

The Bloomfield Times.

Tuesday, April 25, 1871.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Make a Roller.

No farmer should be without a roller. It is invaluable in making to ground hard after the spring grain is sown, thus helping to protect from drouth, and what is better, preparing the ground for the mowing machine, after the grain is cut and the grass grown. A cast-iron roller is the best, but it can be made of wood, and if the farmer has leisure and a suitable tree, he can do it himself, and thus save a few dollars. Take the butt of a white-oak, chestnut will answer—cut it three feet and a half long, and then on to each end spike an inch and a half plank a foot square. Through these and into each end of the log, exactly in the centre, bore holes six inches deep. Drive into these holes an iron lynch-pin. Now, hang the log, either on some sturdy crotches, or otherwise, and then hew it until it is perfectly round. Take two walnut straddles, ten feet long and four inches thro' at the butts. Flatten them on one side. Bore a hole in each to receive the pins at the ends of the roller; bring the little ends sufficiently near for a horse to walk between; flatten the upper sides in front of the roller, and then bolt thereon a foot wide inch and a half or two inch plank, with three bolts in each end. Instead of a whittle-tree, have two small irons made, one for each thill, to hitch the draft-chains to, so that in turning the horse will pull on one side instead of both, and with the further addition of some hold-back irons, your roller is done.—When wanted for use, put a small boy or girl on the steadiest horse, and it will earn in one day more than three dollars, at the outside, that it cost to make it, and if always kept under cover will last an ordinary lifetime.—Hearth and Home.

Club Foot in Cabbages.

As the season is rapidly approaching when seeding for cabbage plants will be in order, a word or two about club-foot may not be out of place. Some contend, with a good show of reason, that growing cabbage on the same ground several years in succession tends to the production of club foot, but as this disease is known sometimes to infest cabbage the first season on the ground, continuous cropping cannot be the sole cause of it. In some cases it is traced to the larvae of some insect, operating at the base of the stem of the plant which produces elongated swellings or blotches, giving shelter to the pests which feed upon its vital juices, retard its growth and cause decay. Frequent changes of ground may do much toward checking the disease, while other aids are found in a liberal application of wood ashes, marl or dust charcoal dibbled in at the time of setting out the plants. It is recommended, by some, to combine fresh soot and powdered saltpetre in proportion of four quarts of the former and one pound of the latter mixed with water to the consistency of tar. At the time of planting immerse each root in this proportion, and club-foot will not trouble the cabbage-ground for that season at least.

Management of Brooms.

If brooms are wet in boiling suds once a week, they will become very tough, will not cut a carpet, last much longer, and always sweep like a new broom. A handful or so of salt sprinkled on the carpet will carry the dust along with it and make the carpet look bright and clean.

A dusty carpet may be cleaned by setting a pail of cold water out by the door, wet the broom in it, knock it to get off all the drops, sweep a yard or so, then wash the broom as before and sweep again, being careful to shake all the drops off the broom, and not sweep far at a time. If done with care it will clean a carpet very nicely, and you will be surprised at the quantity of dirt in the water.—The water may need changing once or twice if the carpet is very dirty. Snow sprinkled over a carpet, and swept off before it has had time to melt or dissolve, is useful for renovating a soiled carpet.—Moistened Indian meal is used with good effect by housekeepers. In many towns and city houses the apartments receive but one thorough sweeping a week.—Brooms wear out carpets quite as much as feet do.

A Hint on Horse Shoeing.

A writer in the Western Rural says that a horse's shoes can be kept sharp at about one-half the usual cost by having the smith drive a small piece of cast-steel into each heel, and two into each toe. They can be conveniently cut from a strip of steel five-eighths or three-fourths of an inch wide, and can be easily put into the toe calk while the shoe is being made. After the shoe is fitted, the calk should be hardened so that the steel will be as hard as a file.

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