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We are under obligations to the Country Gentleman for recent courtesies.

The "Annual Fair Edition of the Rural New Yorker," is a superb number, and well worth an inspection. It will be sent free to any of our subscribers who will send their address or a postal card to Rural New Yorker, No. 34 Park Row, New York.

The Rural New Yorker has raised the Clawson wheat on its experimental farm every season since it was first introduced, and has now concluded to "abandon its cultivation in favor of several other kinds." The Rural admits that the Clawson wheat always makes fine promises and a good appearance in the field, but says that the half bushel and the scales declare these appearances to be deceptive.

BOYS AND GIRLS, this paragraph is for you: Hunt up the Premium List for the fair, which we sent in the DEMOCRAT two weeks ago, and read carefully the lists of articles in the Fifth Department for which the Society offers you premiums. You will find in it something that you have, or something that you can make which will help make the exhibition as good as you would like to see it. Of course, the premiums offered are not very large, and if you should win one, it will not make you rich. The Society itself is not rich, and cannot afford to pay as large premiums as it would like to, but it expects to pay promptly all that are fairly won, and it is the winning of the premiums that will do you more good, and make you feel more proud than the premium itself. Do not fail to take something and get your neighbor to do the same.

Don't fail to bear in mind our county fair, commencing Wednesday, the 6th of next month. By the supplements which we sent out with our regular issue on the 9th inst., it will be seen that the officers of the Society are active in their efforts to make a good exhibition, and they should be seconded in this by every enterprising farmer in the county. The agricultural exhibition made by a community of farmers may be fairly considered a gauge by which the standard of farming which obtains in the community shall be judged. We know that we have as good farmers and as good farming in Centre county as any where in the country, and we should be glad to see our farmers bestir themselves and make an exhibition which shall be worthy of them. Be systematic in your efforts. Take up the Premium List, go over the long list of classes carefully, and mark with a pencil such as you think you may have something worthy to show in, and then go to work and get it ready in time. Don't fail to make your arrangements to attend at least one day, and take all the boys and girls on the farm with you. They will enjoy the rest and recreation, and they have earned it. Let us have a good show, a good attendance and a good time generally.

A FARMER tells us, says an exchange, that he has tested the value of his corn put into hogs with the following result: He commenced with a lot of hogs weighing 175 pounds each, on the 20th of September. He fed them two weeks and, when weighed, he found at the price of pork then ruling, \$3.50 per hundred, his corn so fed had brought him sixty cents per bushel. The two weeks were mild weather. He again weighed and fed them two of the coldest weeks in November, and found that the corn fed at the same price for pork, had brought him only fifty cents per bushel. He says this teaches him that hogs ought to be fattened early, and in the warm weather to get the greatest value for the corn fed.

To preserve potatoes they should be dried as soon as possible, and placed immediately in a position from which the sunlight is excluded.

To the Fair.

ANNIE L. JACK.

From the Rural New Yorker—Fair Edition. Why, where are you going to now, With William and Robert and Jim, With wife and baby all dressed in their best And old Dubbin in holiday trim? You never need ask, neighbor Fled, You surely must be well away, That this is the farmer's gala day, We are off to the county fair.

To the Fair! Well, some folks can play While others are forced to work; I have some late oats to harvest yet And cannot afford to shirk. True, your life is hard, neighbor Fled, Since the boys have all gone away; Had Tom stayed at home when the oats were sown, They'd have been in the barn to-day.

'Tis a pity for boys and girls When the city's alluring din, Can charm them away from the dear old home For the gold they are hoping to win. There's health, peace and wealth, on the farm, And with ours no life can compare; But young folks and old need holiday whiles So you see we are off—to the fair.

Glover Seed—Its Treatment.
Correspondence of Michigan Farmer.

In a late issue of the Farmer, a correspondent undertook to tell the best mode of saving clover seed. I have had considerable experience both in thrashing and raising seed, and I do not like his way. He says mow with a machine and rake with a horse rake. This will always get more or less sand in the clover, especially if raked when the dew is on. This will make the men that hull the seed curse the man that raised it, and the dealer will dock him on the price, and he (the dealer) will get an improved mill and take the sand out and keep it on exhibition, showing it to people and telling how dishonest the farmer is. Or if the dealer fails to take the sand out, the farmer will buy it to sow, and find the sand, and he will curse the dealer for mixing sand with the seed.

A dealer in our town once showed me a quantity of sand that he had taken out of seed which he had bought, and said he had two hundred pounds of it, which I had no reason to dispute. My way of late years is to cut my seed with a reaper, then wait for some rain to fall on it, after which house or stack and wait for it to temper in the mow so as to be in good condition for thrashing. In cutting care should be taken that the table of the machine does not get too full; if raked at the proper time it will come off the table in good style and stand upright, and when the rain comes it will run down through and dry much sooner and without stirring. It should not be shook up or turned over at all. If it should for any cause be left out until the grass should begin to grow up in the bottom it will be necessary to move it in order that the bottom may stay out—which should be done with a wooden, or what we call a barley rake; our common steel forks are not fit to handle seed with. It should not be shaken or turned over, but run the big fork under the gavel and raise gently out of the grass and set the gavel in a new place, and if well and carefully done there will be nothing lost or scattered. Many thresh their seed in the field and haul as they thresh, but in good weather the seed will become very dry in the middle of the day, and will grind, especially the large variety, when if properly tempered in the stack or mow it will not be so apt to. If we consult the good of our land or our own interest we leave as much of the straw on the ground as uncut as possible. I am not afraid of leaving a few heads on the ground uncut, if by cutting them it would be necessary to take off too much straw. The long stubble forms a mulch on the ground, protects the clover roots from the severe frosts that we sometimes have, and the more need there is of this if we happen to have an open winter. If we are not too greedy and take the seed all off the ground, in a little while our land will become foul with clover, or in other words the ground will get full of seed, as we frequently see land foul with weed seeds, and when we stop cultivating clover will grow in the place of weeds.

Try It. How to Increase the Yield of Corn.

From the Rural New Yorker.

As a rule among our farmer acquaintances, fair, plump, large ears of corn are selected for seed without any regard to the number growing on a stalk. From our own experiments we deem this a mistake. It is better to save the largest, fairest ears than those which are imperfect or collected indiscriminately. But such selection is just as liable to encourage a lesser as a greater yield in the future crops. Corn is very susceptible to change from selection, as we may know from the scores of distinctly marked varieties known. If we would increase our yield, we must select seed from the most prolific plants. This, which is true of all plants, is especially so of the corn plant. If, further, an isolated spot, as far removed as possible from other corn, were planted yearly for seed and the tassels as soon as they appear were destroyed on both those which were sterile and the least prolific, we doubt not the farmer would, in a very few years, be amply compensated for his pains. In this case, seed would be saved which had on both sides the most prolific parentage. We attribute our immense yield of Blount's Corn at the Rural's Farm, in a great measure, to our very careful selection of the seed. There can

be little doubt that such selection will in a few years increase the yield of any variety of corn. On the other hand, if only the largest, hand-somest ears are selected, regardless of the number of ears borne on a given stalk, simply what may be considered the normal yield of the variety will be continued from year to year.

The Pig Question.
From the New York Tribune.

Shall the pig of the future be a spherical package of "animate lard," without any meat to speak of, or preferably a "razor-back" type, with bristles and vertebrae, a modicum of tough muscle, with scarcely enough of the oleaginous to grease the griddle? It may not be wise to run to porcine extremes. In medio tutissimus ibis. On one hand we may not avoid extremes by breeding off the extremities; on the other, the cultivation of legs may prove a legacy of evil. The nose must long remain a foremost feature, but it should not remain too long. "Root, hog, or die," may be a barbarous maxim, yet all corn and no roots tends not to health and assuredly not to longevity. The dissimilarity of the two types is marked: the one has more of spirit, the other of grace; one the embodiment of restlessness, the other of inertia; the agile type has more of energy and health, the sedentary hog has possibly more of scrofula. If the latter is not fit to eat, the former is fit for nothing else. The "pig of the period" should not resemble an exclamation point.

It is possible, on the other hand, that "improvement" may be carried too far, sacrificing health to rotundity and accumulation, edible leanness to lard. The production of meat, the most in the shortest time, is a law of economic production that must preclude all use of the razor-back variety, and tend toward symmetry and centralization. At the same time, pampering and overfeeding and breeding to excessive fat, contravene in equal degree the same economic law, by causing disease, often wholesale destruction. The extension of "cholera" is coeval with this improvement and overfeeding with corn to the exclusion of grass and the wholesome variety demanded by this omnivorous animal. Let the breeder have still some regard for compactness and symmetry, but give the animal wide range, good pasture, quick and constant growth, variety of feed in fattening, and early preparation for the knife; and the result will prove alike satisfactory to pocket and palate.

The fitful breeze sweeps down the winding lane, With gold and crimson leaves before it flying; Its gusty laughter has no sound of pain, But in the hills it sinks to gentle sighing: "Farewell, sweet Summer, 'Tis farewell, sweet Summer, 'Tis farewell, sweet Summer, Sweet farewell!"

A Practical Illustration.

During a recent visit to the farm of Major Williams, of Baraboo, Wis., where, by the way, we saw some of the best Short-horns it has been our privilege to look at in many a day, we heard of a transaction which very plainly shows the actual value of a cross of Short-horn blood to the common farmer. Last winter, an experienced feeder, knowing that Major Williams had been breeding Short-horns, near Baraboo, for several years, came to that neighborhood in the expectation of being able to pick up a lot of grade steers, for feeding purposes. He found, however, to his surprise, that but few of the farmers of that region had availed themselves of the opportunity of using Mr. Williams' Short-horn bulls, and consequently he found but little other than "scrub" stock. He picked up as many of the best of these eight to ten-month-old scrubs as he wanted at from seven to eight dollars apiece; but he finally found one man who had driven his cows to Major Williams' bull, and had, as the result, eight half-blood steers, of the same age as the scrubs above mentioned, which he was glad to purchase at \$15 a head; remarking, at the same time, that he should make more money on the grades, at \$15, than on the scrubs at \$7 and \$8. This incident was not without its effect in that neighborhood and now many of the farmers in that vicinity are following the example of their more intelligent neighbor in patronizing Major Williams' bulls. But, what is still better, six thoroughbred Short-horn bulls were bought for use this spring in that neighborhood, as the result of this practical illustration of the value of the Short-horn cross. Major Williams has been doing missionary work among the farmers of his part of the State for years, and has at last demonstrated the value of improved stock so plainly that even the dullest of his neighbors begin to appreciate it; and he is now in a fair way to receive some benefit from his effort.

LIFE, says Mr. Warner, presents but one absorbing problem to the street cow, and that is, how to get into your garden. She catches a glimpse of it over the wall or through the pickets, and her imagination or epigastrum is inflamed. When the spot is surrounded by a high board fence, he thinks he has seen her peeping at the cabbages through a knot hole.