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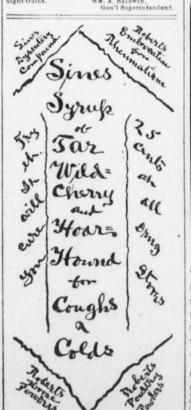
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discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the Democrat, Bellefonte, Penn'a," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that they are brief and well pointed.

THERE is no better time to select the seed potatoes than when they are being dug. Select perfect specimens, of medium size, and put them away carefully. It costs no more than the hap-hazard method of taking from the cellar any that may be left when planting time arrives, and it is infinitely better.

grow large crops of grass, and make dense, rich sods is good farming. Is be desirable result than by heavily topdressing the wheat ground with rich. well rotted barnyard manure? The phosphates may be used to supplement this to good advantage, but can they be substituted for it without ultimate loss? Perhaps this matter

CLOSE observers hold that dairy farming tends gradually but surely toward soil exhaustion, notwithstanding the purchases of feeding material quires. Dr. J. R. Nichols finds a reason for this in the fact that a milk of bone-forming matter from the soil each year. This is taken away from the farm in the milk or other dairy products, and of course is a permanent loss unless returned in some other way. If this be true, and we do not doubt that it is, a very brief calculation is required to show that the farmer who runs a dairy of twenty-five cows must apply to his farm at least a tone of bone material, in some form, each year, in order to maintain the fertility of his place, to say nothing of increasing it.

ALL the information that we can gather seems to point conclusively to the fact that the consumption of meats in the country is increasing at a rate with which the supply fails to keep up. In consequence, prices of meats must continue to be comparatively high, and farmers will find more profit than ever in stock growing. Beef cannot be grown in a few months, but pigs and lambs may, and now is just the time to make the needed arrangements. Good, early lambs are always in demand at high figures, and we feel assurred that the fact attests to their popularity ed through county enditors coming spring will find the demand greater and the prices higher than profit. Nearly all of the pure-bred usual, Let the ewes be stinted as early as may be, having first secured good blood. Then take pains to have will not, however, be generally liked them go into winter quarters in good or sought after. What swine breedthem go into winter quarters in good condition, and keep them up to that point by good care and generous, reg- the greatest amount or weight of deular feeding. With comfortable quarters and good care lambs from strong, well-fed ewes may come early in able parts, as, legs, feet, nose, ears, etc. The Improved Berkshire, in its profitable. In view of the probable greatest excellence, "fills the bill" to continued high price of corn, and the remunerative prices which we believe pork will command this fall, it will be unwise, in our opinion, to undertake to winter any pig stock except breeders, but we counsel farmers who have good breeding sows, whether old or young, to hold them over, arranging to have them to farrow as early as settled spring weather will insure the successful raising of the pigs. Those who are fortunate tle judicious care will bring them to weaning time as early as the young grass and the increased milk supply of the spring can be made available.

A little careful planning and manage-

Dr. Dickie, in Philadelphia Press.

There are advantages enough in the silo to warrant the dairy farmer in looking carefully into the subject. More provender can be preserved, and by the aid of ensilage much more stock can be subsisted on a given amount of land than by the ordinary methods. But the same is true of soiling, and by a combination of the two the Eastern farmer is put upon a nearly equal footing with the Western dairyman.

But on the other hand, it costs as

much to construct and run a silo suc-

cessfully as to build and run a mill

or a factory, and only the fore-handed farmer, or the land owner who is also a capitalist, will make a success of silo—at least, as a subject is at present understood. A boiler and steam engine are necessary to run a silo properly. But much more can be done with the steam power on the farm than merely to cut ensilage. Threshing may be done, feed ground, wood sawed, water pumped, a greenhouse or poultry house heated, corn shelled, fruit evaporated, and other THE grasses-and for this purpose things can be done with boiler and we may class clover as a grass—are furnished. The silo also implies a the conservative farmer's sheet an cutting machine, which is expensive, chor, and the conservative farmer is and is of no great use for other purthe best farmer in the world. To poses—at least, all other feed can be chaffed on a less expenseive cutter than the elaborate ones supposed to necessary to cut ensilage. But there a better way to secure this very aside from the expense of silos and the accompanying requisites to the best results, such operations on the farm require brains behind them. If on a well prepared seed-bed, is much farmers were mechanical engineers. or civil engineers, or even good, level headed farm managers, such improvements would come to the farm as a natural thing; but men so equipped in the top story as to be able to manis as well worthy close study just now age these adjuncts to farming are as any other that can engage the not as plenty as blackberries, hence the ordinary farmer must cultivate his capacity to manage his business to the best advantage. The careful study of the silo matter may assist the observent farmer to better things. my heaviest wheat. Last fall wheat It is not necessary, or even advisaing the purchases of feeding material ble, to go into the silo business ex-from outside sources which it re-tensively at first. It may better be earlier. tried in a tentative way to determine Cure the Seed Corn in the Sunits value. A pit ten or twelve feet long, ten feet wide and eight to giving cow takes about eighty pounds twelve feet deep, need not cost a great sum, and may be so placed that it will serve some other purpose if, as a silo, it does not meet the builder's expectations. It may be built adjoining the barn-bridge and the Then dry it out thoroughly barn, connecting with the stable by a door on a level with the stable floor. A silo of this kind can be filled without the aid of a steam engine and an expensive cutter. Ensilage may thus be given a trial and its value determined by experts, and if the expericontrary, if it is not satisfactory, the silo may be converted into a root kinds of seeds and grain. cellar, a bin for the storage of cut fodder, or a cistern to hold water and thus utilized. There are objections that may be fairly urged against the silo, and some of these may be

Berkshire Swine.

From the Agricultural Epitomis

stated at another time.

The Berkshire breed of swine hold a very important place amongst swine breeders favorites, and more of the blood of this breed is seen, either pure or admixed with that of com- the State. On the 17th of last month, mon animals, than any other. Nine-tenths of the droves of porkers which arrive in our large cities, from the West and elsewhere, for sale for Berkshires we have in this country are of the medium or small type tho' some some few breeders are essaying the use of a young, vigorous ram, of a type of a much larger kind, which ers want is a growthy animal, as well as one which is compactly made, with sirable and valuable parts, as hams, shoulders, chine and jowls, and the smallest amount of offalls or undesira nicety, for not only can'they be depended on for profit, when bred pure and for market purposes, but boars of pig, which for growthiness, hardiness and profitableness take front rank, in most cases being superior, in many ways, for mere profit in the market especially, to the pure-bred ones. This should induce all farmers to breed to nothing but pure-bred boars, for common or grade ones cannot transmit the desirable qualities which

the thorough bred ones cannuot do. enough, or provident enough, to have good warm stables for their pigs may gain time by having them come a few months earlier, and a litstraight in the back, heavy in ham in shelter or fold than their inferior straight in the back, heavy in ham and shoulder, broad and short in face and head, with heavy jowls and bell rather short in the legs, which should be strong and shapely, well set under, and feet which will not "break down" under heavy weight. The ears should be small, fine and prick," the tail small, the hair neither in shelter or fold than their inferior ancestry.

CANE syrups show a greater tendency than beet syrups to become acid and pass into the inert form of angar in the process of boiling down. The loss of crystalized sugar from this cane is very large. ment in these matters at this time

A Sensible, Conservative View of very coarse nor yet "woolly," and the animal should not be bred under six months old. In most things the sow should resemble the boar, except in regards to shape, as we prefer, for breeding purposes, one which is large and roomy in the body, as such have larger litters and better pigs. Never breed her until she is at least six months old, and, if she be a good mother, keep her as long as she will breed, as each succeeding litter is an improvement on former ones.

Pulverize Thoroughly

Waldo F. Brown, in Farmers' Advance

After you have harrowed and roll. your land till you think it fine enough, go over it once more with a heavy plank drag; it will not take much time and will pay. ter of mellowing a wheat field is like sweetning gooseberries, you are not apt to do too much of it, and if faithfully attended to it will do more to manure a good crop than anything else I can recommend.

There is no crop grows on the farm that is so greatly benefitted by pulverization. The growing season for wheat in the autumn is short at best, and the liability of drought is greater than at any other season of the year, and a fine soil not only renders available the plant food, but also economizes the moisture. finely pulverized soil will be put in fine condition for bringing up the wheat or causing the young plant to grow by a gentle shower that will not have any visible effect on a rough, cloddy field.

Two or three weeks later sowing, better than the earlier sowing on one indifferently prepared. I have, during the last ten years, sowed wheat as early as the first day of September, and as late as October 10th. and, while I do not recommend as late sowing as the latter date, I have grown excellent crops from it, and in seasons better than from early sowing. In the fall of 1880, I began the first day of September and finished October 8th, and the last sown was sown any time the first half of October made as good a crop as that sown

shine

In the first place, seed corn should be gathered from the field so soon as the earliest and best ears are fairly out of milk. This can be done late in August or early in September. sun. Do not for a moment imagine that it is best to hang it up or lay it away in the shade. There is nothing equal, in giving vitality or preparing it to stand the terrible freezing of our winters, to sunshine. When the corn and cob is thoroughly dry, and ment warrants further inventment it there will be no discount on its vitalmay afterward be made. On the ity next spring. And the same pro cess will perfect and preserve all

Cut the Corn Off at the Ground.

I should as soon think of allowing my meadows to ripen and fall down to be pastured in winter as to leave the corn uncut and pasture the stalk

In August of last year the Ohio State Board of Agriculture made and published an estimate of the total crop of wheat, then just harvested in just one year later, the assessor's returns, based upon returns made by township assessors, by inquiry of each popularity ed through county auditors, were received. The difference between the "estimate" made by the Board but three weeks after the threshing began, and the actual figures given by the assessors, was less than onefourth of one per cent. Pretty close work. A system of co-operation, in the matter of gathering statistics between the agricultural boards of the several States and the Department at Washington, has recently been inaugurated, and it is quite within the bonds of reason to predict that in time the great degree of accuracy exhibited by the Ohio Board in estimating in advance the crops of the State will be nearly approached in the much broader field of the whole

> THERE is so little ground for comparison between a first-rate ram and an inferior one, that the experienced and far-seeing breeder will not take time for calculating the difference. He will secure the best animal, at whatever price is necessary, knowing that his money will come back to him, with good interest, in a very few years, and come to stay, in the form of better animals, consuming no more food, occupying no greater space