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Too much hay and too little grain working horses.

on his annual tramp. Habitual readrs of the DEMOCRAT are well aware thers we can only reiterate our advice to let them severely alone. If, county has just such an one), it is far the soil. ed, to get your trees there.

A PROPOS to what was lately said in these columns about the good economy of testing during the winter seeds for spring planting, the Iowa Register calls attention to the declaration of a correspondent that scarcely one ear in fifty of the corn housed in bulk last fall will grow; whereas germinating. The injury was caused by severe frost occuring before the stored corn had become sufficiently dry, and is manifested by a very or germ. Farmers should make a test by taking a few grains from different ears, laying them on some damp sand, covered with damp felt or a blanket, and placing them in a

than the earliest, although the trial included several of the "extra" eardwarf habit-the vines rarely reach nure. more than fifteen to eighteen inches in height-making brushing entirely unnecessary, and its surpassing good quality, have made it the favorite in men's catalogue, we have settled down applied. on the Little Green and Champion of England as our standbys, with Kentish Inviata as a trial variety. We are convinced from long experience stand at the head of the list, and

combination of these substances is which corn meal and bran mixed can most effective; in addition to this be kept at all times. The trough the attempt was made to compare should be made of t = 0 six-inch the effectiveness of different forms of boards, raised a faw inches from the combination in which these substances ground, and have a pole placed about may be procured in the market, and six or eight inches above the entire also the effect of sulphates, especially sulphate of lime or plaster. In the ing will not be able to get in the first three years the results of the trough, so as to soil the feed. The experiments were entirely satisfac- openings to the feed trough must be tory, as all the plots except those so arranged that the ewes cannot get treated with stable manure gave in to cat the food provided for the smaller yields than the unmanured lambs. Old thin ewes will need extra plots. While an apparently satisfactory explanation could in some them give sufficient milk. Single cases, and especially in the first year, lambs will not need as much care as

the time of planting and during the the year; if neither be at hand, wheat THE itinerant "tree agent" is again earlier stages of growth of the crop, bran is next best, as it adds to the in other cases the result is inexplicable, and can serve the only useful ers of the DEMOCRAT are well aware of our opinion of those gentry. To mentation. After the several plots had received their respective charge of manure for three years the soil however, you feel disposed to listen appeared to begin to acquire distincto one whom you believe really rep- tive characters in the several experiresents a nursery which you know to menta. The statement of these rebe reliable, you will be sure to be on the safe side if you send a copy the report is therefore confined to of your selection to the nursery it- the last two years; in the second of self, and get an answer that it is all these years, or the fifth of the whole right. If, however, there is a reliable series, all manuring was discontinued in order to ascertain the effect of the nurseryman near by, (and Centre residues of previous manuring left in

attention to one or two points which appear to be proven as definitely as ble by the liberal use of straw. An anything can be by a single series of excellent plan is to build the straw experiments :

in bulk last fall will grow; whereas for the two seasons past nearly every ear would supply seed capable of germinating. The injury was caused ed in any one year was from the plot tered than the larger herds of wealthy treated with stable manure at the farmers. For stock as well as for rate of 14 tons per acre, and plaster slight change in the color of the chit applied to the young corn after it or happiness. was up, at the rate of 360 pounds per acre

uring was discontinued in order to and the cold weather makes the hay ascertain the effect of the residues of go off rapidly. With some grain, a blanket, and placing them in a room that is constantly comfortably warm. EXPERIMENTS for determining the relative earliness of different varie-ties of peas, early maturity in which is an essential feature, have been is an essential feature, have been virtue in the so-called "commercial amount of straw can be used as feed, conducted by Prof. Lazenby, of Cor- fertilizers," and while they may have and hay will take its place with roots nell University, and show McLean's Little Green to be but two days later than the earliest, although the trial place of, nor produce so good results, heap. Straw which has passed through continuously, as well made, carefully an animal is in much better condition lies. This, in addition to its extreme saved and wisely applied stable ma- for plant food than that which has

after it was up produced much better edly more loss of fertilizing material, results than the same amount placed and in either case the manure pile must ferment to some extent before our own garden for several years. In in the hill with the seed; and that it the fertility it contains can be made BUSINESS CARDS, fact, after trying at least nine-tenths does not, in any case, continue its available. But the larger proportion of all the sorts included in the seeds- effect beyond the year in which it is of animal excrement that manure

### Care of Lambs.

Breeding ewes, as the time ap. From the Country Gentle

or potash will produce the best effect lambs are two or three weeks old when used alone on corn, or what small troughs should be provided, in be given for this failure to respond twins. A small feed of turnips, small s a common mistake in feeding to the fertilizers, by referring it to potatoes or cabbage, will be found of exceedingly unfavorable weather at great benefit to ewes at this season of flavor of milk.

As soon as the lambs are three or four days old the tails should all be cut off very short with a sharp knifeeven if they are only intended for the butcher, short tails look so much better that even a butcher will pay more for them.

#### Uses of Straw.

Since the cold weather came I have been busy stopping up crevices in sheds and stables for horses and cattle. One of the best means for doing this is by the use of straw. I have nearly closed the front of a basement under a barn by a double partition of old boards, and filled the space be better and safer, all things consider- We have not the space to give the makes really a warmer room than tween with fine straw and chaff. This very interesting tabulated statement with a stone wall on the front of the of these experiments, but wish to call basement. Where barns are entirely above ground, sheds for cattle and xperiments: During the first three years of the refersall of the plate treated mith series all of the plots treated with cheaply made by being built with one "commercial fertilizers" (superphos- side against a barn. By using plenty

The scarcity of hay will also necessitate a larger use of straw as fod-In the last or fifth year, "all man to begin feeding earlier than usual, only been used as bedding. It is true that the straw gains nothing ex-Another point worth noting is that plaster applied to the young corn condition for use. There is undoubtcontains, the more rapid and perfect will be its fermentation.

#### Fruit Without Pains.

are convinced from long experience that pea lovers in this latitude will find the three sorts we have named to must have great care. Never allow sess and enjoy. Blessings do not them to run in the same enclosure come by chance. But there is one with other stock, esp ially hogs or exception-in the case of fruit-so colts, as the former will invariably far as many persons believe. When destroy the lambs, and the latter, by they plant an orchard, they select running and kicking, cause lambs to the trees without knowledge-not We find on our table the First be born prematurely or destroyed by supposing it necessary. After the Annual report of the Cornell Uni. the rough play of the colts. It is trees are planted they give them no always best to provide a small dark attention-not supposing it necessastable, large enough for one or two ry. In everything else, and in all sheep and their lambs. As soon as other crops they attempt to raise, Prof. G. C. Caldwell, who is the very you find a sheep in labor, if not too they inform themselves thoroughly far advanced, she ought to be put in and labor diligently. But in fruit a box or stall alone. Frequently a matters they are constantly liable to new-born lamb will get under a sack, imposition from irresponsible hawkinformation of great practical impor- or in some out-of-the-way corner, so ers, who offer trees at enormous tance to farmers. That which strikes that its dam cannot look after it till prices, such as strawberries growing us as being of greatest value, and too much chilled to be saved without on trees, crosses between the rasp taking it to the fire. If when found berry and the grape, plums never the lamb seems too much chilled to stung by the curculio, pears which nurse from the dam alone, she should are never attacked by disease, &c., be gently caught by an assistant, and held flat on one side while you milk a few drops of milk in its mouth, (to something wonderful. If these plantbe held open by inserting a finger of ers would only confine themselves to rof. Caldwell says: the left hand). A very small quan-the very limited line of knowledge tity will most likely have the desired which they happen to possess, and which they happen to possess, and gun with the expectation of continu- effect, that is to make it desire more plant only the Baldwin and Greening ing it through a number of years, or and try to suck with abstance among pears, and the Concord and at least till conclusive answers should Remember, always, that to follow among pears, and the Concord and nature is the best plan, if the lamb is Delaware among grapes, they would get a vastly better selection at mod-

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