

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 Remarkable Yield of Corn in Maryland.

Mr. A. Vanderford, one of the editors of the Democratic Advocate, Westminster, Md., furnishes the Agricultural Department a statement of a remarkable yield of corn, published in a recent number of his journal. The crop, said to be the largest ever produced in that county, was grown by Mr. John W. Murry, of Hampstead district, Carroll County, from whose letter the following extract is made:

The land is low and is overflowed by the washings from the turnpike and from my barn-yard, and was in grass for fifteen years prior to the Spring of 1872; then plowed and planted in corn, and yielded 2 1/2 barrels per acre. This was the same piece of ground that I used last year. The stubble was left until I had planted the rest of my corn. On May 16, 1873, I plowed the ground very deep, harrowed it the same day, and rolled it on the 17th. I sowed 300 pounds fine bone and harrowed it again the same day. I marked it off, 32 inches one way, and sowed 300 pounds Rhodes' super-phosphate in the rows, and dropped the corn 10 inches apart, one and two grains in a hill. On the 4th of June it was badly missing; and plasted the ground and replanted; 10th of June plowed again, still some missing; 17th of June plowed and hoed, and plastered the weak spots; 30th of June dragged, plowed, and thinned; 4th of July hilled with a potato-plow as deep as one horse could pull, and kept thinning as I thought required until shooting-time. The variety of corn was the Chester County mammoth yellow, of which I send you a sample.

In regard to the yield, the ground was surveyed by a practical, sworn surveyor, cut off by two sworn men, and measured by a sworn man, in the presence of many, and measured 29-9-10 barrels, and the same measure at the cattle-scales in Baltimore made 30 1/2 barrels, for which I hold a receipt.

I am not a one-acre farmer, but cultivate forty acres, with myself and three boys, or perhaps I could have given the one acre more attention and had a larger yield, which I believe could have been made.

About Sick Animals.

Nearly all sick animals become so by improper feeding, in the first place. In nine cases out of ten the digestion is wrong. Charcoal, says the Live Stock Journal, is the most efficient and rapid corrective. It will cure in a majority of cases if properly administered. An example of its use: The hired man came in with the intelligence that one of the finest cows was very sick, and a kind neighbor proposed the usual drugs and poisons. The owner being ill, and unable to examine the cow, concluded that the trouble came from over-eating, and ordered a teaspoonful of pulverized charcoal given in water. It was mixed, placed in a junk bottle, the head held upward, and the water and charcoal poured downward. In five minutes improvement was visible, and in a few hours the animal was in the pasture quietly eating grass. Another instance of equal success occurred with a young heifer which had become badly bloated by eating green apples after a hard wind. The bloating was so severe that the sides were almost as hard as a barrel. The old remedy, saleratus, was tried for correcting the acidity. But the attempt to put it down always caused coughing, and it did little good. Half a teaspoonful of fresh powdered charcoal was next given, and in a few hours all appearance of bloat had gone, and the heifer was well.

Should Milk or Cream be Churned?

The New York Observer reports an experiment from which it appears that about 360 pounds of milk make twenty-two pounds of butter or sixteen to one. The milk was sour and thick. It was thought that the quality of the butter would have been somewhat better if the milk had only just begun to turn. As to velocity in churning, it was said there should be from forty to sixty strokes of the dasher in a minute. Some say that the motion should be continuous; others, that the cream (or milk) should have intervals of rest, and the air should occasionally be introduced. It has been discovered by the microscope that butter exists in the milk inclosed in thin sacks of albumen, and these sacks are to be thoroughly broken to make good butter. They are sometimes seen mixed with butter, being only torn in two. The effect of souring is injurious. The great objection of churning milk is the great amount of power required.

Turnips for Hens.

Mr. McKen in the Poultry World recommends raw Swedish turnips, cut open once or twice, and thrown on the floor of the henery, as the best and cheapest green food, that can be given.

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