or without a glove, is the best. For the higher limbs a pole with a swab attached may be used.

Curculio of the plumb stings the fruit while it is quite small. The trees should be jarred in early morning, beginning when they are just passing out of flower, and the sluggish beetles caught on a sheet opened beneath the tree for the purpose. Afterwards those caught on the sheet should be burned.

BORERS.—Their presence is known by the sawdust they make. The only effectual method of reaching them is by probing with a wire; cutting the tree with a knife as little as may be found necessary.

PLANTING IN ORCHARDS.—There is a general reluctance to give up the soil of the orchard entirely to the trees. While the orchard is young it is best to cultivate it thoroughly, and hoed crops, like potatoes, roots, etc., can be grown as a present pay for the trouble, but as the trees get older and shade the ground, nothing else but fruit should be expected from the orchard. It is a good practice to pasture hogs in the orchard in clover sown for the purpose, as it is one of the best methods of enriching the soil and at the same time destroying insects

FRUIT GARDEN.

Blackberries and raspberries may still be planted, but as they start early they should have been set out before this. Stakes or trellises should be provided to which the canes are to be secured. Novices fail to understand that it is the new canes that grow this year that are to bear the fruit the next season. All suckers are to be treated as weeds unless new plants are desired, when the best ones may be saved.

ASPARAGUS should be cut with a strong, round-pointed knife, and with care that the neighboring younger shoots or buds may not be injured. Cut the beds clean, leaving the small shoots to grow now.

THIS AND THAT.

—Lord Rosebery will probably visit this country next month, on his way to Australia.

—Many of the expelled French Jesuits propose to establish themselves in Egypt and Spain.

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—The attempt to rear European bees in the island of Java has been a total failure. The Italian bees, which showed the greatest vitality, died in April last.

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—Paper bricks are made in Wisconsin.

—In England, portable gas is now sold and delivered everywhere. Country residents receive it from the city in copper cylinders.

—A schoolmaster at Johnson, Iowa, has been fined for whipping a girl pupil because she corrected his mispronunciation of a word.

—A contortionist was performing in a New Haven variety show when the police made a raid. He leaped over an officer and from a window twenty-five feet to the ground finally escaping.

—A woman at Ulysses, Neb., wrapped her baby in a sheet and left it in the warm ashes by the fireplace while she went to visit a neighbor, and when she returned the infant was burned to a crisp.

—A wake was in progress at San Francisco, Cal. The remains were quietly put aside, and a live man got under the sheet. When an old woman entered he set up and shouted. The joke was so successful that the women went in real convulsions.

—Near a blast furnace at Carondelet, Mo., is a reservoir into which the exhaust steam and waste water from the boiler are sent from underground pipes. A tramp fell into this terrible hot place and was boiled to death so quickly that he did not stir or utter a cry.

—Jolin Levi aroused the people of Hawesville, Ky., by running from the hotel into the street and shouting. "Help, held, they've got my wife." He had eloped with and married the daughter of a farmer, who had come into the village with a party of farm hands and captured the bride.

—A Harvard student was going from Boston to Newport, but he bought a ticket to New York, because it was only $1, while the fare to Newport was $1.60. At Newport, however, the steamboat officials would not let him get off until he had paid the extra 60 cents. He sued the company and lost the case.

—There is a young lady at one of our hotels who on one morning comes down to breakfast with a copy of a certain magazine in her hand. On another morning she has a different magazine, and on the third morning still another magazine. She is invariably governed in her choice of literature by the periodical the cover of which harmonizes with her costume.

—A lawsuit has grown out of swearing by telephone in Cincinnati. A young woman employed in the Telephone Exchange reported that shockingly profane language had been sent from one of the leading business houses to another. The telephone was at once removed from the house whence came the oaths, and the injured firm have instituted a suit for damages.

—French privates are prohibited from traveling in uniform in first-class railroad carriages, and a writer in the *Figaro* tells how a poor fellow was lately refused a ticket by an express, exclusively first-class, when his mother was dying. The passengers took compassion, opened their valises, and rigged him up in enough civilian cloth to enable him to pass.

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