

Every farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the Democrat, Bellefonte, Penn'a."

A RESPONSIBLE party who has tried it informs us that a handful of tobacco stems placed in the box in which the dog sleeps will entirely rid him of fleas, and that a leaf or two of the same weed put in a setting hen's nest keeps vermin at a respectful distance.

IN ALL good gardens are found lima beans, as a matter of course, but some complain that they run too much to vines. To remedy this use short poles, not more than six feet high, and when the vines have reached the top of these, cut them off, remorselessly.

By those who continue the old spade-and-rake, square-patch system of gardening you will be advised to "tie up your tomato vines to stakes," and then will come a long homily upon the superiority of this plan, over that of "training them in hoops, nailed to three stakes," and so on.

If the "borers" are already in the young apple trees, of course they must be taken out, but in this, as in all other troubles, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Soiling. We are strong in our belief that the soiling system for keeping cattle, and particularly milk cows, is the proper one, and that it will ultimately prevail in all thickly settled communities, where farming land is high priced.

WE HAVE just been improving a spare hour this rainy morning in getting our mower in order and grinding up the knives. In the first days of the mower this was a formidable task, and we distinctly remember, when a boy at home, the trouble we had in keeping the knives sharp, on the old "Manny, with Wood's Improvement," which was the first mower we ever saw.

emery grinder is made especially for this purpose, and is well adapted to it. The grinding wheel is of the best quality, solid emery, and with ordinary use must last many years. It is so geared as to run with great speed by the slow motion of a treadle, and the arrangement for holding the knife is such that no effort whatever is required—the end sections being ground with as much ease and facility as the middle ones.

FARM work is pressing now, but do not let this pressure tempt you to neglect the garden. In all probability it is the richest piece of ground on your farm, and work on it will tell correspondingly. Besides this it contributes directly and very largely to the comfort and pleasure of the every-day table, and should be made to do its best.

Then it is His Own Fault. The poor man's strawberry has not yet arrived.—Sunbury Democrat. If that be true, it is "the poor man's" own fault, for there is no luxury that grows which can be more easily made his own, by every man who owns or rents five rods of ground, than the strawberry.

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Celery Culture. This most luxurious of all the garden vegetables is rapidly growing in favor among the people, and we now frequently observe it in farmers' gardens. It ought to be in all, and in order to encourage all to cultivate it, and at the same time answer the very frequent questions we have as to the details of its management, we transfer to our columns the following explicit article from the agricultural page of the World:

Celery plants, for best results, must be kept growing without interruption. They rarely recover fully if from any cause they receive a check, hence great care is necessary in transplanting from seed beds to plant beds. Avoid breaking or drying off the roots and when possible set out the plants in cloudy weather. Shelter them from drying wind and hot sun when first transplanted and water often. The soil should be rich and thoroughly pulverized.

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How the Parson Broke the Sabbath. From the New York Independent. On the grave of Parson Williams The grass is brown and bleached: It is more than fifty winters Since he lived and laughed and preached.

And among those treasured legends I hold the one as a boon— On a Sunday afternoon, How he got in Deacon Crosby's hay He was midway in a sermon, Most orthodox, on grace, When a south-of-distinct thunder Broke the quiet of the place.

And he ran now to the meadow, With all his strength and speed; And the congregation followed, All bewildered, in his lead.

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LAZINESS is not the particular sin of the farmer's life, but too little reflection over the work which he is to perform is his crying evil.

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