

FARMER'S COLUMN

First Wheat Grown in America

A mild flavor of interest attaches to the result of antiquarian researches as to the first wheat grown on the continent. Its cultivation in Mexico dates back to the time of Cortes. This adventurer caused the plants and grains common in Spain to be introduced into his possessions, and a few grains of wheat stolen from him by one of the natives, about the year 1530, furnished the seed from which supplies were afterward scattered through the whole Mexican region and adjacent countries. Its first growth in the United States appears to have been in Massachusetts in 1622, Gasnold, the explorer, sowing it with some others of the cereal grains. Nine years later it was introduced into Virginia, but for as much as a hundred and fifty years its culture was comparatively slender, because the raising of tobacco monopolized most of the efforts of agriculture. It was raised in New York State at the then colony of Neth lands, before 1666, as is shown by the fact that in that year a ship carried to Holland samples of that grain, to be sown with rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, beans and flax. In the West what was introduced into the Valley of the Mississippi in 1628, where much complaint was made, at that time and after, that it ran to lead stalk, but only very little to ear yielding only from five to eight fold. It was twenty-eight years before Western wheat culture had developed sufficiently to enable six hundred barrels of flour to be sent annually from the Wash to New Orleans. But we read that a little later, in 1750, the French in Illinois raised three times as much as was needed for home consumption, the surplus, like that from the Wash, being sent to the entrepot on the Gulf.

Patterning Horses

To fatten a horse that has fallen off in flesh is sometimes a tedious business, indeed the work of months. The following suggestions to accomplish it, however, though without paternity, look to the German-born Tel graph as wise and to the purpose:

Many good horses devour large quantities of grain and hay, and still continue thin and poor; the food eaten is not properly assimilated. If the usual food has been unground grain and hay, nothing but a change will affect any desirable alteration in the appearance of the animal. In case oatmeal is not obtained readily, mingle a bushel of flax-seed with a bushel of barley, one of oats, and another bushel of Indian corn, and let it be ground into a fine meal. This will be a fair proportion for all his food. Or the meal, or the barley, oats and corn, in equal quantities, may first be procured, and one-fourth part of oil cake mingled with it, when the meal is sprinkled on cut-feed. Feed two or three quarts of the mixture two or three times daily, mingled with a peck of cut hay and straw. If the horse will eat that greedily, let the quantity be gradually increased until he will eat four or six quarts at every feeding, three times a day. So long as the animal will eat this allowance the quantity may be increased a little every day. But avoid the practice of allowing a horse to stand at a rack well filled with hay. In order to fatten a horse that has run down in flesh, the groom should be very particular to feed the animal no more than he will eat up clean and lick his manger for more.

FRIDING TURKEYS.—The poultry World, in an article on turkeys, has this in relation to feeding: "The practice of most farmers who raise turkeys, is not to feed them at all after the young birds are six or eight weeks old. They are driven off to the pastures or woods early in the morning, and get their living where they can find it. Their chief food is grasshoppers and other insects, and they do the pastures and meadows a great service in keeping under these destructive insects. This may be well enough where insects and must be plenty, but upon many farms the range of woodland is exceedingly limited, and the growth of the birds will not be satisfactory without food from the corn crib. They should come to the roost every night with full crops, and if on examination this is not found to be the case, they should be regularly fed once a day at least. There is no danger of fattening a young turkey on a good range in six months. With first class stock, full feed will make a difference of four or five pounds in the weight of the birds at Thanksgiving. Turkeys like a variety of food, though they do very well upon corn, which they never refuse while in health. They are very fond of a mash of boiled potatoes and Indian meal, and thrive upon it. Whatever the provender it should be fed regularly, and the birds kept thriving from the shell to the butcher's block."

A colored woman at Meriden, returning from a picnic recently, had the misfortune to tumble into the water. One of the picnickers seeing the accident, rushed into the water and saved the lady. After a profusion of thanks, she mildly asked her rescuer if he would please get an apple which she had dropped into the water. Nothing daunted, white pants and swallow-tail coat once more rushed into the cold water and slimy mud, bringing forth the much coveted apple. When upon she went home perfectly happy.

A lawyer upon a circuit in Ireland, who was pleading the case of an infant plaintiff, took the child up in his arms, and presented it to the jury, sufficed with tears. This had a great effect, until the opposite lawyer asked the child, "What makes you cry?" "He pinched me," answered the little innocent. The court was convulsed with laughter.

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