

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," that other farmers may have the benefit of it.

FALL planting is desirable for blackberries and raspberries. Of the former the Wilson, Kittatinny, Lawton and Dorchester are all good; of the latter Brandywine, Philadelphia and Reliance are the most desirable for this section.

WHEN all the new mills now in course of erection at St. Paul, Minn., are finished and running on full time, the daily flour production of that place will be over 12,000 barrels, which, with the mill-stuff made, will load seven trains of twenty-one cars each.

Do not forget that two bushels of corn fed to the fattening hogs during this mild weather will make more pork and lard than three bushels fed after "hard weather" comes.

So FAR October has been a month of unusually warm and fine weather and has afforded splendid opportunities for getting the fall work done up out of the way.

AGAIN we say, do not be in a hurry to dispose of the potatoes. Select and put away with great care, and better prices will be had toward spring.

In an unusually interesting article on "Metallic Fences," our valued contemporary, the Scientific American, after describing the modes of manufacturing the barbed wire now so extensively used, says:

At present wooden posts are usually used as supports for the wire in putting up this fence. But it is believed that iron posts will sooner or later supplant the wood.

OUR views as to the proper way to secure seed corn, namely, to grow it specially for this purpose, in a lot by itself, are too well known to need repetition at this time.

many have it yet to do. Do not fail to do it before or while cribbing the corn. It is much easier and better than to leave it until in the winter, or, as some do, until planting time.

An important meeting was held at Cooper Institute, New York, on Wednesday, the 22d inst., looking to the organization of a National Agricultural Society, modeled somewhat after the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Plant Trees. We published in this department of the DEMOCRAT last spring, the full text of an act passed by our last legislature for the encouragement of tree planting throughout the State.

Professor Bousingault, in a pamphlet entitled "The Manure Pit," writes: "Farmers, even the most intelligent, pre-occupy themselves much more with the production than with the preservation of manure."

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other words, it is to obtain more manure from the same quantity of fodder.

This applies to the saving of all liquid manure, and farmers will soon find out all its good qualities if they save it, and use it carefully on their meadows.

Practical Farming Not Scientific Farming.

A correspondent of the Rural New Yorker is persuaded that the time has come when the term "Scientific Farmer," as synonymous with "Book Farmer," and used as a term of reproach, should be done away with, and that it should be given a meaning at least parallel with the term "practical."

It strikes us that there is a good deal of fallacy in the above article, which comes to us from one of our most popular agricultural writers.

The present system of cropping kitchen gardens is the cause of much waste of time and labor. The more plots the greater the extent of useless margins, walks, alleys, and walk edgings, that have to be looked after.

A good farmer is not necessarily a "scientific" farmer, though good farming is necessarily based upon scientific principles. A good farmer has the intelligence to apply the teachings of science; to understand and to accept the conclusions which scientific investigations have revealed.

We assert that the agricultural scientist would starve if he were dependent upon the products of his own farm for support. Can "S" tell us how much it cost to prove that artificial fertilizers could be profitably used in agriculture?

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scientific agriculture and scientific farmers. It is useless to reply that scientific farming merely means good farming. It means something else, or it means nothing.

The Plow in the Garden.

CONDENSED FROM A CORRESPONDENT OF A LEADING ENGLISH JOURNAL.

Probably the day is not far distant when all large vegetable gardens in this country will be cultivated by the plow to a great extent, and spade labor, except for few special subjects, will become a thing of the past.

First of all, it would be necessary to get rid of the idea that the kitchen garden must be an ornamental as well as a vegetable ground. The proprietor must come to regard it in the same light as one of his wheat or turnip fields, and nothing more.

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