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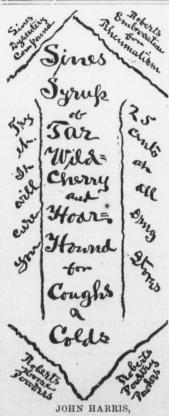
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Every farmer in his annual experience discovery farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the DEMOGRAT, Bellefonte, Penn'a," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let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

THE DEMOCRAT cannot remove from any one the necessity for work. but we are sure that farmers who regularly read it, even at the busiest

It is quite possible to sow fodder eorn even yet, and have it arrive sufficiently near maturity to help out the short pastures which prevail late in the season. Try at least a small patch of it on good rich ground, with a little superphosphate, by way of stimulent, added.

THERE certainly has been little or no occasion for watering plants so far this season, and possibly none will occur. In case it does, however, remember that daily waterings are of no benefit, but are a detriment. A good soaking once in three or four days is very much better.

As to manuring, a New Hampshire farmer, who for sixty years has never had a failure in his corn crop, and who insists that all corn consumed in the State should and can be grown in the State, says that "one load skill and aptitude. With good manspread on the surface is worth three in the furrow."

Don'r let the rush, push and hurry of "haying and harvesting" cause you to forget that patch of Canada Thistles. Cut, CUT, CUT. This is your only salvation. Appoint a certain morning of each week for visiting the thistle patch, and keep the appointment as long as a leaf can be

Sowing of next year's wheat crop fellows so closely upon the harvesting of this that the lessons learned in the barvest field may be applied before they are forgotten. Wheat should produce an average of thirty bushels per acre. Perhaps close obreasons why it does not. Look out for them.

WE believe that ground plowed as harvesting are over, and kept clean and mellow upon the surface by the frequent and thorough use of the harrow and cultivator, will be in bet- larger than he wished to care for, ter condition for seeding wheat than and he regarded some of his selecif left until a later date. The plowing can be more easily and much tetter done than after the drouth which Dutchess pears, seven acres in quinoften appears latter in the season shall have baked the ground and caused it to turn up in close and twelve in peaches, nearly all early and late Crawfords. The trees have only been set seven years, but caused it to turn up in clods, and the farm would now sell for \$300 per the burying of the weeds before acre, yet its owner regards it as they have ripened their seeds is an worth far more to hold. object worth looking after.

Many of those who sow and plant depend upon the seedsmen for their save those of their own growing from The DAILY PATRIOT mublisher the Associated Press
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declars are uniformly treated with dealers are uniformly treated with fresh seed, true to name, and sure to grow with proper treatment. This is A little extra pains-taking in gathering, and care in keeping seeds will grow. We have recently alluded to this matter, but it is just now so timely, and always so important, that our readers will not, we trust, object to our mentioning it again. When saving seed at all, that should be saved which is earliest and best, and our readers will not, we trust, object by pursuing this course from year to year, whether it be of beans or peas, corn or potatoes, we may be able in the first eighteen months of their time to produce something that will be so much better and earlier than that with which we started as to amply repay us for our time and trouble.

A NEW disease among cattle in Indiana county kills nearly every animal afflicted. Making a Farm.

In the early days of agriculture in New England and New York there was a class of farmers whose proto-This practice is not one to be com mended. Farmers working under such faulty methods take all the roughest, hardest work, and suffer most of the privations of pioneer farming, only to go the same round of experience homes in older States. The same reasoning is, however, quite as con-clusive in any locality for purchasing the most highly improved land, which,

Whatever improvement has been farmer will always leave it in better shape. How it shall be improved must depend somewhat on his available capital, as well as on his natural agement, the improvements that add most to the value of a farm need not be very expensive. Granting that the farm will pay its own expenses and provide support for the farmer and his family, he can do much of the work of improvement himself.

An example from real life illus-

trates the manner in which this may be accomplished. A young man just twenty-one years of age purchased a farm, paying \$60 per acre. His first work of improvement was to plant 150 peach trees, occupying about an acre of ground. The third year after planting he sold from this acre 100 bushels of peaches for as many dollars. In the five years succeeding he sold from this same orchard upwards of \$1500 worth of fruit. This encouraged him, and he made a second peach orchard of thirty acres, five acres of quince trees, and four of pears of different varieties. His rule servation and study while in the har-vest field may disclose some of the expenses, and invest his fruit money in new orchards. When he had the farm eighteen years he had an assur-red income of \$2000 to \$5000 a year from fruit alone. Then he had an offer, which he regarded as a good soon as practicable after haying and one, receiving \$210 an acre for his improved farm. The larger part of this advance in value he had earned by improving his farm. His reason for selling was that the farm was tions of fruit trees as unfortunate. He now has a place of less than fifty acres, of which ten acres are in

Many other arguments will be suggested even to the casual reader in favor of making a farm, in a neighborhood adjacent to good local marannual supply of seeds, while others centres, where a daily demand exists fall. Evidently the good sense of tract a profit far beyond that which dealers are uniformly treated with attends the growing of course grains fairness and justice, and secure good and live stock on the Western prairies. Good roads, fine educational privilegs, established neighborood, opportunities for social and friendly not always the ease with those who intercourse, proximity to kindred and in favor of making a farm by improving the paternal acres or those in ing, and care in keeping seeds will close vicinity, instead of sacrificing accomplish wonders in the way of improvement in all that farmers vain attempt of securing double the grow. We have recently alluded to ness in some distant section of the

A VETERINARY professor says that formed if colts are allowed to stand age. Whether in stable or yard during this period let them have earth for standing or walking free from stone or gravel.

THE corn crops in Tennessee are reported as being in excellent condition, but the cotton fields have been weight. Why limit this just methbadly damaged by the cold weather. od to potatoes.

How Lime Serves the Farmer.

From an Irish Agricultural Paper The uses of lime are in part mechanical and part chemical. Upon types still exist in many sections of deep alluvial and clay soil it increases the West, who make a practice of the crop of potatoes and renders taking a piece of new, raw land, breaking it up, erecting a few cheap tatoes in a store heap, when both the buildings, and then selling the farm potatoes and the lime are in a dry for the value of the improvements. state, it preserves them, and when riddled over the cut sets at planting time it wonderfully increases their vitality. Lime eradicates the finger and toe disease in turnips, and helps to give greater firmness to the bulbs. It gives when applied to meadow over again through the remainder of their lives. The money value of an improved farm may often be as much as it costs to improve it; but such a and aquatic plants. Upon arable farm will rarely sell for as much as land it destroys weeds of various it is worth to hold. The fact that a kinds. It rapidly decomposes vegetimes, can do their work more easily and more profitably than those who and more profitably than those who are times, can do their work more easily and more profitably than those who are the busiest man has only one life to live makes it worth his while, as far as possible, for him to spend it as pleasantly as of carbonized elements. It destroys possible. If a man sets out to be a and neutralizes the acids in the soil, farmer it makes all the difference in hence its adaptability to some lands. the world whether he farms it with convenient and pleasant surroundings and amid the comforts of civilization, or rough it on the frontier, beginning ina. It proves fatal to worms and to enjoy the comforts of this world slugs and the larvae of insects, only as he is about to leave it. This though favorable to the growth of is the strong argument for making shell-bearers. Slacked lime added to vegetable matter causes it to give off its nitrogen in the form of ammonia. Upon soils in which ammonia is combined with acids it sets free the amfor home purposes, is always most valuable in proportion to its cost.

monia, which is seized upon by the growing plants. Its solubility in water causes it to sink into and ameliormade upon a given farm, still a good farmer will always find room for tains fragments of granite or trantains fragments of granite or trap more. Usually the improvements rock, lime hastens their decomposition made after the first clearing of land and liberates the soil produces saline pay better than those which, through necessity, everybody is forced to make. No farmer will leave his land growth. Strewed over plants, it destroys or renders uncomfortable the stroys or renders uncomfortable the sects which pray on the surface—no-tably the turnip fly. Worked in with grass seeds, the beneficial effect of lime, chalk, marl and shell sand-into the composition of all of which lime largely enters-has been known to produce visible effects for upward of thirty years. Applied to manure, lime serves to destroy the seeds of various weeds, the larvæ of insects, and otherwise exercises a very beautiful effect in the liberation of organic constituents, and then assists in their combination with others and more useful forms of plant food.

An Excellent Garden Cultivator.

Henry Ives, in the Tribune

Some of our best farmers have very truly stated the advantages of using horse power in the garden, between long straight rows, with a grass plot at each end to turn on, but the implement for this class of work I have not seen described. Most garden plants are more delicate than those of field culture, for which our tools for horse tillage were designed, but we can make the common corn cultivator answer in the absence of anything else more appropriate.— What I find, however, to be the best tool for the purpose is easily obtained and it is so useful in field culture, too, of corn and beans, especially at their first tillage, that it will always pay to have it for that also. I make it simply by removing the cultivator teeth from a common corn cultivator, which are usually five in number. Remove four, all but the middle one; then bore in outside beams of cultivator four or five holes in each, to set in eight or ten common small drag-teeth. This will do close work and without riding and throwing the earth much. The teeth can be re-moved when the implement is wanted again as a cultivator, but for both garden and farm this will be found to be quite a favorite tool for many purposes of tillage.

THE Iowa State Agricultural Society has properly refused an offer of \$2,100 from a gambling concern for the privilege of running a "wheel kets, accessible to manufacturing of fortune" at the State fair next for milk, fresh butter, vegetables, fruits and similar farm products, from which the husbandman can ex-"nurseries of hell" upon the youth of the State. A good example that all other societies can not emulate too quickly.

LESS grain and more grazing tends to a better development of frame and muscle than when corn is fed to hogs save their own seed, but should be. ealy friends are all strong arguments exclusively. It is best to push hogs for growth by giving a variety of food rather than attempting to keep them fat. Build the frame first and lay on the fat afterward.

LANCASTER county papers say that a heavier crop of hay has not been seen thereabouts for years, and this seems to be the case in all parts of

FARMERS in the region of Wichita, Kan., firished harvesting wheat in June. It is said the yield in many fields is 30 to 40 bushels per acre.

A small, dark colored worm has attacked the pear trees in this vicin-ity the past few days and is playing havoc with the leaves .- Lock Haven Express.