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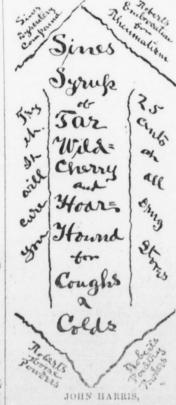
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Every farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the Democrat, Beilefonte, Penn'n," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that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

In another column of this page will be found an article from the pen of Prof. W. H. Jordan, of the State College, written in reply to a correspondent who had inquired as to the relative merits of burned lime and ground limestone. We copy the article entire, as it appears in the current number of the American Agriculturist, for the purpose, more particularly, of calling the attention of our readers to the Professor's ideas of the true use of lime, as contained in the closing sentences of the article. There is a vast amount of misappre hension upon this subject current among farmers, many of them, even in Centre county, where lime is so loddities of manners, notions and belargely used, seem to regard it as a liefs for the amusement of evening real fertilizer, and that, like barn- audiences, to lie abed in the mornyard manure, it may be applied to worn out land in unlimited quantities, and always with beneficial results. It is true that such lands may, and often do, give so good a showing for the succeeding crop or two, as may, by those who "jump at conclusions," be accepted as evidence that lime was the food it needed, when in reality it was but the stimulent which spurred but the farmers, the producers who greatly from the satisfaction afforded it on to extra effort, causing it to exert the small amount of strength it possessed, and leaving it, unless real- of the beliefs which the Colonel afly fed by some "true fertilizer," more exhausted than before. Perhaps there tion, to the passage in the sixth much economy and wise calculation is no better time and place to apply chapter of Proverbs, beginning with lime than on the young clover of the the ninth and ending with the elevwheat stubbles. The leisure of the winter may be employed for its economical application, and the clover for the succeeding two or more years have the benefit of it, while the lime probably help you in settling this is in a place, and in contact with mat- stone ter, calculated to "do the most good," What say our limeing farmers? Let nor ground limestone is a fertilizer us hear from them.

idly growing in favor, and the prejudice which greeted its introduction is evidences of its practical utility, and comparative cheapness. Among the valid objections which were urged tendency to injure stock by the long, chisel-pointed barbs, and its liability to rust and destruction by reason of twisted together. In this, as in all other things of real value and common use, improvements are constant-ly being made, and by a circular and caustic lime. The only difference bely being made, and by a circular and sample lately received from a new manufacturer we notice that wire can lime does not. The carbonic acid is objectionable features. The strand applied to the soil combined with is not really a wire at all, but is a greatly in favor of the lime doing rolled (nearly) flat ribbon-like strip more good without. The decompossides, sharp enough and numerous enough (only one inch apart) to be a ed lime rather than the limestone. terror to all intruders, and yet, be In our fertilizer experiments this cause of their shortness, bluntness, year on the Central Experimental and peculiar shape, almost incapable of inflicting any serious injury upon and ground limestone to another.

The yield of oats per acre was exactstock. We note the improvements ly with pleasure, as being in the real little more than where no fertilizer interests, of farmers. We have no doubt the manufacturers will soon

Clipp ags and Comments.

A veterinary surgeon treating the diseard cattle near Channing Forge, Berks county, has adopted a cruel process. He saws the horns off close to the head and injects aqua ammonia in large do es into the ears. - The Times.

Men who will be guilty of such stupid, ignorant cruelty as this, should not be tolerated in any community, much less dignified with the honorable title of "veterinary surgeons." Notwithstanding the marked advancethe treatment of sick animals, among the farmers, who come most in contact with them and suffer the direct pecuniary loss, seems to be discour. cut back.

agingly slow. Otherwise such brutality as that above mentioned would | Col. Cartle, in Enrol | There is much waste in feeding

This getting up so early in the morning is a relic of parbarism. There is no need in getting up at four o'clock in the winter morning. The farmer who persists in dragging his wife and chil dren from their seds ought to be visited by a missionary. It is time enough to rise after the sun has set the example.

The doughty Colonel sets up a man of straw against whom to wage his valiant battle when he inveighs against getting up in the middle of the night to begin work. Farmers, as a rule, are not guilty of such nonsense. And when he says that "getting up early in the morning is a relic of barbarism," and instructs fed continuously on too heating food. farmers that "it is time enough to rise after the sun has set the example," he simply proves that he knows no more about farming, or the work and needs of a farmer than he does of his own future, or the "orthodox hell," in the existence of which he professes to disbelieve. It may do for men like Ingersoll, who make their living and accumulate fortunes by playing mountebank, and affecting ings; but the farmer who deals directly with nature, and has the care of the animals and stock of all kinds, which nature teaches to stir with the "first gray streak of dawn" must be up betimes. The consumers, whom the Colonel so ably represents can well afford to take their ease, and sneer at those who "get up so early;" feed them, cannot afford to be slothful. Notwithstanding the peculiarity feets, we refer him, in this connecenth verses.

Ground Lime as a Fertilizer

Two facts can be stated which will

matter of the use of ground lime-

1st. Neither caustic lime (burnt) proper. The latter is mainly carbonate of lime, and the former is mostly THE barbed-wire for fencing is rap- lime, the carbonic acid having been driven off by heat. It would be a rare case where it would be necessary to add either lime or limestone to fast giving way before the multiplied supply lime for the use of plants. Both substances, if they are of benefit, are so because they liberate material in the soil which plants take up against some styles of it, were its been avilable. So that you see instead of adding any valuable plant food to the soil, lime really makes it poorer in material for future growth. When you add to the soil barnyard dampness lodging between the strands | manure or commercial fertilizers, you themselves where more than one are are supplying just that material with which land that is cropped needs re-

plenishing. 2d. Ground limestone can do nothtween the two is that the limestone contains carbonic acid which burned ow be had without either of these not only of no use to plants when there is any difference in this respect, it certainly must be in favor of burnfarm, we applied lime to one plot, the same in the two cases, and but was applied. No difference could be seen between the plots on which the bring it to the attention of farmers by judicious advertising.

two substances were applied, both pounds of each were used on one-eight of an acre. The experiment will be continued during a term of two substances were applied; 500 several years.

If burned lime can be bought more cheaply than ground limestone, as I understand it can, I would prefer the burned lime by all means. And, let me add, that the only proper use of lime is on land to which considerable barnyard manure of other fertilizer is applied. The use of lime without any true fertilizer has in numeroas cases resulted in impoverished and broken down fields.

It always pays to take Time by Notwithstanding the marked advance-ments in veterinary science, the know that something has got to be low it though the conditions have spread of intelligence in regard to done sometime, and can possibly do done sometime, and can possibly do it now, now is the time to do it.— it.—Eastview Farm Papers. Rexford.

A HEDGE that is not thick at the

Be Economical of the Feed.

pigs, especially when fattening time It is not necessary, in this age of the comes. If the pigs only eat all that is given to them, the owner imagines they are thriving wonderfully. Very often they would thrive faster on half of the feed. If the owner would take the trouble to examine the excrement he would find undigested food mixed all through it; and then he would learn that eating and digesting are two different functions. The excrement is not only an index of the work of the stomach, but of the general health of the animal. When the faces are dry and hard they denote a feverish condition, and they are watery and emit a rank smell they indicate derangement of the stomach. In neither of these conditions will a pig, or any other animal, thrive; and they are sure to follow when animals are over-fed or It is really an art to feed pigs to the best advantage and make the feed go as far as possible towards forming flesh. It requires close observation and careful consideration of all the surrounding circumstances. Not one man in twenty is an expert in feeding pigs. I write more from the standpoint of failure than success, and so would most farmers if they were careful to notice and acknowledge

Attend to Repairs Promptly.

One of the best habits the farmer can form is that of attending to the little needs as soon as he sees them. If he does this, there will be no falling down, no loose or missing hoards on barns or sheds-none of that air of general dilapidation, which one sees so often about our farms. Everything will have a neat and orderly well kept appearance. If not and attended to, it will not take long to give the premises the untidy, neglected appearance which detracts by the looks of a well-grown crop. There should be a consistency between the crops and the fences and buildings. If one is not neglected, the other should not be. It is as to attend to one as the other. If you take pride in the appearance of your corn field, you ought to in the fence that encloses it, and the building which is to receive its product. A little attention to these now and then will keep them in good condition and there will be a consistency about the farm and its productions which in itself will repay you for all the work

### About Manure.

Peter Henderson says that "when well rotted stable manure, whether from cows or horses, can be procured at \$3 per ton or less, it is preferable to any concentrated fertilizer." He does not make an exception of mileh cows, and says that their manure is not as good as superphosphate. But Dr. Nichols in his Barn Floor lecture expressly says (p. 10) "that an ani mal in milk, like a cow, cannot yield xcrement of high value." If she is fed properly there will be little diffiulty about the value.

THERE is no pursuit that requires more intelligence, perseverence and careful observation than the proper cultivation of the soil; it is one that combines the labor of the chemist, botanist, mechanic and geologist; and above all the business man, with practical common sense. It is a pursuit that requires constant care and attention, as well as activity and cool judgment; an intimate and practical knowledge of all the arts of the cultivation and the management of the crops raised, as well as the nature of steel, and the barbs are short, half- ing effect of lime is principally what and treatment of the live stock suitdiamond shaped points cut from its gives it value to the farmer, and if able to the enterprise; and still further a thorough acquaintance with the various modes of buying and selling, with a constant knowledge of the fluctuations of prices of such merchandise as the farmer will have for sale, or will be compelled to buy. These are essential qualifications of a good farmer, and if any fool poses them, then, as we have often heard those who were inexperienced in the business say, "any fool can farm." But it has been my observation that in every instance the skillful successful farmer was a man of sound intelligence; and such an one as would have equally well made his way in commercial life, due allowance being made for natural bent of mind .- A. P. F., in Home and Farm.

In almost all the operations of the farm, there is a best time to do the work, and if not done at that time, it cannot be done profitably at all. I believe success on the farm requires that work to be done at the right time; and, to do this, requires good judgment and quick decision. many of our farmers, when they get

Honey should be kept where it is bottom is no hedge at all. Keep it perfectly dry if desired to be in prime out back.