

The Bloomfield Times.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

A Splendid Dauphin County Farm.

One of the finest farms in this State is located in Dauphin Co. about 7 miles below Harrisburg along the P. R. R. It is owned by Mr. James Young, who by sheer energy and thrift, has risen from the position of bootblack and groom in his father's tavern to a fortune of half a million. As an investment for his surplus means, in 1856, he purchased an old worn out farm, about 250 acres, to which he added, from time to time, acre after acre, until he now owns 800 acres. Unlike most men who have bought land as an investment in that county, who are in the habit of farming in the old slipshod style of tenant or share farming, Mr. Young manages and farms every acre of his land within himself, believing that the only way to make farming profitable, where land is worth \$200 per acre, is in fattening cattle. He started in to feed enough cattle to eat up all the corn and hay raised on his own farm; and from 20 or 30 head fed at first, he, during the winter of 1870 and 1871, fed and fattened for the Philadelphia market some 500 head, generally selling 15 or 20 at a time, and immediately replacing them. In this way he fed some 4,000 bushels of corn and emptied his hay-mows, returning both corn and hay to his land through the barn-yard. It would gladden the heart of any believer in compost manure to see the piles at his different barn-yards. This manure, in connection with a muck swamp on his place, out of which he has hauled thousands upon thousands of loads of muck, has so enriched his land that his average crop of 164 acres of wheat this season will be fully 25 bushels to the acre, and he has no hesitancy in saying that his corn crop for several years past has yielded 80 bushels of shelled corn per acre. A very large proportion of his land, however, is in timothy and clover, as he requires an immense amount of hay both to feed his fattening cattle and for the stock kept permanently on his farms. No grain on any of his farms, neither to the fattening cattle or farm stock, is fed whole, a great deal of it being ground by a mill in one of his barns. If any man doubts the fact that one man is capable of successfully and profitably farming 800 acres of land with himself, let him make a visit to that place, and if he does not find everything about the farm of Mr. Young in as neat and prosperous a condition as on any 150-acre farm, we will agree to pay the expenses of his trip.

Oat Chaff for Feed.

A year or two ago we were, by accident led to feed some oat chaff to a few head of milking cows, and were agreeably surprised to find that they suddenly came up considerably in their milk. The chaff was discontinued for a day or two, when the cows fell off to their former quantity; but on feeding the chaff again, the flow increased. Since then the value of oat chaff as a milk producer has been satisfactorily proved by us. This would then make it advisable that when oats are thrashed the chaff should be saved for feed. It may be fed in the place of oat chaff, with the usual wetting, salting, and mixing of the regular allowance of meal. In years when the hay is as scarce as in the present, not only the chaff may be fed, but the oat straw should be carefully saved for fodder. It is quite as nutritious as timothy that has gone to seed.—Hearth and Home.

Keeping Winter Apples.

With other modes of saving apples all winter and far into the spring, we have more than once suggested that generally adopted in New England, New York, and the Northwestern States, which is to pick them from the trees, sort them out, and put them in dry flour casks, pressing them down closely and heading them up. They should be allowed to stand under a shed until cold weather sets in, and then be removed to a dry cellar or some place where they will not freeze. Care must be taken that none but perfect fruit is barreled. We saw the other day one of the best farmers of Montgomery county putting up his apples in this manner, and he told us that they frequently kept until early haymaking.

Recipe for Curing Beef and Hams.

For every hundred pounds of beef, seven pounds salt, two ounces saltpetre, one and one-half pounds brown sugar and four gallons of water. Boil and skim, and pour over the meat when cold. If properly packed that amount of water will cover the meat.

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