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Trueness of Bseeding. The property for which wool is per-

haps most valued is trueness of breed ing. In a true bred sheep each staple of wool-that is, each lock into which a group of fibres naturally forms itself-will be of equal growth throughout. The fibre will be the same thickness as nearly as possible the whole length, or will be finer at the point than at the root. There will be no shaggy rough wool in it, but if the sheep be cross bred, or ill kept and exposed to storms, the fibre will be rough at the points and coarser then at the roots, the reason of this being that as the wool gets longer, or as it is more exposed to bad weather stronger to resist what it has to encounter, while the part which is next warmth. Such wool, even when alike in this, that they are a brilliant must be sown where the plants are to shining white except on sheep with remain and after they come up they gray wool, when they may be black, must be thinned out beyond any and they will not dye the same color danger of crowding. Some, like candy as the rest of the wool. They conse. tuft, bloom for a short time comparquently depreciate the value of the atively, and successive sowings should wool very greatly, making it only suitable for low goods -London Live Stock Journal.

EARLY POTATOES .- . Why writy about early potatoes when the ground s covered with snow? Well, the snow will melt, the sun will shine, and spring is near. In six weeks the ground will be dry, the grass green, and every farmer and gardener will be fixing for spring planting. A writer in the Gardener's Monthly speaks of good results in growing early potatoes, which some of our several years planted potatoes with tatoes are laid out to sprout, and af. farm as well as in the garden. terwards carefully cut in pieces. They mus be handled and planted so as not to break the sprout. By this

CURING KICKING COWS .- The correspondent of the Western Stock Jourkicking cows, respectively, as follows: A year or two since I got in a trade a handsome three year old heifer, one of the most vicious kickers I ever saw. One of my men who milked and finally took a common garden hoe, passed the end in front of the off hind leg (the right leg behind) and behind and above the gammel joint of and after one week she could be milklike other cows"; but on being turned growth will be clearly seen. out to grass could be milked anywhere without trouble.

Flowering Annuals.

Nothing is gained by sowing seeds of tender annuals in open ground before it is thoroughly warmed. Some large seeds will rot, as every gardener knows is the case with Lima beans, and the small ones will not germinate. Portulacca seeds will lie without harm where it drops all winter through, but will not sprout here un til late May, and in New England not until well into June. When once it does start it makes up for lost time, just as self sown tomatoes, which do not sprout until genial weather has come to stay, often overtake the hotbed plants started a month earlier and fruit at the same time.

There is time yet to hurry forward some flowers which bear transplanting easily. Asters, balsams, Drummond phlox, petunias, China pinks zinnias, browaltii, cacalia, caliopsis, antirrhinums, margiolds, four-o'clocks, scabiosas, canary-bird flowers. cypress vines and maurandyas, if sown in a cold frame, or a box in a sunny window, will be ready for earlier bloom, when properly cared for, than if sown later in open borders. Some of the above list, like nuals, but they can be brought to bloom the first year in this way. In sowing the seed the soil must be

be made to systain a continuous bloom. Some, like sweet peas, clarkia and nemophila, do better if sown very early. Some, like sweet alyssum. mignonette (particularly the scentless Reseda lutes), petunia, portulacea, larkspur, and gysophila, will sow their own seed and come up abndant ly in the same bed next year. With all, the period of bloom will be lengthened if the flowers are cut be-

fore the seed ripens. Try the list above, with a few new ones this year. Their beauty will pork is worth only \$7 or \$8 per cwt more than pay for all the care you -A. G. Sharp. potato raiser should try. He has for give them, and in studying their varied habits you will learn many things the sprouts well started, and claims a about the different modes of plant gain of at least two weeks. The po growth, which will be of use on the to be a specific for sheep poisoned by

method the growth is not checked, forward to the full opening of spring, chicks some flesh cut very finely, such and in a few days the sprouts will be but they should hasten slowly. Live as beef, bacon or mution. Nothing above ground. "Beauty of Hebrons," stock can be kept with so much less seems so delicious to them as these planted April 25th, produced good trouble and cost on grass than during occasional meals, which they swallow tubers July 10. The plan is worthy the winter; and often they are so with great avidity. of a fair trial. Early potatoes are al. much more comfortable and look so A good cow may be a first class ways in good demand, and bring fair much better on grass, that it is nature milker, and give satisfaction with libnal give their methods of curing to keep the stock in the stables or majority of cases it is certainly better shelter are unfavorable. better if confined to it, than if they they are fed on a variety of food. tried various devices without effect, get a bite of grass. The pastures do start" in spring. It is not meant that larger quantity of milk, and also of they should be allowed to half mature a better quality. All butter makers their crop before being grazed, but know how yellow the butter is which the left hind leg of the heifer. Then that the grass or clover should be is made from the milk of cows fed on sitting down on the righi to milk he well started and be able to give all put the handle of the hoe well under the food the animals need. This cauhis left arm and began milking. The tion, suggested by the Breeder's Gaheifer covid not stir either hind leg, zette, should be heeded, and when a drouth comes next summer, the difed safely without fettering and proved ference between the pastures closely to be a valuable and gentle animal. eaten in early spring, and those al. years ago, he has already realized Of course, she was tied in the stable lowed even a week or ten days longer

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Do FERTILIZERS PAY ?- From our own experience, says the New England Farmer, if asked to answer in a general way whether the use of commercial fertilizers pays, we should re. ply that they pay on some land a very much better percentage than onother land; that they pay better applied to some crops than to other crops, and that they also pay nuch better in some seasons than in others. If land is so coarse and loose that it cannot hold water enough to mature a crop, or is too wet for plants to grow in, it would be wasteful to cover it with a fertilizer, whether that fertilizer be a concentrated chemical substance or a load of stable manure. Again, if a fertilizer is used for growing a crop that is not wanted in our market, like the apple crop of the present year, there can certainly be no profit from growing it under such circumstances, and, again, if the season is so unfavorable that all, or nearly all crops fail, we cannot expect a field to produce well merely because it contains sufficient amount of fertil zers to produce a crop, provided other conditions were favorable

TREE PLANTING IN KANSAS .- Mr. the antirrhinums, are not strictly an Hughes, of North Atchison, has had an experience of thirty years as a tree grower in Kansas. Nine years ago he planted a lot of walnuts on worked or sifted very fine. The his place in Doniphan county, and combed and spun into yarn, never lies smaller seed should have the thinnest now they are large, vigorour and smooth and evenly as true bred wool, possible covering and the earth should handsome trees. For the first tro and is consequently not of much be well pressed down upon all kinds. Years their progress was slow, but af value. There is another sort of wool It is a good plan to cover the box or ter that they grew as rapidly as cotwhich farmers do not seem to under. bed with a piece of flannel and sprin. tonwoods. He picked half a bushel stand, and writers on the subject kle the water over this so that the of nuts from each tree in the seventh often ignore, but which is found more seeds will not be washed bare. As year, and the same summer afforded or less on all cross-bred sheep and on soon as the plants can be bandled, a grateful shade. Mr. Hughes is satsheep which are too much exposed prick them out carefully, giving each isfied that a walnut planted in the fall and fed on hilly districts. This is one plenty of room to make a stocky of 1884 will make a better tree in known as "kemp," or dead hairs. growth. Give air and sunshine, but 1889 than a soft maple of the ordin-These kemps vary in length and never allow them to be chilled night ary plunting size set out at the same coarseness according to the breed of or day, and do not transplant to their time. The best walnuts to plant are sheep. In white Highland they are blooming place until the summer has those picked up in the woods with about two inches long and very thick; come in earnest. The chill of one the hulls on, and they should be in cross-bred Australianthey are very | cold night will so check their growth | planted in the fall. Mr. Hughes has short. In the former they cover the that all previous labor will be lost. | made experiments which convince under side of the fleece; in the latter | Some annuals are impatient of that trees grow during the winter, fall they are so few as to not be of any transplanting-like lupins, eschedolt and spring, and he believes that a importance. They are, however, all zias and poppies. The seed of these year may be gained by fall planting.

I HAVE a colt which will be two years old in May. When I took her from pasture in the fall she was called small for her age. The colt has not had a forkful of good hay, a particle of grain, nor a pailful of water for several weeks, and yet I never saw colt that appeared to grow faster or feel better than this one. The drinks eighteen to twenty quarts of skim milk per day. The milk stood forty eight hours before skimming. This is all the food given except a small forkful of sheep oats morning and night, and she runs out in the yard day times and under a shed at night. I think this is a better use for skim milk than to feed it to pigs when

Farm Notes.

A gill of strong green tea is said eating laurel. A farmer who has used this remedy for many years says he has saved hundreds of sheep by it.

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al to wish to get them out of winter eral feeding, but she cannot fulfill the quarters as soon as possible. But it expectations required of her when is easy to make mistakes here. In the all the conditions of food, water and

Do not base swine-feeding upon yards until the grass has made a good the ides that pigs will eat anything. start, than to put them on the pas. They are, indeed, not very choice in tures at the first of starting vegeta- their selection of food, but growth tion. The animals eat the dry food and health are best promoted when

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