

Agricultural Department.

Farm Work for May.

How to economize time and labor and to accomplish most during the present month, is the farmer's study. Many a farmer undertakes to do so much work himself that he breaks down under the pressure, while he should have spent part of his time in planning to make work go smoothly, to have no hurrying, no work to be done over again, and to have no body on the farm who interrupts the work of others, or is out of the way when wanted, or shrinking his share of the tough jobs, and looking out for easy ones. The farmers of our country should remember that all prosperity, especially in this country, is dependent upon the products of the soil, and so use the whole fertility of the soil and the manure-heap to the best advantage, and with confidence in Him who giveth rain in due season, and ordereth the seed time and the harvest.

Beams will do pretty well on poor soils, but a great deal better on good. They run to tops if the ground has too much fresh manure, and are an excellent crop for cleaning land of weeds. They are always marketable, valuable for home use, and for feeding to sheep. Plant white bush varieties 2 1/2 feet apart.

Bees—A moderate apiculture can be easily attended to with little expense and trouble, and with great profit.

Birds—Spare them all; put up bird boxes. More than one or two compartments are undesirable. Kill cats that kill birds; allow no guns fired on or near your premises.

Bones—Collect from far and near with jealousy; pound them up or put them in with the horse manure.

Broom Corn—Plant late in the month, on good corn land in hills, three feet each way, or in drills 4 foot apart, thinning subsequently to six inches apart in the rows.

Buildings—Paint before hot weather comes on, if at all. Remove all litter from unused stalls and the bottom of bays, before it becomes a harbor for rats and mice and insects, which soon take possession when the premises are left undisturbed.

Cattle—Continue to fodder until there is abundance of grass. They will relish a little hay at night even after being turned to pasture. Feed grain to working cattle according to the severity of their labors. Potatoes or other roots once or twice a week will keep them in good, healthy working order.

Cellars—When the cellars are empty, clean them out in every nook and corner, and whitewash throughout, and stop rat holes with cement and broken glass.

Clover—When winter grain is thin and backward from any cause clover and grass seed will catch if sown early.

Corn—Prepare the soil in dry weather, never work the ground when it is wet. Examine carefully and reject all imperfect seed. If wet and dried off with the labor, smutting is prevented. Dairy—The labors of the dairy are commonly more burdensome this month than any other. Plenty of rich milk, with good help makes the work light.

Drainage—mark the spots that need draining, and be prepared to put in the "crocker" or stone next fall in good earnest; and improve drouths, at any season, to drain low swampy land.

Flax and Hemp—Flax culture promises to become more remunerative in future, from recent improvements in preparing the fibre. Sow this and Hemp early.

Fences—Keep all in repair, particularly road and boundary fences, and around pasture lots where young cattle are confined. If they once become unruly, no ordinary fence will restrain them.

Grain Fields—A top dressing of plaster, nitrate of soda, or guano often proved beneficial to both winter and spring grain. Guano, lime or wood ashes, sown liberally before the seed is covered, will benefit heavy soils. Keep all stock from grain fields, and pull the weeds as soon as plainly visible before the grain is too large.

Grass Seed—May be still sown upon grain fields not already seeded, and on poor meadows. Use plenty of seed.

Horses—Need, to keep them in good condition during Spring work, generous feed and thorough grooming. Collars, cart, and harness saddles should fit perfectly, and these are much better hard than soft. Soft pads induce sweating, and galls if the skin be broken. A piece of hard leather, cut to fit the neck and shoulders under the collar, is a great relief to a tender skinned horse. Sponge the head, shoulders and legs night and morning.

Horse-hoes—In all cases where hand hoeing can be dispensed with, and the work done by horse power, do so. The tillage is usually much more thorough, because often repeated and done at so much less expense.

Mowings—Allow no grazing in spring. Top dress with fine compost before the grass has advanced much, or apply ashes or plaster, if needed. Keep the wash channels open from the road, and arrange them to distribute the water over a wide space.

Parsnips—Afford a valuable feed for milk cows; should be sown about the middle of May rather shallow, in drills two feet apart. Parsnips make lighter drafts upon the soil than any other root crop, except onions, but delight in a deeply worked light soil.

Plowing—Lay out long lands, and avoid curving furrows. Whenever practicable follow with the subsoil plow. There is no other good preparation for deepening the soil by subsequent plowing, and it is a great preventive of injury for drouth.

Poultry—If confined, keep up their laying by liberal feed of grain, boiled potatoes, and frequently some chopped meat and grass or green food. Allow them to leave their yard an hour or two before sundown. Hens with chickens should be confined in portable coops and chickens allowed to roam in the garden or fruit yard until they begin to scratch badly—they will destroy many insects. Feed young poultry on cracked corn instead of meal, increasing the size as they grow older, until they can manage whole corn. Milk curds are very wholesome food for them.

Provisions—Pork in barrels in the cellar, hams in the smoke house, and other provisions need looking after occasionally. Add salt to the brine if it needs it and that it covers the meat. Hams sewed in thin muslin bags and white washed, will rarely be troubled with the fly. Keep them dry and cool.

Sheep—Shear early without washing unless the sacrifice of the wool will be too great.—Shear scabby sheep, and dip in a decoction of tobacco, scrubbing them with a brush, and watch the first symptoms of foot rot.

The higher you rise the wider is your horizon; so the more you know the more you will see to be known.

Miscellaneous.

BARTLETT'S NEW IRON WORKS

TOWANDA, PENNA.
THE Subscriber leaves to call the attention of the public to the fact that he has enlarged his motive power and purchased and set up additional machinery, and employed a larger number of workmen than formerly, so that he is now prepared to execute orders for Castings or Machinery with promptitude.

He has at his works all the PATTERNS in use by the late firm of Wm. H. Phillips & Son of Elmira N. Y., and has also added to these, patterns of various kinds.

MILL IRONS furnished for Grist Mills, Gang, Gate, Circular and Muley Saw Mills, besides

different sizes and styles and in fact almost any kind Castings or Machinery in common use.

Steam Fittings such as Steam Pipes, Elbows, Return Bends, Reducers, Couplings, Globe Valves, Check Valves, Gauge Cocks, Oil Cups, Whistles, &c.

always on hand and made to order.

He is also prepared to furnish STEAM BOILERS of any or of cast iron.

Small Castings made in Brass or Composition. Cooking and Heating Stoves of different sizes manufactured and for sale at the above works. Furniture for Cooking Stoves and Store Stoves always on hand.

Persons who want GEARING of any kind are informed that the subscriber has more patterns for Gearing than any other concern in this part of the country. They would be quite sure of finding among his Patterns Gearing that would answer their wants and thus save delay and expense in getting up work.

He makes also a large variety of Pulleys, Balance Wheels and Cranks, Water Wheels, also Saw Gummets, Thimble Skins and Pipe Boxes, Iron Fence, Calendars, Pumps, &c.

His equipment of machinery consists of as good tools as are made, and was selected with the design being able to do any job which might be offered, whether large or small. In short his establishment has been set up in all respects a first class establishment.

Terms Reasonable. Orders solicited. Cash paid for Old Pewter and Britannia.

Works situated on Main Street near Barclay R. R. Canal Basin. O. D. BARTLETT, Proprietor.

Towanda, April 11, 1861.

GREAT BARGAINS!

From \$3,000 to \$4000 Worth

Fashionable Furniture

SOLD IMMEDIATELY

Having bought recently the

Athens Cabinet Ware Rooms,

And entire stock of FURNITURE from the late proprietor, R. M. WELLES, it will be sold for CASH

AT PANIC PRICES.

THE STOCK IS LARGE

and very complete, has been well selected, and is well adapted for the wants of the country. N. B.—It is a common remark made by visitors to these establishments, "Way, I had no idea you had such a large and splendid assortment of Furniture. I have seen nothing like it short of the city."

We have BEDSTEADS from \$2.50 and upwards. COTTAGE and other CHAIRS, in great variety, from \$4.00 to \$15.00 per set. TABLES from \$2.50 upwards, and

Everything else in Proportion.

COFFINS.

In every style, size and price, to suit the means and taste of any and all customers. Call and see our stock.

Athens, Pa., July 24, 1861. F. N. PAGE.

ATTENTION IS INVITED TO MY DESIRABLE STOCK OF

Fall and Winter Clothing!

FOR MEN'S & BOY'S WEAR,

HATS AND CAPS,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

LEATHER OF ALL KINDS,

Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear,

In all colors and sizes, for the present season, which I am offering at

ASTONISHING LOW PRICES

All those wishing to get good bargains may call at the

CLOTHING STORE

OF

M. E. SOLOMON,

No. 4 Patton's Block,

TOWANDA, PA.

HOTEL KEEPERS,

DRUGGISTS,

FARMERS, AND ALL

WHO WANT

PURE LIQUORS

I HAVE just received from the City, a

Large Stock of

IMPORTED PURE LIQUORS,

of every variety. My stock of LIQUORS has been purchased for CASH, directly from the Importers, whereby I am enabled to furnish Farmers for the approaching Harvest, a Superior and Pure article of Liquor, of any kind and at LOWER PRICES than were ever before offered in Towanda.

HOTEL KEEPERS

Will find it greatly to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. I have facilities for purchasing, which enables me to WHOLESALE my goods at New York.

Besides my Liquors are warranted pure and unadulterated. I have also on hand the Largest Stock and Greatest Variety of

Ever brought to Towanda, which having been purchased directly from the Manufacturers and Importers, enable me to compete with the Wholesale Tobaccoists of the city. Hotel keepers and others are respectfully invited to an examination of my entire stock of Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco. Also,

Groceries & Provisions,

Of every description, will be kept constantly on hand, at prices LOWER than elsewhere in this town.

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