

Farm, Home &c.

—Ten bushels of spent tan bark mixed with two bushels of guano makes an excellent compost for potatoes.

—A bullock when slaughtered yields about fifty pounds of blood, which for fertilizing purposes is worth 25 cents.

—Mr. J. J. Erwin, of Texas, has just completed his spring clip of a flock (193) sheep, which will make an average of over five pounds per head, and a yield of about 30 cents per pound.

—It is said that there is no better way to destroy weeds than to plow the land in early summer, and in July sow buckwheat. Straw is a potato plant and has sometimes been used as a fertilizer for potatoes.

James Myers, of Central township, Elkhart, Ind., has just finished this spring which is 14 1/2 feet high. When its wheel is raised up it revolves over the dam's back. It has to be fed by hand, owing to its inability to stop to the material found. The dam is a common animal about 10 years old.

One of the most useful implements that can be used upon the farm is the field roller. It crushes the clods, levels and smooths the ground and presses the earth firmly around the seed, causing it to sprout and grow much earlier. In very dry weather a good rolling of the ground will often cause seeds to grow which otherwise would not have germinated.

Working Horses.—A thorough washing with clean water, not too cold, will greatly aid in keeping the working horses in a good condition; it removes the accumulated and dried sweat and dirt much better than dry rubbing. The harness should be kept clean and soft that it may not irritate the animals. A little powdered glass rubbed on with the oil will keep away any insects that are likely to infest the harness, and will do no injury to the horse.

The National Live Stock Journal, speaking of raising pigs has this to say: "The true policy is to promote the growth of the pig to an abundance of nutritious food, and to secure a healthy and perfect development of heart and lungs and bone and muscle by permitting him to romp and race, and play at will. By so doing, all the risks of 'roughing it' will be avoided and all that is fat or dangerous or gormous feeding will be avoided."

Farmers—Who do not make a little edge butter do not always find a ready remunerative market for the same, may keep for a rise in the price by making the same in excess. This requires just and covering with strong butter by making it into rolls which are done up in cloth and kept in a barrel of brine; but in this case it must be borne in mind that unless the brine is fully saturated with salt, it will draw from the butter and so injure it, or, at least, the whole is perfectly submerged. It is liable to become rancid and to extend in the time and thus eventually injure the whole.

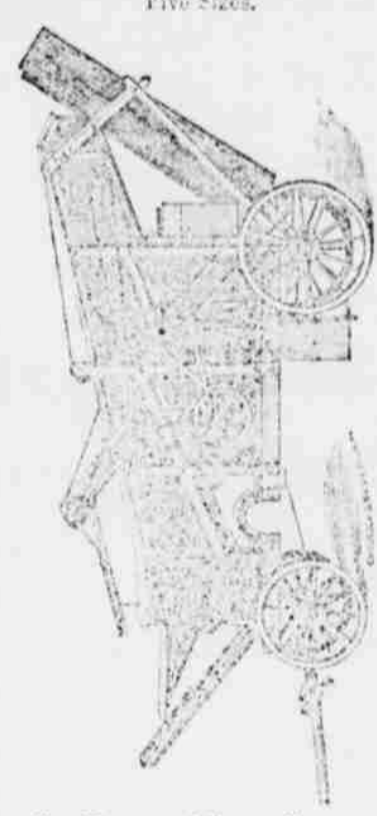
There is a monster apple tree in Jackson township, Cambria county. There are on its various branches 192 grafts, and some might have been found for miles. One foot above the ground it measures six feet five and a half inches in circumference. The first limb, which branches out five feet above the ground, is four feet eight inches in circumference. The next limb higher up is four feet three inches in circumference; the third limb gives four feet and a half and another measures two feet round. The tree top is very round and beautiful, and when the sun is directly above it the foliage throws a shadow 114 feet in circumference.

The Ideal Lemon Ice.—I take my bicarbott roller and run a pad over very finely rolled around the edge I cut a narrow strip of the paste and bake these shells. While they are baking I prepare the following filling, which is very filling, at the price: I take my lemon and do not roll it—can you why? It gives better when it is firm. After the yellow is all grated into a bowl, I squeeze in the juice, and if any little cells go in I do not say them nay. I then put in a cup of sugar, and the yolk of one egg, stir well together. Upon this I pour a large cup of cold water (no milk), into which has been stirred a dessert-spoonful of corn starch. I put all into a sauce pan and stir until it is cooked into a rich, clear, straw-colored jelly. My shells now being baked, I fill them, and from the white of the egg make a meringue, to softly cover each. I pop them into the oven one brief instant, and then draw them out a rich sunset yellow.

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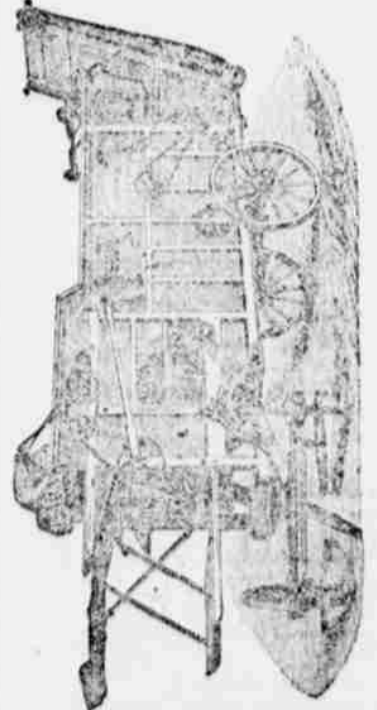


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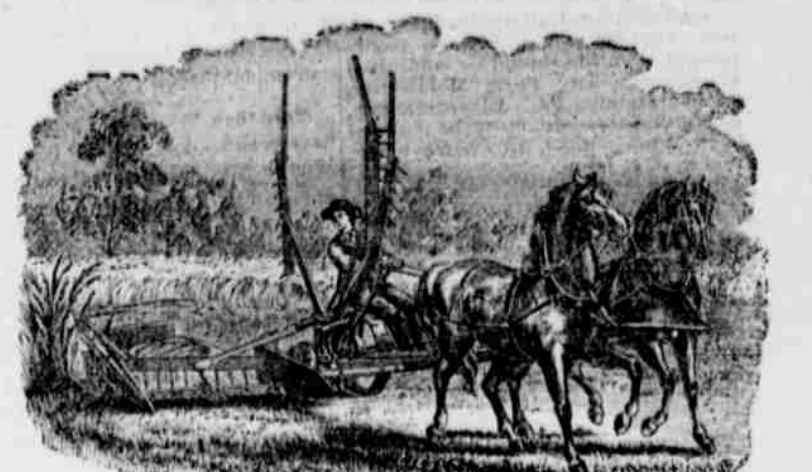
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