

# The Farm and Fireside.

## The Cause of Rust in Wheat.

A correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph writes to that paper on this topic in these words:  
I have before me an article in last week's paper, stating that it is getting to be the pretty general opinion among farmers that the sowing of grass seed, clover or timothy, in the fall with wheat is the cause of rust in the same, etc.

I beg leave to differ from that article; first, clover is generally sown in the spring in this region of the country at least—the winter would probably destroy it; but timothy is usually sown with the wheat, or close following when sown later; the sowing of wheat and rust, I will give him a receipt how to do so. Sow your wheat very late in the fall in order not to get much root, so that the frosts of winter may raise much of it out of the ground and cause it to perish; it will then start in the spring thin, grow rank with very dark color, and ripen very late. You may then expect a very good crop of rust. Yet if it is sown in good season, plenty of seed, timothy moderate you may expect as bright straw as any your neighbors, although they may have sown grass seed or not. Dump or mow wheat is favorable to rust; but that will come if it choose, grass or not. If the wheat is sown early, the timothy need not be so thick as was formerly the custom when sown later; the timothy will supply itself with a stronger root. But the grass seed is of high importance, as the wheat crop will barely pay at the present prices of grain, labor, machinery, fertilizers, etc.

It is also claimed that grass seed, sown after harvesting the wheat, will produce a good crop the following year. I have heard it said that it is sown with wheat. Here I differ again, very much as to the timothy, and clover also, if it is sown after the wheat harvest; for we know that we are very liable to have much dry weather after harvest, that would be much against its taking root; we also know that many weeds and much fall grass, as it is usually termed, will grow up for the masonry, and another it out so that in the following fall or spring, we would have to put on our 'specs' perhaps, to find it; and to have a good crop the following season, the chance, I think, would be slim. With even a wet autumn, the fall grasses and other intruders would even more quickly, perhaps, choke the newly sown grasses.

## Harnessing Horses Correctly.

When harnessed correctly, a strong horse is a powerful animal; but by an imperfect adjustment of the gearing, many strong teams are short of half their strength; and many are often worried more by an improper fit of harness, or by an ill-fitting harness, than by any ailment they are drawing, than by all the service they perform. But few teamsters have ever been taught how to harness a horse correctly; and fewer still have learned that there is a right way and a wrong way to hitch a team to a carriage. When a harness is taken from the shop, every part should be adjusted to suit the size of the horse. The back-band should be let out or buckled up, until it will neither be too long nor too short when the animal is drawing a load. Many a good horse has had a large sore made on his back simply because the back-band of the harness was buckled up too far. The breeching should also be adjusted properly, so that the horse will seem to be sitting in a chair, and not like a colt wearing the harness of full grown horse. The collar should fit snugly to the animal's neck as an easy pair of shoes set on one's feet. The collar should never be so long that man can trust his arm easily between the neck of the animal and the lower end of the collar. Many horses—especially old ones—when their harnessed collar is so small that they cannot be put over the heads of the horses that wear them. It is of eminent importance that the proprietors of teams should see to such minor points; and provide collars that are open at the top or bottom. Every horse should have his own collar and harness, as much as every man his own boots and coat. The lines are often adjusted in such a manner that the heads of both horses are hauled away from each other so far that the team cannot travel easily. At other times their heads are drawn too far inward, toward each other. The lines should be adjusted so that the heads may be held just as far apart as the length of the double whippletree. When a team is attached to a carriage, or lumber-wagon, the breast-straps, stay-chains or neck-pole should be so adjusted that the pole or tongue can not strike either horse. The tongue is often allowed to have so much play, that it changes the arms or shoulders of the team with terrible force, when the vehicle is being drawn over rough ways. The breast-straps or tongue-chains should be drawn up so as to elevate the tongue between the shoulders, where the lateral jerking or thrusting will be received by the gearing on the necks of the animals, rather than against the unprotected arm or shoulders of the team.—Practical Farmer.

## How Brandy Cured the Cow.

A certain Hampshire county farmer, a noisy temperance man by the way, who is justly proud of his fine imported stock, recently fancied that one of the best milkers was smitten with cattle disease, and sent in haste for the village farmer, a neighbor well versed in all the ways of his trade. The farmer, after a cursory examination, declared that the animal looked grave and asked:  
"Have you any whiskey or brandy handy?"  
"No," said the farmer.  
"Pat, run to the drugstore as soon as possible, and tell him I want a quart of brandy for medicinal purposes."  
When the liquor arrived, Dick took the bottle, uncorked it, smelt of it, and taking a good drink, put the bottle in his pocket, saying, "Your cow will be all right presently, I have pulled a thorn out of her foot," and walked off.

## The Management of Clover Hay.

Clover should be mowed as soon as it is well up. There is no necessity to wait for a brown head, there will be plenty to be seen before the crop is well down. Cut when the dew is off, and allow to dry until afternoon, when it should be shaken up and turned before the dew falls. If a feeder is employed, its constant use will fit the clover to be put in cocks the same day. If turned by hand, it may lie until the noon of next day, when it may be put in cocks, made as high and narrow as possible; they will shed rain better in this shape, and if caps are used, a yard square

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## The Bachelor Juror.

A gentleman who is rather given to story-telling, relates the following:  
When I was a young man I spent several years in the South, residing for a while at Port Hudson, on the Mississippi River. A great deal of litigation was going on there about that time, and it was not always an easy matter to obtain a jury. One day I was summoned to act in that capacity, and repaired to court to get excused.  
My name being called I informed his honor, the Judge, that I was not a free-holder, and therefore not qualified to serve.

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## The Age of our Earth.

Among the astounding discoveries of modern science is that of the immense periods that have passed in the gradual formation of the earth. So vast were the cycles of time preceding even the appearance of man on the globe, that the geological strata which now surround us are but the remains of a world that has long since perished. It is almost impossible to form a correct conception of the periods of time which have elapsed since the beginning of the world. It is almost impossible to form a correct conception of the periods of time which have elapsed since the beginning of the world. It is almost impossible to form a correct conception of the periods of time which have elapsed since the beginning of the world.

## Funeral Customs.

We have several times of late commented upon the growing evil of costly and showy funerals. The time was when funerals were looked upon with solemnity, and churches were revered as places of worship. As the New York Express well remarks, the time now is when funerals are mockeries, and temples of worship too often, alas, are but ministers to human vanity. When one has sincere friends, it is particularly acceptable to his relatives to receive their sympathy, and to have them show their regard for the deceased by leading their presence at the tomb. But when, simply to make an ostentatious display, every one who can be thought of is hustled into a carriage and conveyed to the cemetery, cranking their jokes and thinking of nothing, apparently, but the ride, does not the whole thing become a mere mockery. Seventy-five per cent. of those who attend the average funerals in cities care no more for the deceased, and give the mortal remains of a human being going to his last resting place, no more thought than they would those of a fancy dog or a pet parrot. The American people have conceived a notion that a vast amount of money must be spent on funerals, and in order to do this many people make costly carriages. More especially is this the case with the people of slender means, who will take the last cent they have in the house to provide a grand funeral and make a grand show, while surviving members of the family may suffer for bread.—Balt. Sun.

## How It Was Discovered.—An alleged discovery of a cure for cancer from a specific derived from a plant which grows in Ecuador is exciting much interest in medical circles. A curious story is told of the manner in which the anticancer virtues of this plant were first discovered. For a long time previous to the discovery the plant had been regarded as a poison. Acting upon this belief, an Ecuadorian who desired to rid himself of her husband gave him a decoction of this plant in his drink. The fellow was already dying slowly of a cancer in his stomach, but his eagerness could not wait for the ordinary medical course. She applied the anticancer distinction of this drink, and waited to see him fall at her feet. But instead of that the happy husband survived. The subtle essence benefitted his cancer, and the fellow finally recovered from his disease, and made known the blessing to the world.

## Is it possible, Miss, that you don't know the names of some of your best friends?—Certainly, I don't know what my own name may be a year from now."

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