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The Centre Democrat.

BELLEFONTE, PA. AGRICULTURAL.

NEWS, FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Every farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value.

If you propose to make a crop of clover seed, and so will not have any second-crop hay, it will be well to put away, in an easily accessible place, a few loads of early-cut clover, for the winter feeding of the calves, store pigs, and ewes with early lambs.

Then in mowing it old, put layers, a foot thick, of dry, bright wheat straw between the loads. If you have plenty of this on hand next spring, you will not have occasion to worry.

If you have never tried grinding the hoes, try it this year. It is hard on the hoes, but it is much harder on the weeds, and very much easier for the man who does the hoeing.

We prefer filing to grinding, because it is so much more readily done. Put the groove neck of the hoe in a vice, or fasten it in any other convenient way, and use the file on the upper or inside. A sharp, new file will give you a cutting edge in a few moments.

We generally take a small file to the field with us to dress up the edge when it gets battered on a stone. It pays big.

HAYING and harvesting bring into use much of the most expensive and complicated machinery of the farm.

Of course good farmers have all this in the best of order before it is put into use, but many, even of these, subject it to neglect in the hurry and rush of the work which follows.

This is a wasteful error. Let all the machines not only be cleaned and oiled and sharpened before being put at the work, but let them be kept so while at it.

We remember that in the era of scythes and cradles, the old hands would tell us "there is no time lost in whetting," and it is true of a reaper or mower, as of a cradle or scythe. Sharp knives and plenty of good oil (nothing better for warm weather than three parts crude castor oil and one part common coal oil), put on very often, and a very little at a time, will add much to the life of the machines as well as the horses, and causes all the work to go faster and more satisfactorily.

The patent laws, as they have long existed, were intended to protect patentees in their rights and property, and give them the substantial benefits of their inventions.

This is right and proper, and no right thinking person would desire to have it otherwise. But it also afforded sharps and sharpers a splendid opportunity for swindling innocent purchasers, and extorting from them, in many cases, several times the value of the patented articles they had purchased and honestly paid for.

This was manifestly wrong and improper, and we are very glad to see that the Lower House of Congress has passed a bill, which, if it becomes a law, will put a check upon the scoundrels.

The isolated conditions of farmers, and the fact that very many of the tools and implements used by them are patented, rendered them, more than other classes, liable to the impositions of these patent pirates, and the law alluded to will specially serve as a refuge for them.

Under the old law unprincipled manufacturers were practically permitted to steal patents, and flood the markets with the articles made under them, while the patentee could sit quietly by, perhaps, winking at the transaction, and then pounce upon the innocent purchaser of single articles, and compel him to pay the second time.

The new law will compel patentees to look to the manufacturers and vendors of the pirated articles, who are the real transgressors, for redress. It is possible that this may, in some cases, work injustice to honest patentees, but not a tithe as often as the old-law did to innocent purchasers. As laws should be enacted and ex-

Green Manuring.

W. H. White, in Country Gentleman.

In attempting the improvement of our land by green manuring, we need to know at what stage of growth the plants should be plowed down, for there is a stage of growth when they hold the greatest quantity of organic matter beneficial to future vegetation, and also how deep it is to be buried in the soil, with other attendant queries.

The question also sometimes arises how plowing down only that which is grown on the soil enriches it. We increase the capacity of a soil for production, frequently, by merely changing the combination, or locality in the ground, of essential elements.

The plant obtains some of its constituent elements from the air as well as from the soil; a portion also is drawn from the subsoil. These elements form compounds, some of which are found in the sap, while others are found in the leaves and other parts.

Some of these compounds are known to contain nitrogen, which is a promoting agent of decay. The decomposition of one constituent induces other elements to leave their places and form new combinations.

Thus matter goes through the process we term decay, which, in reality, is only change. This decay, or change, takes place much more rapidly with green vegetation than with that which has ripened. If green vegetation is allowed to fall and decay in the open air, very much of it is lost to the soil in which it grew, having passed off in the air; but if the green vegetable matter be covered in the soil, then the absorptive capacity of the soil is such that it holds these elements, changing it to that extent.

The deeper vegetable manure is buried, the slower the process of decay. We thus save to our soil a portion of organic plant food by plowing under green vegetable matter at the right stage of growth.

In experience, and a course of many years' observation, I have found that green manuring plants should be plowed under previous to coming into blossom, in order to obtain the largest benefit to the soil.

I have noticed that some farmers in order to obtain a large quantity to turn down, will wait till a later stage. May not much of the difference of opinion of the value of green manuring arise from this cause?

On valuable land, near ready markets, the loss of a season, or even a single crop, would often pay for manure and hauling it from market; still in such cases there is much green vegetable matter, refuse, which might, instead of going to the compost heap, or be left, as is too often the case, to waste away in the air, be lightly covered in the soil, doing much good.

Even a small growth of some kind of grain, if sown very thick, would be a great benefit; not so much, perhaps, in the amount of fertilizing matter it would add to the soil, as in the change. I know that hereabouts we cannot grow fair potatoes on soil which has been planted to hoed crops a few years, but if we seed it to clover, or grass for a single year, good fair potatoes are produced in quantities.

I suppose that land gets "sick" of the plow and hoe, the same as one does of the sameness of breakfast, dinner and supper; at all events, I have known land well manured (as the times go) fall off in yield, while if some different plant be grown one season, or a few weeks' growth of some grain be turned under, a surprising change is produced. Different soils, in different localities, vary in the time when failure or sickness begins.

How I Took the First Premium on Potatoes.

Cor. of Agricultural Epitomist.

The land was well broken and sowed down to oats early in the spring. Toward the latter part of May the oats were turned under.

About June 20 the potatoes were planted in drills about 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 feet. Previous to planting a subsoil coultter was run several times in the drill, which prepared a loose bed for the potatoes.

The manuring consisted of guano, applied when the oats were sowed, and when the potatoes were planted stable manure and ashes were used in the drills.

When the potatoes began to come up the ground was well mulched with a coating of leaves from the woods. After the potatoes had come up well they were thinned out to one stalk, this was the main cause of success.

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(From the Boston Globe.)



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