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Useful Hints on Earthly Topics. WHAT THE HUSBANDMAN OUGHT TO KNOW-A DESERTATION ON THE

SHADING OF TRUNK TREES. A correspondent of the German-

town Telegraph writes: The farmers like the business man, must know what he is doing; he must have some pretty decided ideas of what he is about to accomplish-in fact, he must calculate before hand. He must know the state or condition of the soil, that of each field or lot, not only the top, but also the subsoil, and if it needs underdraining, and what ma- ley's. The bigh estimation in which nure will be needed it he expects to grow a crop of grain. He must in this region insures care and econknow the condition that his soil omy in making and handling it, but should be plowed in that it be not evidences of waste are still too freplowed too wet nor too dry. He quent, the principal one being leechmust know that some grain requires ing from the yard. To run the maearlier planting than others. He terials for manure-making through must know that seed planted the the stables, is the general preference proper depth will germinate quicker and practice, and to alternate the lay and produce stronger and healthier ers of the cleanings of the horse and plants that will give better results cow stables on the yard is considered than if planted too deep or too shal the best thing to do. Stock when low. He must know that it pays him out of the stalls should not be sllowto have machinery to aid him as well al to run about the place, but should as muscle. He must keep posted be kept within the yard, with water with the markets, political matters, therein or close by. public money, etc., and especially the interests of his State and country. He must know the value of the different kinds of manures, and when and how to apply them to secure the best results. He should understand the cultivation of fruits both large and small. He should know that his farming and his manner of doing things will tell if he is a good farmer or not; all his surroundings pro claim the verdict, either for or against amount of manure required for the him. His horses, cattle, wagons, harness, plows, fields, fences-even his wife and children-bear silent but unmistakable evidence of his manage ment. Every passer by can read this evidence pro or con; this fact alone ought to stimulate every farmer to do

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and fruit grower, Mr. Edison Gay. lord, of Floyed county, Illinois, of fers some valuable suggestious rela. tive to the shading of the trunks of he has sought a remedy for this seri-ous trouble by very low heads, but it has been only partially effective; and the real remedy is in having the the real remedy is in having the main branches, as well as the trunk, to lean toward the one o'clock sun. Although the position of his orchard is unfavorable, all the trees he has set in this way are doing finely.

Prof. Budd, of the Iowa agricul tural college, to whom these suggestions were made, strongly confirms these views, and says that he saw in Russia hundreds of cherry and plum trees planted at an angle of fortyfive degrees toward the one o'clock but we soon become accustomed to live weight.

advantages.

There is no doubt of the correctness of these views, nor that Mr. Budd has for several years urged this mode of protecting the life and health of fruit trees. We have recommeded the same method for over twentyfive years, not only by the low branching of the trees, but by generally se curing the trunks of trees, as well as of bushes and plants, against the ef fects of the sun, especially in winter, when the damage is nearly all done by the freezing and thawing process on the sunny side of the trees constantly going on. By the leaning of the trees as recommended, the trunks of the trees are protected against this ever changing of temperature, while on the north side, where the sun's rays have but little effect, and where the temperature is nearly uniform, no injury is suffered.

Barnyard Manure.

"How to gather most of it and how to apply it to secure the best results -was discussed with interest by the Farmers' Social at Mr. Peter Mack. barnyard manure is held by farmers

A chief part of the discussion rested upon "manuring for corn," and considerable difference of opinion manifested itself, but it was generally conceded that the manure made from the time the wheat has been sown to fall plowing for corn, can be hauled upon the land and plowed under with decided advantage to the corn and after crops, and interfere but little with the large wheat the succeeding year. The manure made from that time forward should be saved for the wheat, as well to grow a fine crop of that valuable grain as to insure a good stand

of grass to follow-A number of experiments in the use of manure in wheat culture were mentioned, all favoring the applica tion of the manure on the plowed assured that they will pass judgment ground and harrowing in. The old way of turning it under with the oats know that an animal well wintered is stubble had its advocates, and all seemed to agree that if the manure was turned very shallow there would not be much difference as between that mode and spreading it on top. has lost. He must know that it costs

The large and steady increase in good grade or a blooded animal the agricultural products of Adams than it does a scrubby one, and then county shows what good and intellithey look so much better, and are gent farming will do, and everything something the farmer takes pride in favors the continuance, if not the inshowing to his neighbors, as well as crease of the progress made. - Getkeeping them well. Good stock, well tyeburg Compi'er.

LIME FOR POULTRY .- Poultry need turns; more than this, they speak lime with their food. The common well for their keeper and show up the food alone will not furnish lime enough for a full supply of eggs. In a state of nature a hen would lay a An old and experienced orchardist single litter of eggs, hatch them, rear the chicks, and then give up business for the season. The ordinary food would supply this small demand. But when a hen lays 120 eggs she will want as much lime in a month trees on the southwest side, as a pro-tection against the effects of the sun tection against the effects of the sun d bone and oyster shells are the bost, and wind on that side. He says that and should always be kept within

> MANURE FOR FRUIT TREES. good manure for fruit trees may be made by mixing four loads of dry peat or swamp muck with one load of stable manure, and one barrel of dry ashes, or two barrels of leached ashes. Let it lie in a heap for a few weeks and work it over before applying. It would do no harm to add a barrel of ground bone to the above. When it is applied, cover the ground well as far as the roots of the tree

Damaged wheat can be very econsun, and has urged for years the importance of having trees to lean in the direction mentioned. They have an awkward appearance for a time, but we seen become acceptance to Pretical Farm Tonica

PEAS FOR PORK .- Colonel F. D. Curtis is inquired of so often in regard to his experience, reported in these columns and elsewhere, that he gives some additional details in the last issue of the Rural New Yorker. He sows black-eyed marrowfats, or Canada peas, in "the old of the moon in May." The farmers in his region say that if sown during any other phase of the moon the crop will run to vines, and the Colonel, with the superstition which always accompanies genius, more than half believes them. We apprehend that the moon will have little influence on the crop elsewhere, and the advice to sow when the ground is in good condi. tion, at the rate of two or two and one half bushels to the acre-broadcast or, better, with a drill-is generally safe.

A good crop of peas will afford from forty to sixty bushels to the acre, and a bushel of them will go further in making growth than a bushel of corn, because peas, being nitrogenous, supply all the wants of the system and make healthful and firm flesh, whereas corn goes more to fat, which is not so good for food and makes softer pork with more waste in the cooking.

The number of hogs which an acre of peas will fatten depends, of course, upon the crop and the size of the hogs. It may be accepted as a fact that an acre of peas fed on the ground, commencing before they are fully ripe, so that the hogs will eat a portion of the vines, as well as the pods, will go further in making pork than an acre of corn fed in the usual way.

The cost of labor is decidedly onthe side of the peas as well as a more perfect mastication, which latter makes a necided gain in favor of the peas. This more complete mastication is secured by the fact that the pigs eat the peas in the pods, and the pods going into their stomache with the peas make a combination of food exactly suited to healthful action of the stomach and the bowels; whereas an exclusive corn diet is the

A healthful action insures a compicte absorption, without which there is a proportionate loss. The passing of food through the stomach and bowels does not of itself insure growth. Peas make the firmest and best meat of any single kind of grain.

Peaches Again in New England.

Mr. Van Dozen, a delegate to the Connecticut State Board meeting at Waterbury, from the Shaker family of Enfield, reported an orchard of one and a quarter acres set to peach trees seven years ago, that has already produced an income of \$2,000. The land is upon an elevated situation, but is not very rich. Mr. Van Duzen prefers rather poor land, such as will not induce an over rapid growth of wood. When the annual growth at the ends of the limbs falls below fifteen inches, he feeds the trees with light dressings of commercial fertilizers. Last year, he applied one ton of Bradley's fertilizer to the one and a quarter acres. Hoed crops were grown between the trees three or four years. The new growth is cut back every season to keep the branches strong. The fruit is thinned when the trees set more than they can carry out in perfection. His peaches have been sold at retail, Boston, at twenty cents each.

Mr. Harry Sedgewick, of Cornwall, reported at the same meeting, sales of peaches at \$10 a basket, and Mr. Augur sales at 75 cents per duzen at wholesale.

The Hale brothers, South Glastonbury, have recently set 6,000 peachtrees for fruiting, a large number being the Prate peach, which comes true to name from its own seed.

Judging by the tone of the discussion, peach growing in southern New England is decidedly promising at the present time, not so much on ac-

the present time, not so much on account of any change in the climate as from a better knowledge of the wants of the tree.

Prot. J. W. Clark, of Amherst, sold last year about \$4,000 worth of peaches from his five years old trees, and has not a single sickly looking tree in his whole orchard. He also uses commercial fertilizer among his trees, bone and potash being among the principal ingredients.—New England Farmer.