Che Ploomfield Gimes.

Tuesday, November 12, 1872.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

A Hint Worth Heeding.

I went into Swampcot's tool-house yesterday to get out of the rain. His grass is cut, and he will have no more use for his mower. The orthodox way of doing with a mower on many farms is to unhitch from it where the last hay cutting is done, and leave it in the field. Swampcot must be a heretic. I found his mower packed away in one corner of his tool-house as snugly as

it had been there when the tool-house was built and had never cut any grass. I noticed it had been thoroughly cleansed and the bearings oiled. I rather liked the idea. I said so. Swampcot said, "Why that's the way I make money. I've used that mower six summers, and it's a better mower to-day than Joe Peet's, that he bought last year; his lay in the field until November, and was then put into an open shed, where the sheep ran and hens roosted. It was a nice looking object this Spring, and I knew he expended \$15 upon it before he could make it run. Why, sir, he never took the sickle out of it, from the time he quit using it until he wanted to use it again; nor did he oil it." I noticed the cultivators, harrows, plows; &c., were all snugly put away by Swampcot. I mention these little things so that you may know why he has the reputation of being a thrifty, thorough, liberal farmer.

Rat Proof Corn Crib.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, gives the following directions for making a rat proof corn crib.

Let the four corner posts be 8 inches square; frame the sills which are to support the floor of the crib into the posts at a distance of two feet from the lower end. Before putting the frame together, taper the lower ends of the posts for the distance of two feet, so that at the very base the posts shall be only four inches square. -Now, when the frame is set up let these posts also stand on tapered rocks. If the crib needs more than these four posts to bear up the corn that will be put into it, make legs like the lower portions of these posts, and set these legs under the sills, and put on the floor, making the latter tight, and which will be about three feet from the ground. Have the door made tight, and keep it shut, and no rats will get into your crib.

A Fruit Ladder.

The work of securing the fruit in a proper condition from the top of tall trees, is a severe tax on the muscles unless the proper implements for climbing are provided. Secure a sapling of sufficient length of basswood or elm which are very light when seasoned and fit an iron around near the small end. Then commence at the large end and divide the stick in the middle. If the grain is straight it may be split, if not, use the saw. Spread the foot of the ladder about three feet, which forms a triangle, and insert rounds at proper places. The pole or closed end placed in the fork of a forms the most convenient and safest of ladders.

Celery.

Celery that is not sufficiently blanched when cool nights come on, and there is danger of frost, should be banked, up to the topmost point of the leaves then cover with straw or boards. When the ground begins to freeze, dig up, and place all in a narrow trench, in some dry and convenient place, where it can be protected from frost and still be gotten when wanted for use. Pure sand is better than soil to pack in among the roots and stems for winter preservation.

A Wrinkle about the Age of Horses.

The following information to ascertain the age of a horse, after it has passed the ninth year, is quite new for us, and will be to the most of our readers. After the horse is nine years old, a wrinkle comes on the eye-lid, at the upper corner of the lower lid, and every year thereafter he has one well defined wrinkle for each year of his age over nine. If for instance a horse has three wrinkles, he is twelve. Add the the number of wrinkles to nine, and you will always get at his age.

Lime in Crops.

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