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#### Engliage.

Trial of the System in Western New York, W. B. Martin, M. D., of Chatauqua, N. Y., in "Country Gentleman."

The new system of ensilage seems to be the new system of ensuage seems to be the rock upon which our best agriculturists are split in their opinions, and as I have an opinion to offer on this important subject I send it to you. Seeing several notices of this system, I determined to try it on a small scale. I sent to Dr. Bailey for his book. He sent me advance sheets before the entire book was completed and I proceeded according to his directions, digging a pit some seven feet deep at one end and five feet at the other. I laid my wall in water-lime from 14 to 16 inches thick. When completed I had a vault 12 by 28 feet, and 12 feet high, with a door in one end next to the barn. I filled my silo with fodder corn and field corn (cut in half-inch lengths and less), millet, clover, pigeon grass, etc. The severe drouth in the fall made a heavy drain upon my sow-ed corn and I did not fill the pit. I pressed it down thoroughly, put straw and boards over and six or eight inches of earth

trampled down. I opened the silo December 1st, and be gan feeding at once. The first of the ensilage near the top was quite brown and some mouldy, with a peculiar alcoholic smell, that disappeared on exposure to the My cows were in good condition at the time, and continued to improve in milk and flesh, although it was fed during the extreme cold weather of December and January. Cattle, horses and swine ate it readily, and I not end that the older ones improved more and seemed to like it better than the younger ones. The lower stratum was much the best, of a light straw color and very sweet and nice, and I never saw any food relished better by any animals. My only regret so far is that I did not learn more of its benefits sooner, so that I could have prepared a larger quantity, which I shall certainly do this season. I shall increase the capacity of my present silo by putting four of five feet additional heigth to the walls, and shall follow the example of Mr. Jones, of Maine, by putting a wooden one into my bay 16 by 30 feet, and shall ensilage my feed, including clover, timothy, millet and rye. I shall cut the small fodder with the cutting machine, for two reasons; one is that the extra labor of settling evenly can be accomplished by taking pains in putting in, and the other reason is the danger from stones raked in with the fodder. When ready for use a sharp hay knife will put it in shape to use with very little trouble. The coarse fodder should be cut fine, and I am satisfied that it is as well to fill the silo slowly as to be in a hurry about it; that is, twenty to thirty inches in depth a day is best.

When filled I shall use levers for pressure instead of weighting with stones in the manner described by Dr. Bailey and others. I shall use old or cheap iron rods fastened to the silo wall, running above the top of the wall to form a strong loop of sufficient capacity to admit a cross timber 4x8 or 4x10 inches, reaching across the ber 4x8 or 4x10 inches, reaching across the silo from side to side. Three or four tim-displacing all other preparations in the vicinbers will suffice for an ordinary this purpose. The objection is that the ensilage settles away from the screws, and will require to be attended to quite often, and besides the expense would be considerable, while with the lever an extra fulcrum under the stud occasionally would answer every purpose, and one can get all the pressure required at very little cost and trouble. Cost enters largely into the argument presented by the opponents of ensilage. My silo cost \$80, and I can build another by the side of it for \$60; but shall put one in the barn, made of wood, of more than double capacity for less than \$100. It seeems to me that almost any farmer can try it on a small scale if he has the will to do it, as I trust all will in time.

What are the arguments against the new system? I have watched the columns of the Country Gentleman for the last few moths, with considerable anxiety, I confess, especially before my silo was opened, as my neighbors insisted upon calling it an asylum, and hinted, in a vague way, that I was a fit subject for admission. But my silo opened up all right, and I have looked in vain for any sound argument against it. Mr. Crozier, in his first letter, condemns the whole thing, calling it swill, sauer kraut, &c. Swill, I sup-pose, is almost anything fed from a pail, and is a very indefinite name. So far as the sauer kraut is concerned, perhaps Mr. Crozier is not aware that it is a very healthy article of food, and has been used in the army and navy with excellent results. I have ordered it used in my practice as a physician in several cases where the stomach would not tolerate other food. And it is generally admitted by physiologists that it will digest in less than half the time that the raw or cooked cabbage will under the same circumstances. I accept the sauer kraut part of the letter with thanks for the admission, and I can assure Mr. C. that I will take the chances of my hired man's using Bible language in feeding kraut, while his is digging his marigolds out of the snow and frozen earth with the mercury down toward the

Another point in favor of our system and against Mr. Crozier's is that we can raise our crops for the sile at less cost and with more certainty, Under ordinary circumstances we are sure of the crops we wish to raise for that purpose, while the beet crop is liable to a failure, or has been with us in western New York. The statement by several writers in your paper, that so large a per cent. of the ensilage is water and of course has no life-giving or lifeand of course has no life-giving or lifesustaining qualities, sounds well to those
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markably well. Is the juice of a plant
simply water, or is it something more?
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life." So with plants; the juice is the
blood, and holds in solution the finer and
more valuable elements of plant life, and more valuable elements of plant life, and in that state are in the best possible con-dition to become assimilated in the animal economy. In proof we find that in preparing fluid extracts and tinctures for medical use, many remedies lose their medical properties by drying, and are entirely inert—and yet our friends insist that they have lost nothing but the water. Per contra the remedies having the most potency prepared from the green ro plants, and when the plants are full of sap or blood.

Our opponents will admit that they can make the largest quantity and finest quality of butter at the time when the grass has the largest amount of water in it. Now if we can by any means preserve this condition or come very near to it, we have solved the problem of profitable farming, and especially dairying. I be-lieve that this can be accomplished by cutting the products of our farms when they are at the highest stage of development putting them in a tight can (silo) and preserving them as the prudent housewife

does her fruits and vegetables. I believe this can be done so successfully that with warm barns, stock can be fattened as rapidly in winter as in summer. In my own experience I found many cars of corn in the same condition when the silo was opened, as when taken from the field. The kernels were full of milk and it had no sour taste ; in fact it was as sweet as when cut, and I found a part of the fodder without any perceptible acid taste, and do not believe that the food is acid enough to cause any injury to the teeth. The German settlers on the Mohawk, and in fact the German settlers generally, use sauer kraut very freely and generally, use sauer kraut very freely and are blessed with remarkably good teeth. Give use stronger meat, friends, or you will not convince us of the error of our ways. We say to you "prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

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