

Agricultural.

Business Tact in Farming.

A certain business tact, writes the author of "My Farm of Edgewood," is a large helper to whoever would successfully engage in agricultural pursuits. It implies and demands adaptation of crops to soils, exposure, and the market wants. It is eminent opposed to the drowsiness in which a good many honest country-livers are apt to indulge. It reckons time at its full value; it does not long lean on a horse-handie for gossip. The farmer who turns his capital very slowly, and only once in the year, is not apt to be quickened into business ways by the same means. He may be a good trader, but it takes him half a year to do so. Besides his old proverbs, habits of the olden will, were like, if a shrewd observer, outmatch him in a born erudition; his importunate hints grip everything, if the year's balance were struck and shown. And all this, despite of the trader's comparative inexperience, and by reason only of his superior business tact. The finest shows of fruit at the autumn fair, excepting always those of the professed nurserymen, are made, in three cases out of five, by mechanics or by business men who have brought to this little episode in their life the methodical habits and the observance of details which govern their ordinary business duties. Not being in the way of leaving book accounts in stock on hand to take care of themselves, they are no more inclined to leave an investment in trees or orchards to take care of itself. They reckon upon care at the right time, below it. The farmer who has the methodical smarts of their experience in tillage, and is confounded by the results, will loosely attribute them to a lavish and thrifless expenditure of money, but the conclusion is neither logical nor warranted, in the majority of instances, by the fact. No superior fruit can be grown without labor or extreme care, and if these be controlled by a business system, they will be far more economically bestowed than when subject to no order in their application. From beginning to end there has been no business forecast of the requisite labor involved, no method in its prosecution, no estimate of the scheme as a business operation. It is certain that by special dispensation of Providence in favor of those who make up the bulk of the human family, a man may secure a simple livelihood in agricultural pursuits, less of energy, less of promptitude, less of care, and greater profit, than others, who would be compatible with even this, could be in any other calling of life. With a peccable crop, induced by only a moderate amount of attention and activity, the temptation to a lazy indifference and sleepy passivity is immense. There are farmers who yield to temptation gracefully and complacently. The stir, the wakefulness, the promptitude that seize upon new issues, develop new enterprises, create new demands, as fast as foreign to the majority of land-holders as a ringing discussion of new topics or a juicy launch of Southdown to their tables.

Hen Manure for Corn.

A correspondent of Moore's *Rural New Yorker* writes as follows:

"I notice an inquiry in relation to the best way to use hen manure to manure corn in the hill. If my experience is of any value you are welcome to it. To carry out my method to advantage, the hen-house is constructed with a tight board floor beneath the roosts, and an apartment near by that will hold several loads of dry corn, or better, much in the winter, when, when I eat the meal dry, I dry it in several loads, and at intervals of a few days, scatter a few handfuls of meal beneath the roosts."

"Much is a great deodorizer, and those who have never tried it will be greatly surprised to find how sweet and odorless it will keep the house. I think this fact is of considerable importance in a sanitary point of view, as concerns the fowls; besides saving all the constituents of the manure, which would be lost in the shape of gases and liquids."

When Spring arrives and I wish to use the compost, I shovel it over several times at intervals, when it will become fine and about as odorless as earth, and ready for application.

Last Spring (1868) the rain caught us with about an acre of corn yet to harvest, and we could not get it in, so we could not plant for ten days.

My neighbors told me that the later planted would not catch up all the season, but I thought I would try the virtue of my home-made guano, and accordingly dropped a handful in each hill, and planted directly upon it. The corn came up green and healthy, and seemed to grow so fast that the cut-worm had no chance at it, soon outstripping the first planted, and yielded better at harvest. I also tried the experiment of putting some on the surface after planting, but we could see no effect whatever, but this was probably owing to the very dry season which had last year.

The manure alone would probably kill the germs if applied directly in contact with the seed, but by mixing manure in the way described above, the danger is obviously removed.

Early Chickens.—The season of the year has now fully arrived when breeders ought to have their stock mated and placed in their breeding pens, and whenever a hen shows signs of incubation, no time should be lost in placing eggs under her! The early hatched chicken has many advantages over those of later birth; it should be born in mind that it is in early chick, and the frame is made that will hereafter place it in the rank of the large birds of its breed. And although feeding has much to do in the production of size and maturity, other things being equal, the early chicken is sure to be the best. It behoves breeders, then who wish to excel in this respect, to produce early chickens, and pay off the cost of considerably more care and attention than is necessary in the raising of those at a later period in the season.—*Poultry Chronicle*.

The Kansas City *Bulletin* honors the rule that when you do lie, you shouldn't half do it, by getting of the following bouncers: "A Missouri farmer wrote to Horace Greeley to know if silk culture could be made profitable in Missouri. The veteran agriculturalist of the *Tribune* thought it could. The same farmer also inquired as to the probable profit of raising hens for market. Mr. Greeley felt assured that it would be profitable, but advised his correspondent to raise the plain-handled variety, rather than those with red and blue rings around the handles."—N. Y. Tribune.

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Aug. 10, '70

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