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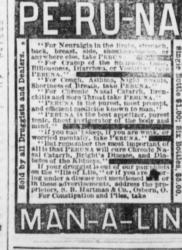
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AGRICULTURAL. NEWS, PACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Every farmer in his annual experience theocovers comething of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the DEMOCRAT, Beliefonte, 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.

Potato Soil.

It may be accepted as a fact that soil supposed to be benefitted by fall plowing to prepare it for a potato crop is just the soil not to plant potatoes in. In the first place, not one winter in five will so carry plowed oi but what replowing will be required in the spring. Soil for potatoes needs to be worked very fine and at least six inches in depth, which cannot be done by fall plowing alone. If the soil is cloddy, so that freezing and thawing are required to pulverize it it will be too cold to profitably grow potatoes upon. Soil never works down as fine and nice as when drag ged and fitted behind the plow. Por tato land should never be allowed to crust over before the plants are up Run a harrow over the field frequently before and after the potatoes are up. It is a good way to plant as fast as the land is fitted and marked, and thus avoid covering the seed with dry soil. The frequent stirring and fining of the soil is of great benefit, and the more frequent the better, provided it is done very shallow. By planting deep, say five inches, there is no necessity for "hills." The cultivator will push up quite enough dirt. In cultivating and hoeing do not dig keep the fine soil deep and loose be to be despised. There is a variety beat of the sun, which dries out the and is said to be of excellent flavor maintained between the hills, there The color is beautiful, the flesh firm will be a greater expansion of root and the flavor piquant. Seed should growth, largely occupying the surface be sown late and when frost comes and drawing plant food therefrom, they should be buried or kept in sand ment from the narrow compass of garden should let another summer during such periods. the bill, and the more plant food the roots gather the better the crop will be. When the roots have once filled the surface soil they should not be broken off by deep culture, for they to not possess the same power to put forth branch growth that corn does, and it is a doubtful question if beneicial results arise from fooling with corn roots. If possible plant pota toes on clover sod land, and do not plant more than two consecutive years upon the same land.

PLANT THE BEST FOR HOME USE. -The advice of Mr. Williams in last week's Press as to quality of toma oes for home table should be extendd so as to include all garden products. Way should any one plant smooth buckshot peas when the wrinkled kinds are so much superior in flavor? The difference between of the gardens and the flint corn of old body wood or young trees. a few plants this year and you will gar and simmered together. never be without them. And there is he red celery-London red, perhaps the best of all. It is much superior the very choicest variety of each vegetable for the garden and each fruit for the orchard. Then enjoy the best at home and sell what you can't con

The best of commercial fertilizers portion to cost, would be a mixture phosphate whose cost does not ex turer. ceed its estimated value is always

Covered Manure.

Without giving the details of the experiment J. N. Muncy gives the readers of the Farmers' Review the results of a test made by Lord Kin nard and reported in the journal of the Royal Agricultural Society. He selected the same kind of cattle, gave them the same kind and quantity of feed and bedded them with the same kind and quality of straw. In one case the manure was carted out doors, to remain exposed to the weather. In the other case it remained under until used. A field of twenty acres of uniform land was selected, divided in two equal parts, and planted to

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WHEAT ON UNCOVERED DUNG. | Produce | Wt. per | Ingrain. | Dush. | Dush. | List | Erret. | 41 | 19 | 614 | Second. | 42 | 35 | 614 | WHEAT ON COVERED DUNG. 

These figures cover a small space in print, but they are worth the careful

scraped away the subsoil draws the fornia, which grows to a large size among the roots. If the fine soil is Chinese radish an admirable variety. pass without preparing a supply for

> French Academy of Medicine, in reply to the questions propounded by the Minister of Commerce, relative to the importation of pork, says: First, that the symptoms of typhoid trichinosis are so dissimilar from all others frequently become smooth from u-e. that they never can be mistaken, and and secon, that the importation of foreign salt pork may be fearlessly authorized by the French Govern-

A WRITER says be applied tar to young pear trees as a remedy for wounds, and now he is anxious to know if a bigger idiot can be found this side the Rocky Mountains.

An experienced farmer makes all of his fence posts from oak limbs, the two classes is quite as great as claiming that they will last much that between the wrinkled sweet corn longer than posts of equal size from

savoy cabbage seen, and yet the claims that the best ointment for cows sprinkled on, once a week. An ocflavor of this variety is almost as teats is unworked butter from the casional feed of sunflower seeds will delicate as that of a cauliflower. Try churn, melted and mixed with vine give a smooth, glossy plumage.

be careful to gather them before they the front shoe made narrow and conin flavor to any other kind. Go have opportunity to get chilled, as cave on the inside. through the whole list, and pick out they will hatch with much greater certainty.

Farm Notes

It is difficult to say which branch of farming is the most profitable. Intelligently conducted and under prop for heaves in tesspoonful doses, night er conditions every legitimate branch and morning. Moisten the hay and to apply to an apple orchard, in pro of farm economy carries the elements of success to a far greater de- Never work a heavy horse on a foll of dissolved boneblack, muriate of gree than mercantile business, compotash (80 per cent.) and best grade mercial ventures or manufacturing of Peravian guano. A pure, finely enterprises. The pursuit of agricul- warm place until they are placed in ground bone is always in order for ture as a business is more within the the horse's month. Any person can an orchard. Unleached wood ashes control of the individual than is the realize the sensation of placing a cold never come amiss. A good super- case with the merchant or manufac

No farm should be without its ice

house can be built for \$18 or \$20. and the interest on the cost, with the trouble of filling it, are but trifles as compared to the convenience and comfort of having plenty of ice through the hot days of summer.

Professor Budd is of the opinion that cellars in which fruit is stored between picking time and the setting in of winter should be opened at night, instead of the daytime, as is usually done. The reason assigned is that at night the air is cooler, while the warmer air of the daytime has its moisture precipitated by the coul emperature of the cellar, which en genders dempness. It you are going to set a new orch-

ard this spring remember that it is an excellent way to prepare a plan of the orchard, showing the position of each tree, its variety, etc. If a tree dies it can be replaced by one of the same sort. Some truit-raisers keep a book in which they register the age and variety of every tree in the r orchard, together with any items in regard to its grafting, productiveness. treatment, etc., which are thought ... be desirable.

The grape thrives well on ri loamy soil, or on the poor, g avely hillsides. Like other vines, however. it does best when well cultivated and

A new fire proofing liquid is a basic silicrte of alumins, and it is said to be far better han tungstate of soda, because the cyanite does not scale off or evaporates, while the soda requires. respplication every week.

A Boston firm lately received a cheese weighing 5233 pounds net and containing the milk of 3000 cows. It is 3 feet 8 inches high, 5 feet 4 inch. s.

but as it seems to thrive well during seasons of drought it has been used as pasturage in preference to less

The claim that stumps may be extracted by boring holes into them and filling the holes with saltpetre has not been borne out by facts. It doe- well instead of getting all their nourish. in a cool cellar. No one who has a easily, without the aid of saltpetre, in a dry season; but the stump : bur.

The strongest stocks of bees consume the least honey during the winter, for the reason that in their semitorpid state they are kept warm with very little food; whereas a weak stock requires more food to keep up

the requisite natural best. The hand | ieces of driving reins causing the hands to shift. In such cases rub the lines with powdered

If you wish to drive your horse with an open bridle, have him tried with one before putting him to your top-wagon, otherwise he may getaway

with you. Keep bens well supplied with gravel and you will prevent them from having many diseases. Too many farmers think that a hen is glad to supply her own system with every. thing.

Fowls are as fond of a change in their diet as people are. Give chepthe fields. How rarely is a head of One experienced in such matters ped onions, with a little red prepare

When horses overreach, lengthen the bind shoes; when they hit the In saving eggs for early hatching front of the hund feet, have the toe of

Some horses, when trotting in putting their hind feet to the ground, strike principally on the toe. Such horses should have the beels lowered; and should wear shoes without heels.

Skunk cabbage is said to be good grain. Be careful with the diet-

Steel bits should be kept in a bit in a horse's mouth by first touch ing it with his own tongue.

An excellent remedy for mange is : welcome. Above all apply manures or fertilizers judiciously, systematically, regularly. The tree, like the animal, to be profitable must be well in the absence of a cold spring house animal, to be profitable must be well in summer for having nice milk and stirring the mixture constantly; then and regularly fed with appropriate butter, but for keeping all kinds of add eight ounces linseed oil; to be resh meate, fish, etc. A good ice. rubbed in with a brush twice a day.