FARMERS' COLUMN.

The Distribution of Labor on the Farm.

There are about as many kinds of farm management as there are kinds of men. To a certain extent this is natural, because there are so many different products of the farm, almost any one of which may be taken as the primary, and all the others thus become of only secondary importance. If butter is the leading "crop," the system of the farm will be of one kind; if wheat is the primary product, the methods pursued will be different from those for butter, and this again will not be the same as when sheep are the main source of the farmer's income. Circumstances of soil, climate, nearness to market, personal tastes, etc., will decide these matters. But whatever the system, whatever the leading crop grown—and we by no means believe that in all cases, or even in most cases, it is always better for a farmer to have a crop that is *the* leading one—there are certain general principles that should be binding upon one so soon as he becomes a farmer. He who by the soil would thrive, no matter what he is to make that soil produce, should so plan his work that there will be the least number of idle days, in fact, this means that there should be no days when the farmer has as the common expression goes, to "kill time." Every worker of the soil, whether he owns or rents the soil, and is, therefore, working for himself, should put a definite market value upon his labor. This very many farmers fail to do, and overlooking this important fact, it easily and naturally becomes a source of loss. It is as much to the farmer's advantage to have a full supply of labor for each and every work day, as for the day hand that gets his living from his daily labor.

The vital importance of the proper distribution of farm labor throughout the season—yes, the whole year—being accepted as a leading fact in profitable agriculture—the question is, how to make the most of it? In the first place it demands a careful planning of the whole season's work, if not the work for several years. This plan should account for work for not less than 290 days in the year—and the work of each of these days should be of such a character as to pay, not work to be done for the sake of doing something, but seasonable, profitable labor. This principle at once points towards a variety of farm crops, mixed farming, a rotation of crops, the ideal farming, and the one towards which substantial agriculture is tending.

A single example will suffice to illustrate and enforce the point. Let it be supposed that a farmer is growing roots and that it is to his advantage to have the labor of the care of his roots distributed along through the season. Instead of putting his whole land into Swedes, and that in early summer when other labor is pressing, he can sow a portion of the land to Mangels as early as the ground can be worked, and later, after the Swedes are in, a part of the field may be put into Flat Turnips, which grow rapidly and must be fed so soon as grown. If soiling is practiced the Flat Turnips may follow the early rye in July. In like manner there are many cases where the work that would otherwise come "all in a heap," can be distributed through the season, and "all hands" can be kept for several months and furnished with steady and profitable labor. The farmer who can best equalize his work and portion to each week its part, other things being equal, will be the most successful.—*American Agriculturist.*

Home Topics—Rag Carpets.

My new one—now two years ago—is almost worn out now. And yet, I think more of rag carpets than I used to. It is not because they are especially fashionable, for I have seen only one rag carpet besides mine since I have put it on the floor. That other one, in the sitting room of a near neighbor, has since given place to a cotton carpet of gay colors and pattern, costing half a dollar a yard. When I "run in" to see my neighbors, I usually sit with my feet upon an Ingrain or Brussels carpet. It is very pleasant, and I admire the neat carpet and the flowering plants, and all the dainty trifles on shelves and brackets. But when I go home and find my "hit-or-miss" rag carpet strewn with the little girls' dolly work, and the little boys' whittlings, and the baby's crumbs and playthings, I am glad it is only a rag carpet, and that I am not obliged to worry about the injury which would daily happen to a nice carpet where five children spend a good part of their waking hours. Besides, I think it is more "*Restfuley*" than the very gay carpets of some of my neighbors. Anyhow, it harmonizes better with my very plain sitting room furniture than good Ingrain or Brussels carpeting would. I like nice things, and if ever fortune gives them to me, I shall be thankful I hope, as I am now for babies and for the companionship of childhood, and for the experience of a mother. I believe I will make one more rag carpet, at least. I think it will be "hit-or-miss," instead of stripes, and I think I will put it down as I did this, without sewing the breadths, but simply lapping them, one a few inches over the next, stretching each one well, and tacking them very little except at the ends. It is easy then to take up and shake or beat the carpet and put it down again, so that the worn places may be less exposed. It is easy to wash out the most soiled portions. I will have a stronger warp next time, and think I will have it in two colors, so that there will be stripes running lengthwise of the breadths. I will be particular in cutting and tearing the rags to have them so that they will be even-sized threads in the filling, for I have never liked to see the places in this old carpet where thick woolen rags have sometimes joined on to finer cotton strings, making the texture of the carpet uneven, and causing it to wear out more easily. The little girls must sew them neatly, so as not to give them a bunchy look when woven. I think I will have the rags divided into three kinds for sewing—a basket of dark rags, one of light, and one of gay colors. The first may include the black and dark brown and grays. The second will contain the light nondescript grays, browns, and old calico stuff; the third, anything at all bright. The one who sews can go round and round with these three lots, and so make a tolerably even "hit-or-miss." I am not sure that this will pay, but I am sure that I know of no carpeting for 50 cts. a yard that will do so good service as a good rag carpet made as above.—*American Agriculturist.*

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—When you wake up at night and hear the baby crying, look out for danger—for there is a rock.

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—One of the problems which puzzle a musician is how to strike a bee flat without getting stung by its demi-semiquaver.

—The amount of pin money required by the married women depends on whether she uses diamond pins or rolling pins.

—Never be angry with a man who threatens to blow your brains out. He is flattering you with the remark that you have brains.

—A Germantown dog tried to drink ten quarts of milk in ten consecutive hours, on Thursday. He made 347 laps and tipped over the dish.

—One of the saddest and most vexatious trials that comes to a girl when she marries is that she has to discharge her mother and depend upon a servant girl.

—A young lady ate half a wedding cake, and then tried to dream of her future husband. Now she says she would sooner die than marry the man she saw in that dream.

—Why is it that the umbrella man always comes around on a wet day and begs the privilege of carrying off your only hope of shelter to be repaired.

—"My dear," said a gentleman to his wife, "our clud is going to have all the home comforts." "Indeed," replied the wife; "when, pray, is our home to have all the club comforts?"

—A writer on style says: "It is the fashion in France for ladies to take their tea in bonnets and gloves." One objection to this is that some of the new bonnets do not hold much more than a lump of sugar.

—The young lady who gave the mitten to the young man who wouldn't go in the house where it was comfortable, but persisted in keeping her out at the front gate, now refers to him as one of her cast-off gaters.

—A newspaper having said, "The book agent days are numbered," an anxious correspondent hints: "Let us know the number, please. If it runs out in a month or so we shall abandon negotiations for a bulldog."

—A lady to her guest—"Would you like me to play something for you on the piano or sing you a romanza?" You can have your choice. The Guest—"If I can have my choice, madame, I own that I should prefer to dine."

—An Oil City boy who had run away from home, and at last returned, was asked if his father killed the fatted calf for the prodigal. "Not much," he replied: "he didn't kill the fatted calf, but he wanted to slay the prodigal."

—At a recent hailstorm in Florida the stones were as large as hen's eggs. The Floridians allowed them to melt, but Connecticut would have painted them white and shipped them to New York as genuine hen fruit.

—"Mother, what is an angel?" "An angel? Well, an angel is a being that flies." "But, mother, why does papa always call my governess an angel?" "Well, exclaimed the mother, after a moments pause, "she's going to fly immediately."

—Among the Zulus, a nation of Caffres, according to etiquette, the mother-in-law, cannot face the son-in-law, but must hide, or pretend to hide, when she sees him. In this country the custom is reversed. It is the son-in-law who does the dodging.

—An old miser, who was notorious for self denial, was one day asked why he was so thin. "I do not know," said the miser. "I have tried various means for getting fatter, but without success." "Have you tried victuals?" inquired the friend.

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