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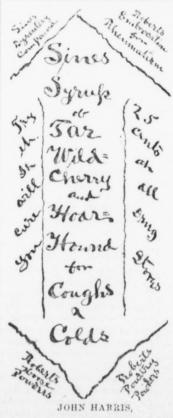


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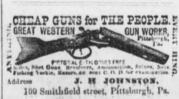
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Every farmer in his annual experience tiscovers something of value. Write it and tend it to the "Agricultural Editor of the DEMOCRAT, Bellefonte, Penn'a," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that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

Another and Better Way.

thoroughly trodden down to exclude Spring, and send up strong stalks, the air and preserve the mass intact and mature plump seed. from fire-fanging or other loss and It is by careful attention to such deterioration. Piles of manure thus little things as these, in their season, put up would become thoroughly rot that a farmer improves his crops ted, in better condition than that from year to year, and thus increases stored in the barn cellar and would his fortune. cut up like "old cheese."

A Bit of Experience in Feeding Hay Exclusively,

eral manuring. The cattle were kept quantity. certainly too much at a time. There to possess it. was plenty of bay in the barn, and so he filled the racks and mangers full at each feeding. At first the cat le, coming in from a short pasture, would est heartily, but with little or o exercise, there was less food called for, and the quantity given was greater than the system required. Of course, a portion would be left neaten after the whole had been picked over and the choicest portions taken out. The rest was breathed over till nothing would eat it, when it was hauled under foot, trodden upon and wasted. We have for nany years made it a practice to feed into two equal periods, though the usually a little longer than the time __Chicago Tribune. ed when but two meals are given.

Carefulness as to Seed.

As a rule, there is too little care profits ? used by farmers as to selecting and It may be set down as a rule in

bears two or more ears, This has afforded,-Pi'tsburg Stockman.

The Centre Democrat. been so often tried, that there is no doubt of an increase of oron from doubt of an increase of crop from such seed. Some care must be taken of the corn after it has been selected, as it sometimes rots upon the cob. If it has become glazed early, it is generally enough to hang it up in bunches by the husks in any dry place. If this is not the case, it should be put in the kitchen or some other place, where a fire is perfectly seasoned, which it should be by Christmas.

Less care is generally taken of potatoes and such roots, than of grains, in selecting for planting, or to ripen seed for another year. But they follow the same law of improve-Years ago when teaming home ment, and well selected roots pay oads of purchased stable manure quite as well. Turnips, beets and from the city, I knew no other meth- carrots are much better selected now od than to drive the same on to my than in the Spring. Everyone has barn floor, lift the trap door and noticed the large number of failures father I reluctantly tried another grow. Smooth roots, of the most method. I drove my loads into the desirable shape, and of the largest field, where they were intended for size, should be selected to bear seedsubsequent use, laid out a pile, say These should be put by themselves. fifteen or twenty by forty feet on the either buried in a pit or packed in ground, then, before adding another sand, in such a way that they will load, I would arrange that the pre- not freeze. The crowns will then vious layer should be carefully and come out in good condition in the

Stock Notes.

As long as there is demand for choice butter, cheese, cream and that were fed almost nothing the past for breeders of dairy cows to prove better for the occasional shadows winter but good merchantable uplaid their stock for the production of that come over the scene. The dishay, grown by high culture and lib these articles, both in quality and cipline, too, is most salutary. It

were cleaned often, and water was aim at in a dairying because dairy sons there is far more to reward and freely provided, yet the cattle came products are largely a luxury, butter encourage than to dishearten and disut in the Spring and made but little and cheese particularly. But well- appoint. There is no day of the

If every farmer would keep a recthe attendant wanted to make a good ord of the number of eggs laid, chick- light. showing of his skill in stock feeding, ens batched and those sold or eaten each year, they would form the basis of most interesting statistics, and a matter of surprise to every one as to

In contrast with the common practice of letting dairy cows go dry four months or so every year, a recent writer says that be has a cow that has completed her fourth farrow year and has averaged during the past six butter per week of first-rate quality.

Forty thousand horses are bought and sold annually by seventeen of bad cow they sold her. cattle but two meals per day, one in Chicago, who unanimously declare the leading dealers of New York and he morning, the other in the after that one holf and three fourths blood noon, siming to divide the twenty Percheon Normans have more style, insects in our vegetable gardens; fiftime between night and morning is other class of horses on the market. and sell for more money than any

between morning and evening. A Dairy farming is at present of such five million dollars is estimated as the ow's stomach is so constructed that importance that figures are not necshe can easily take enough good food essary to convince readers that there into it to last her twelve hours, and is great need of improved stock; but we have long been of the opinion the most important question for both hat food is more thoroughly digest- the dairymen and the ordinary farmer is "What bull shall I use in order to make the most improvement in with a full list of vegetables and my herd and thereby increase my

preserving seed for their next crops, stock raising that cattle cannot be although there is more attention paid wintered on rough feed alone in this to it than formerly. No item of part of the country without losing farm labor pays better than this, flesh or condition. An occasional Even on good land it makes a very farmer, by extra care, and with the great difference whether we have the use of shelter and first class hay and est seed or an inferior article. The fodder, may bring his stockers through latter seed may come up and grow, decently without grain; but where but it grows slowly, and gives signs one can do this twenty will find their riculturist. of weakness all through the season. stock badly run down against Spring, Its want of food for the sprouting From the time an animal is allowed germ at the time at which special to go backward in condition the nourishment is needed injures the chances are against its being a profit- as on land worth at best not over plant through all its future growth, able investment. Condition should \$40 or \$60 for farm purposes. In winnowing rye and wheat the always be held with at least a tendniil should be so arranged as to sep- ency toward improvement, if not rate the small grains from the large, with a positive gain in that direction. number of pounds she will make in and thus secure the best for sowing. The policy of attempting to winter This is but little trouble, and it pays stock wholly without grain will not well if it adds but a single bushel to do, and between adopting it and

Don't Begin too Early.

Do not be in too great a burry to begin in the Spring, but when the soil is in good condition to workthat is when it is quite fariable lose no time. Plant as early as possible, peas, beets, carrots, parsnips, onions, salsify, radish, lettuce, etc., as early as the soil may be worked; corn, bush beans, and other half hardy plants as soon as danger of white frosts are over, and at the same time transplant from the hot bed or cold frame, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, squash, cucumbers, pole bean, okra, tomato and egg plant should not go out until the nights as well as the days are warm, and all these should be transplanted from the troughs from the cold frames, we have named rather than be planted by seed. Once the planting is done, it is simply to dump the contents into my barn cell among roots which have been kept in produce. If you provide yourself lar, where numbers of swine would the root bins through the Winter. A with the same class of modern garspread and mix the same until want- beet perfectly sound, and with all the den implements, that you do with ed for use. At the suggestion of my appearance of life, often fails to farm implements, this cultivation is neither onerous nor difficult.

A thoughtful writer recommends to every man, especially in the autumn of his life, to take to gardening, if he has not already experienced its pleasures. Of all occupations in the world it is the one which best combines repose and activity. It is not idleness; it is not stagnation; and yet it is perfect quietude. Like all things mortal it has its failures and its disappointments, and there are some things hard to understand. But it is never without its rewards. and perhaps if there were nothing but successful cultivation the aggre-We know of a barn full of cattle milk, is there not a great inducement gate enjoyment would be less. It is tries our patience and it tries our warm, were nicely bedded, the stables The best is what the farmer should faith. But even in the worst of seagrowth. The difficulty was that the to-do people will have them and the year without something to afford good hay was given far too freely, or finer the article the more they burn tranquil pleasure to the cultivator of flowers, something on which the mind may rest-rest with profit and de-

> The Way the Hollanders Keep up their Herds.

A correspondent of Blackwood's the value represented by them in Magazine gives a very interesting picture of home life among the Hollanders, and speaks particularly of their very fine herds of cattle. In closing be accounts for their maintained excellence in the following sentence, which carries with it a broad hint to American dairymen :months a fraction over five pounds of When they had a good cow they kept her; when they saw a good cow they bought her; and when they had a

What the Bugs Do for Us.

action, best endurance on pavements ty in our vineyards, while seventyattack our apple trees and more than fifty our grain fields. Seventydamage done to the wheat in Illinois in one season, and nearly ten years ago the annual loss in the United States from insect depredations alone was estimated at nearly \$400,000,000.

> THE cultivation of a good garden, fruits that will flourish in the climate, and bas an important bearing upon success in field husbandry. It stimulates inquiry, cultivates observing habits, gives breadth to the mind, leads to study and reading, and makes farming more a business of mind than of muscle. Good gardens on farms would soon make agricultural papers and books a necessity in every farmer's home .- American Ag-

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THE true test of a butter cow is the a year, and the cost of the same.

It is of the greatest importance the yield of an acre. Corn is best quitting the business the latter course that milk be placed only in vessels selected from the stalk, the best ear is preferable. Grain is never so high that are scrupulously clean, and they being taken from the stalk which that the starvation of stock can be need cleaning after milk as much as after anything else.