

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.

Agriculture.

Agriculture is the most certain source of strength, wealth, and independence. Commerce flourishes by circumstances precarious, contingent, transitory, almost as liable to change as the winds and waves that waft it to our shores.

The first three men in the world were a gardener, a ploughman, and a grazer; and if any man object that the second of these was a murderer, I desire he would consider that as soon as he was so, he quit our profession and turned builder.

In ancient times, the sacred plow employed the kings, and awful fathers of mankind.

In the age of aecoras, antecedent to Ceres and the royal ploughman Triptolemus, a single barley-corn had been of more value to mankind than all the diamonds that glowed in the mines of India.

Trade increases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land.

In a moral point of view, the life of the agriculturist is the most pure and holy of any class of men; pure, because it is the most healthful, and vice can hardly find time to contaminate it; and holy, because it brings the Deity perpetually before his view, giving him thereby the most exalted notions of supreme power.

The farmers are the founders of civilization.

And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians.

Command large fields but cultivate small ones.

The frost is God's plow, which he drives through every inch of soil in the world, opening each clod, and pulverizing the whole.

Sheep Raising.

The papers state that Mr. H. G. Abbott, of Vassalboro', Maine, fenced off ten acres of land, so poor that nothing but white and yellow weeds grew upon it, and turned upon it fifty sheep and kept them there for two seasons. They ate up every green thing. In the spring of the second season there sprang up a green coating, showing that grass was coming so fast as to induce a withdrawing of the sheep the third season. The result was a crop averaging two tons to the acre on one portion, and two and a half on the other, of the best quality of hay.

Household Suggestions.

If you are buying carpets for durability, choose small figures.

Save your suds for garden plants, or for garden yards, when sandy.

If your flat-irons are rough, rub them with fine salt and it will make them smooth.

Wood ashes and common salt made compact with water will stop the cracks of a stove, and prevent the smoke from escaping.

To clean a browned porcelain kettle, boil peeled potatoes in it. The porcelain will be rendered nearly as white as when new.

To ascertain whether a bed be damp or not, after the bed is warmed, put a glass goblet in between the sheets, and if the bed be damp, in a few minutes drops of wet will appear on the inside of the glass.

Housekeepers should know that a small piece of paper or linen, moistened with spirits of turpentine, and put into a bureau or wardrobe for a single day, two or three times, is a sufficient preservation against moths.

There has been no rain in Georgia for thirty-five days, and the drought is seriously affecting the crops.

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