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AGRICULTURAL. NEWS, FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

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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. Let communications be timely, and be sure that they are brief and well pointed.

THE hens are laying all right now. This generous, "open" fall weather keeps them in full supply of first-rate egg-building material. But winter is sure to come, sooner or later, and cut off this supply. What then? We'll tell you in a week or two our plan-and it proves to be successful.

THE best grain ration we know of, for milking cows during the winter, of the somewhat stringent legislative is bran and corn meal, in the proportion of two parts bran and one part corn meal. If the weather be very tion, we regret to observe, in our ocsevere it is well enough to make it one-half corn meal. If corn be very high priced and difficult to obtain, cotton seed meal may be substituted for one-half of it. The best way to every hand, and written up, or down, feed it is to cut up a portion of the in every agricultural periodical we hay to be fed and mix the bran and pick up. The method of persistent meal with it, wetting them up with and frequent cutting, close to the boiling water, and letting them stand, ground, seems to be the one now most covered tight, twelve hours before approved and practiced. We are feeding. More of this hereafter.

Do not forget to give the fattening hogs frequent liberal feeds of charhandful of wood ashes and sulphur mixed will be found very beneficial. slaughter. A constant full supply of this side food is just as liable to produce a disordered state of the stomach in them as the same course of eating would in human beings, and they need, for correctives, the articles mentioned above, just as their owners and feeders need "after-dinner" or "anti-bilious" pills.

THE Ohio State Board of Agriculture have announced a series of 'Farmer's Institutes" to be held during the coming winter in some twenty-four or more counties of the State, in conjunction with local societies, granges, or other agricultural organizations that may be willing to work with them. These institutes will be held "wherever the local organizations (or individuals) will thoroughly work the field, bear local expenses, thoroughly advertise, insure an audience of 500 or more, furnish good music to enliven the exercises, and organize and bring out local talent to present brief practical papers and essays, and join in the discussions." This promises a grand opportunity for the young farmers of now could beat the world. If the Ohio, and we presume they will not be slow to avail themselves of it. Our own excellent State Board does much work of a similar character, but has not, as yet, announced so elaborate a plan.

Yorker asks its opinion of the five-field system of rotation of crops, and what rotation would be advisable field system of rotation of crops, and what rotation would be advisable where wheat and corn are the principal crops-soil mostly heavy loam, them there still in greater numbers with a yellow clay subsoil; level—than before. They even beat the Clover and Timothy grow kindly, fabled snake, which, so long as he Clover and Timothy grow kindly, had his tail left could grow a new but oates are not a certain crop. To head as often as it was cut off. The this the Raral gives the following answer in which is embodied much throw up a half dozen new shoots. The especially everything of a soluble nature, and some that is not, will find its way through the meshes of

agricultural wisdom : This is a very important question, as it opens up the whole subject of the management of a farm carried on under the mixed system. wheat and corn are produced and some cows are kept, as well as a few head of beeves fattened eact year, and a small flock of sheep is kept, the five-course or five-field system is the best that can be pursued. There are two fields in grass—one for hay and one for pasture; or both for hay ST. XAVIER'S ACADEMY,

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eggs and poultry for sale; and corn, corn fodder, hay straw, roots, and some oats for feeding. There is no other system of farming which is so desirable or profitable as this when the character of the soil suits it precisely. A heavy loam soil, kept wellmanured by feeding as much stock as possible and buying bran or cottonseed meal to belp in feeding the straw, corn fodder and roots to cattle or sheep purchased in the Fall for this purpose, is very suitable and may be kept by good management as rich as a garden. The manure is all given to the wheat, being plowed in on the oat stubble and the potato ground; this insures good wheat and fine grass; this good sod makes certain a fine corn crop and a good oat crop following. We think there is no better system for such farms as are suitable to it.

#### Canada Thistles. Notwithstanding the dread with

which every farmer regards the approach of this most annoying and persistent weed pest, and in the face enactments which embelish our statute books providing for its destruccasional ramblings about the county, that it "increaseth and multiplieth." How to get rid of them, is the question; and we hear it discussed on now trying it upon a small patch of the nuisance which has in some unaccountable way, made its appearance upon our farm, and with good coal. If this is not convenient a promise of ultimate success, if persevered in. In such matters as this, as in very many others relating to As a rule pigs are confined to a corn farm work, facts and the carefully diet when being pushed rapidly for noted experiences of intelligent practical farmers are worth infinitely more than the best of theories; and we therefore take great pleasure in transferring to our columns the following from a very intelligent correspondent of the Connecticut Farmer : Within a few years in answer to

an inquiry, I think in the Country Gentlemen, "how to get rid of Canada thistles" a great many letters were written in reply, the gist of which was, if I recollect, "smother them." I had thistles. I was interested; so I remembered I had made a stack of hay right on a bed of thistles. That stack was not removed till the winter of the next year. It was made right on the ground by putting poor, dam aged hay on the ground for a bottom to the better hay in making the stack. So right in the middle of the winter when we carted away the stack every thing under the stack was brown, dry and dead except the thistles. They had not smothered. There they were sticking right up under the bottom of the stack from four to six inches. blanched like cellery, but full of life and ambition still. If you could have seen them the next spring when the grand army of thistles stepped out and up on the stage you would have seen evidence enough to convince any upprejudiced mind that that bed of thistles had had a year's rest and roots are not cords that go quite through the earth and fringe out at each end they certainly clinch their toe nails well down. Some changes having been made I

found this spring it was necessary to set a bed of strawberries in a field where the thistles were in full force The Five-Course System of Crop Rotation.

on one side. I hesitated. I remem bered my past experience. I had thistles in one bed now, where, inthe first hoeing we took pains to cut off all thistles. The next hoeing found The second hoeing I advised my men to look sharp for the thistles. In about a week after the second hoeing when they were crowding up through the soil again, I sent a man with a hoe with orders to be very with a hoe with orders to be very sure to cut eyery thistle that was out, and every one that he could discover just breaking through. In about a fortnight I had the same thing done. That was all the extra labor I put on Two cows well shelterd in winter tles. It was the going over the piece the second time with the hoe at the time they were making their last desperate effort to get to light and air that killed the thistles.

Two cows well shelterd in winter will produce more milk and buter than three unsheltered animals though no more than half the feed required for the three should be given to the two.

Carting Sand on Gardens. Twenty-four years ago we had three or four inches of sand carted on part of a garden, the soil of which was too clayey for the successful or convenient raising of garden vegetables. When this sand was well worked in, the whole became an excellent sandy loam, just the soil for agreeable working. The labor of drawing on the sand was considerable, but it was done in the winter, when there was little else for the man and team to do, and the fine condition of the soil remains as good as at first, and probably will for a century to come, as the sand does not evaporate, wash away, or become consumed in the growth of plants, as with manure.

Proper Use of Commercial Fertilizers.

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The intelligent use of good commercial fertilizers in addition to all the home made supply is no doubt wise, Their extensive use by the ordinary farmer to the exclusion or neglect of the home supply will in time bring financial ruin. The man who is too indolent to save and use the manure from his farm animals, is too lazy to be a really successful Ohio farmer.

THE barnyard is of more importance in farm economy than the houseyard, because out of it are the issues of crops. A proper barnyard for the advanced and progressive farmer, is one that is dished—sloping from all sides towards the centre-with the bottom cemented, or in some other way made water tight. The animals are fed under cover, and the yard is for the keeping of the solid and liquid manure that comes from the stock. The litter should be so abundant that the liquid is absorbed by it. To prevent the washing of the manure by rains, a cover for the yard, or that portion devoted to the preservation of manure, should be provided. Such a cover costs only a few dollars, and will pay for itself the first year in a larger quantity and better quality of manure. Look out for the manure, and see that none of this valuable material goes to waste.

GREAT care needs to be exercised while manipulating leaf tobacco, not to allow the leaves to become dry. The piles, or "ranks," should be kept carefully covered, and the stripping should be done, so far as practicable, in warm, damp weather. The assorting also should be done in a warm, damp atmosphere, made thus either naturally or artificially. The latter requires that the work be done in a tight room in which the air is impregnated with moisture from the evaporation of water. A kettle placed upon a stove in which there is a steady fire day and night, kept filled with water, will accomplish the desired result in a close, tight room.

CLEANLINESS is an indispensible requisite, as sweet cider is most sensitive to anything with which it comes in contact, and will take an unpleasant and ruinous flavor from musty or filthy barrels, or from apples that have been allowed to heat and mold by lying in bins or large piles, or by lying too long under the trees with grass growing over them, or by being picked dirty with leaves or other lit-ter, or by being scooped from a dirty wagon box, or if the straw used in laying up the cheese be musty or have any weeds in it, the cider will partake of the bad flavor. A halfdozen stalks of ragweed will flavor the cider from one hundred bushels of apples.

ABOUT one-third of the cows in the United States do not produce milk enough to pay for their keeping. This one-third pulls down largely the profit from the other two-thirds. Let us weed out the poor milkers and make them all pay their way. More Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey and Guern-A correspondent of the Rural New stead of reducing them they had in- stock is what is needed.—Farm Joursey blood in the veins of native nal.

WHOEVER places much dependence on the strainer for securing clean milk will never make gilt-edge butter. Allowing dirt to get into the milk and then depending on the strainer to get it out is a poor apology for cleanliness. More or less of the dirt, the strainer.

I should carry my idea of putting all farm tools under shelter so far as to include wagons of the cheapest and most durable kind, wheelbarrows, and even stone boats. It costs much less in the long run to have sheds for all these. Decay is slow, and goes on without any noise, but it does go on nevertheless.

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