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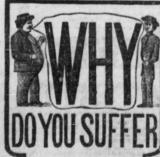
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Every farmer in his annual e discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the Democrat, Bellefonte, Penn'u," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that they are brief and well pointed.

Bots, Their Nature and Habits.

A vast amount of misinformation exists among farmers everywhere, as to the real nature and habits of the "bots fly" which everyone knows is a serious annoyance to the farmer's best friend, the horse. The following short paper on the subject is from the pen of Dr. Wm. Horne, and may be accepted as authority :

There is no animal belonging to the domesticated which suffers so much as the poor horse. There is not an animal so sensitive to suffer-ing as he is. Difficult and dangerous as it is to tamper with him, he is the subject of every form of quackery and cruelty. The noble horse, our best friend, is being constantly made the subject of much suffering by the hordes of adventurers who travel found located in almost every town, city and village in the Union. These men claim to know everything about a horse. They know all about every disease to which he is liable, and give him the credit for diseases quite un-known to the most skilled veterinarian. Perhaps no other disease, socalled, has so many symptoms and is not always the success expected. cures as bots. Almost every symp-tom and form of disease is ascribed to bots. All forms of colic, etc., etc., are the result of the ravages of this formidable foe. Every form of medicine, etc., is recommended, according to the fancy of the man who may from some cause or other settle upon it, in his astate mind, no matter how much damage he may do, and sod, each of which has a full and without the possibility of doing any good.

they cause any disease, so far as my experience teaches me. I know there are some good, intelligent au-Is a Positive Cure

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It will cure entirely the worst form of Female Complaints, all ovarian troubles, infammation and Ulerration, Falling and Bisplacements, and the consequent Spinal Weakness, and is particularly adapted to the Change of Life. thorities, who think quite differently. cause many forms of gripes, or colic, in the horse. Perhaps they do. Admitting that bots do cause some forms of disease, what are we going to do about it? How can we prevent such disorganization and dis-quietude? I answer, we are power-

less to prevent it. I have given much time and study to this bot question, and sm obliged

to confess I have never yet seen any serious results from them. That they produce irritation when seeking a new life, when passing along the bowels, I am quite satisfied. That they sometimes hook on to the membrane of the rectum, I know, and cause much uneasiness to the horse. This is the time and only time when close attention is necessary, for now by distending the anus, the parasite may be drawn away mechanically-in no other way-and the itching prevented. I believe the Royal College of Surgeons of London claim to have a section of stomseh perforated by bots. They may is nature and instincts. varieties quite critically, and with a magnifier, and failed to discover any means of eating, tunnelling or burfor such a purpose. He possesses a powerful hook with which he tenaci-ously holds on to the walls of the stomach until, in accordance with the laws of his nature, when perfected, when ready for transformation, he voluntarily lets go his hold and soon he must find new quarters, or he will perish.' Soon, if the weather is sunny, he becomes a new creature, and occupies a new sphere in the order of the ground, as stated by many au-thorities, until he is transformed. He sluggishly creeps up to the end of straws, etc., and there waits until his old, hairy, invulnerable jacket bursts asunder. Then he does bur-If fine and warm, he is soon on the wing. Even now he uses the wings more to accelerate his movements in walking, than for flying. The little fellow now is a gray-ish white, and quite changed from his

The Centre Temocrat. little care and attention on the part profit is of less consequence they borhood.

pagation is to scrape off the eggs manure and in the long run, they with a roughed—not sharp—knife.

These are our only chances. Once hooked on to the membrane of the keeping the land in good condition stomach, they are invulnerable, they on all soils, except of a peaty charare masters of the situation. In acter, and particularly clay and sand. next paper I will give the results of Where there is an excess or an experiments, etc.

WM. HORNE, M. D. V. S.

Commercial and Home-Made Manures.
From Correspondent of Country Gentleman.

Mr. F. K. Moreland, page 829, says "the farmers of this country are far too economical in the use of fer-tilizers." This is true of manures adapted to the soil, while with others, notably "commercial fertilizers," serious loss has hitherto been sustained, particularly with guano and the superphosphates. The exception is gypsum, which has realized great profit—not always, only with the profit—not always, only with the leguminous plants, which includes erately early, and the evening feed the clovers. The grasses and the should be given not at 4 or 5 o'clock. grains have been much less benefited, though on the whole, no doubt, yielding more than the cost. The true secret is, to know what the land requires; and this is one of the most difficult things to determine, in view tite is liable to become ravenous, the of the great variety of soils, and especially in the absence of experience with the land, in which case much guesswork must be done, and loss about the country, and who are to be [suffered, before the needs of the land] are understood. There are special manures and

general manures. Greater difficulty attends the successful application of the former than the latter, as it requires a knowledge of the particular element lacking; a knowledge not easily obtained, and even then there A general manure (having all the necessary elements of fertility) would have served the purpose as well, and even better, unless the other elements were in abundance. Most of our the success with barnyard manure put in shape for assimilation. complement of the elements of fertil-What is not used is not lost, or Bots are not a disease, neither do only to a slight extent, except in soil of a leachy character, and particularly is it favorable for corn. Wheat requires more compactness of including wheat, which requires it in a less degree. None of the usual concentrated manures of commerce can be made a substitute here, as the mechanical part is the principal need. This is met, and the fertilizing de-mand also, by vegetable or barnyard manure. The more finely it is tributed through the soil, the better. Little fear need be entertained as to the loss of fertilizing material by the washing of the rains or the escape of ammonia, as it is held by the fine distribution of the hugaus, if not in

excess. It also favors moisture and the access of air. tages, vegetable manure has this further to favor it, that it may be applied with benefit to all kinds of soil not of a peaty character, and, unlike special manures, requires no a bot would be suicidal. He would not be, and it is not desirable-what work of the kind ever published. Judg In the next food, and the more so the more dare say it will be just as handsome as place, I have examined all the three thoroughly and finely the soil is he says. worked, which 'brings its properties into new relations, in all of which the carbonaceons material covers a rowing. The bot even lacks the ad- wide range of effects. We may vantages of the ordinary caterpillar therefore rely upon this manure, as

experience has so long demonstrated. On the other hand, commercial manures have no such record; on the contrary, much loss has been sus tained, the entire investment sometimes sunk, and where benefit resulted, it was usually a matter of degree, seldom if ever reaching the full cost of the manure, to say nothing of profit. Even now, with the improvements recently made, there is little creation. He does not burrow in increased value over the cost reported. It is not enough to know that manure increases the crop; the que:tion is, whether it covers the cost and leaves a profit. Has this been ascertained, and in what soil or soils? This must be done, and in every varow for a season. The time so spent ricty of soil, and the test repeated in is materially governed by the heat of the weather. If fine and warm, he being made upon the result in an extended course of years, as has been done to some extent, but certainly with no such satisfactory results as is obtained by home-made manure.

As soon as tarmers can be made hideous, embryotic appearance, with to depend upon their home product immense, disproportionate eyes. Now of manure—to make and save all is the time to prevent their increase they can—they will find little need by destroying the new-fledged fly.
Great numbers may be found from the middle of a warm March to the end of May, on the manure pile—which is a favorite place—and also in the grab form, in the stable, among the drippings. With a very secured and readily applied. Where

of those who clean out the stables, are sometimes desirable, as on lawn etc., thousands upon thousands of or dooryard, if the soil be suitable, gad flies may be kept from a neigh- and they may be of advantage in orhood. other ways, mostly as helps to meet
The next best plan to prevent proabundance of vegetable material, as ou reclaimed swampy land, mineral manures have probably their best use, improving the texture of the soil, as well as serving for enrichment. Being foreign to the soil, they serve mainly as correctors. The home-made article has already been tested by its having been grown upon the soil, thus showing its adaptability.

Feeding Swine During Winter.

From National Live-Stock Journ

should be given not at 4 or 5 o'clock, as is the custom with many, but at about 6:30. Fourteen or fifteen hours between the evening and morning feeds are periods altogether too long for comfort and profit, as the appeanimal gorging itself unduly.

It is a great mistake to suppose

that it is only required to rush the food into the hog's stomach, regardless of quantity or intervals between. The stomach is of quite moderate capacity, and when crammed, the process of digestion goes on like a horse laboring at a load he cannot move, the work being done tardily, and only partially completed. In cases of incomplete digestion, a por-tion of the food given is lost, passing off through the bowels and going to the manure pile. The art of feeding therefore, does not merely consist in shoveling out corn, without judgment or limit, but in studying the natural capacity for digestion, and feeding land wants foll manuring rather than to this capacity; or a little inside of special applications, as is evident in it, that all the food given may be

Editor's Table.

Among the catalogues lately received we note that of Joseph Harris, of "Moreton Farm," Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Harris is widely known as one of thorities, who think quite differently. soil. In clay, manure is the great our leading farmers and agricultural Some honored experts think bots requisite for all kinds of products, writers. His "Walks and Talks on the writers. His "Walks and Talks on the Farm," published for years in the American Agriculturist, made him famous, and did more to popularize the journal in which they appeared than any other series of papers it has ever published, Personal acquaintance with Mr. Harris, and several years experience with his seeds, warrant us in saying that no seedsman is more honorable than he, and none sell purer or better seeds. Send for his catalogue which will be sent you free and postpaid.

Ma. J. A. Everitt, Seedsman, of With all these and other advan- Watsontown, Pa., met with a serious loss on the night of January 25th, by having his entire edition of catalogues. together with all the plates, electrotypes, etc., destroyed by fire. The cataprevious testing. It is reliable in all logues were almost completed at the cases, if properly managed, and the soil is in good condition, as must be the case with all manures, and the and will then supply all his old friends seh perforated by bots. They may have a perforated stomach, but I most respectfully claim they have not one perforated by bots. In the land. If not all taken up by the first place, such an act on the part of a bot would be suicidal. He would not be, and it is not desirable—what go tunnelling into unknown regions. remains may be considered as not ing from the lithographed cover that he he would be acting quite contrary to only safe, but developing new plant sent us as a specimen of the work we

A MASH composed of two-thirds wheat bran and one-third corn meal for solids, with hot skim milk for liquid and fed in the morning when about blood heat, makes a good breakfast for poultry, especially for laying hens. Oats and buckwheat for mid-day feed, and corn and oats for supper are excellent for poultry. Clean, fresh water is a very essential article. The above lood is recom-mended for poultry when the ground frozen and covered with snow, but with the open weather we have kad thus far this season but little extra feed or care has been required. The large amount of insect food which poultry has been able to pick up this season has so far rendered the extra feeding of animal food unnecessary.

WHEN corn on the ear is fed to horses they masticate it more slowly than if the corn was shelled. consequence that on the ear is better

Never set a ben in a box above the ground or floor of the chicken-house if possible to do otherwise, as the eggs dry too fast and lose their vitality. Much better success may be expected if the nests are made upon the ground.

POTATORS planted must have their eyes about them if they are to come

