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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Farmers naturally feel greater solicitude, says the American *Agriculturist*, in regard to the results which this month will effect than about those of any other similar period. And well they may. It is not farmers alone who are interested; every man, woman and child, in the length and breadth of the land has a personal interest in abundant crops, well gathered. Upon no other thing does the prosperity of the whole country so much depend. The great bulk of the grass crop, which is more valuable than any other, the most of the wheat crop, and of all winter grains, are harvested in July. The character of the season settles the amount which will be realized from spring-sowed grains, and in fact most summer crops. Where drouths prevail this month, they may almost, if not entirely, destroy the corn, potatoes, pastures, and aftermath. Protracted rains will cause great dangers to grain and hay, not secured; standing grass will become tough and wiry, losing much of its nutritive value, and will fill up with a new growth, chiefly of clover, which is not really healthy when cured for hay. One of the most important things for us to do is to provide forage crops to take the place of short pasturage in the fall. The corn sown in May will help out the feed this month. Every one ought to have a set of hay and grain caps as a defence against showers and storms. We should arrange good plans for quick work. When the weather is favorable, keep the soil among hoed crops always mellow, not working it so deep, however, in dry weather as to cause the crops to wilt. The progress of the age is shown more in the application of machinery and horse-power to save the labor of human hands than in any other way, and it is essential to profitable farming, that, so far as possible, we avail ourselves of the most valuable helps. Smooth land is essential, if we would make the best use of haying and harvesting machinery. Clean lands, that have a comparative freedom from weeds, is indispensable to the most advantageous use of horse-power in tillage. Freedom from water standing within a few feet of the surface, accomplished by means of thorough drainage, is perhaps, the most important means of making the tiller of the soil in a measure independent of both wet and dry seasons. For the case and comfort of the farmer and his teams, and the durability of his implements, a removal of the stones, so far as possible, is most important.

Hints About Work.

The following hints for work during the month from the same well conducted Agriculturist Monthly will be specially interesting:

This is a month of hard work; haying presses upon hoeing, and this has to be neglected too often for the grain harvest. Then turnip and buckwheat sowing, cabbage setting, and a score of other necessary or desirable things fill every moment of the long days, and may cause sore perplexity if the plans are not well thought over for each day and for several days ahead.

Weather.—We expect hot weather, with some two or three weeks very hot and dry. We must be prepared to take advantage of a few rainy days early in the month to transplant cabbages, fill out tobacco, or vacant spots in the rows of ruta-bagas. Thunder storms must be looked out for, and hay and grain shielded from damage as well as possible.

Hay.—Cut, cure and mow away by horse power, if possible. Steady and rapid drying of the hay, as when the hay-tedder tosses it up every few minutes until it is cured, is best; curing in the cock after having been twice turned, and cocked up while hot, is next best, and makes better hay than that sunned and dried, and raked up after the dew falls, in the usual way. Cotton stuffs are cheap enough to make hay caps now, and they often pay for themselves in one rainy week. Upon shocks of

Grain, caps of cloth are often very useful, as it takes no longer to put them on than to put on the cap sheaves. Cut when nearly ripe, and if the straw is short or dry, it saves time and labor to take to the field dampened, long rye straw for bands.

Orchard and Nursery.

Thinning is so much neglected, and yet so important, that we must, at the risk of repetition, often insist upon it. If one has any doubts upon the subject, let him take two trees of the same variety of peach or pear, and from one remove half or three-fourths of the crop, and upon the other let all the fruit grow. When the fruit is ripe, market the crop of each tree, keeping a correct account of all the expenses, and see which tree has *paid* the most. One bushel of good fruit will bring more than three bushels of poor.

Peaches should be handled with care; pick just before they soften, so that they will reach market in good order. Crates are better than baskets.

Cherries.—When these—as is often the case—are "picked on shares," watch the pickers, who often do much damage. Allow no person with heavy boots to go into the trees, and if a picker picks fruit-spurs as well as fruit, make him stop his work.

Budding will commence with the plum and cherry, according to the season.

Pruning is to be continued, and on young trees superfluous growths are to be rubbed off.

Insects are always to be fought. Sufficient directions for fighting them were given last month.

Black Knot on plum and cherry is to be cut out on its first appearance.

Cultivate young orchards as directed last month.

Mulch around young trees, if this treatment is preferred to cultivation.

Cherry Stones are to be collected, and mixed with plenty of sand before they dry up.

Raspberries.—In garden culture it is best to prune out the old canes as soon as the fruit is off. Treat all suckers not needed for new plants like weeds.

Currants.—It a late brood of the worm appears, give a dusting of white hellebore. By shading a number of bushes, the season of this excellent, but much neglected fruit may be much prolonged.

Strawberries may be transplanted now, and the plants become sufficiently well established to give a crop next season.

Dwarf Trees in the fruit garden will need all the care with regard to insects mentioned for those in the orchard. Thinning is particularly recommended, especially with those pears that bear fruit in clusters. If the red spider appears vpon pear trees, drench them with strong soap suds.

Grape Vines will now need constant care. See what has been said upon summer treatment in the articles on the vine in this and previous numbers.

Pastures must be well looked to, and if they begin to get short, the cattle should be fed daily with green corn fodder, or other green feed. Top dress with guano, ashes, plaster, or any fine compost.

Root Crops—Ruta-bagas sown last month should be well hoed and thinned. Hoe other roots. Sow turnips any time during the month. A fall crop of Ruta-bagas cannot be expected, but a very good one may be excellent for the table. Sow Strap-leaf or Cowhorn turnips only after the 25th. They will do well among corn at the last hoeing.

Potatoes—Keep weeds pulled; scatter turnip seed or set cabbage plants, when hills are wanting.

Corn.—Keep down the weeds with the plow and cultivator until the corn is too large; do as little hand hoeing as possible, but pull the weeds close in by the hills, and work the rest of the ground by horse power. Sweet corn will mature "roasting ears," if sown as late as 4th July, and corn may be sown for green or dry fodder up to the 20th.

Stacks for hay, grain and corn fodder, are best made long and narrow. For such, the horse fork attached to a pair of long shears may be used.

Cabbages.—Set on rich land, where early potatoes, peas, etc., were taken off. Top-dress with lime, and water freely when first put out; when well established and beginning to grow, a few waterings at evening with liquid manure, (barn yard lie,) will give them a grand start, and do much towarks securing a large crop. Hoe very frequently.

Buckwheat may be sown any time during the month. It is one of the most profitable crops we raise, occupying the ground but a very short time, doing fairly on land not in the best heart, and well on any land not enriched with rank manure and not too wet. It makes so dense a covering as to choke down all common weeds, and yields a very good return for the labor it requires, in grain and straw, which latter is a valuable addition to the manure heap. An old practice, rarely followed of late years, so far as we know, yet not to be overlooked, is the sowing of buckwheat as late as the last of this month or the first week of August with wheat. This crop matures before frost, or not at all, and being removed the wheat has the ground the rest of the season and is not perceptibly injured.

Orchards.—It is often a problem what crops to put in an orchard, which should be tilled for the benefit of the trees. Potatoes seldom do well on a sod, and weeds will grow badly under the trees. Corn or grain should be out of the question, because they make their strong growth just when the trees do theirs, and are a serious damage. "No white crop in an orchard," is the old English rule. Potatoes, roots, cabbages, and clover, are beneficial. On rather light loams, the sward turned over flat, rolled, and harrowed so as not to tear the sod, buckwheat will make a fair crop. The sod will rot; the grass be kept under, and if the stubble be manured and plowed after the crop is off, the land will be in good condition for potatoes or root crops the next year if not too much shaded.

Manure Making.—If the weather be dry, employ every spare hour in ditching and draining swamp holes and mucky places, to get out a good supply of material for composts. All peaty matter, bog grasses, ferns and rushes, sods, wherever found, and in the absence of these, good surface soil, or even sand, ought to be freely used to compost with stable and yard manure. This is more important during the warm weather than at any other time. It is best to lay up the materials in compact rectangular heaps, having drainage secured under the whole bottom. The hog pens should be well supplied with weeds and green vegetable matters of all kinds, which they rapidly convert into manure. It is the saying of an old farmer: "Anything that grows in the summer will rot in the winter." This may not be exactly true, but sufficiently well indicates the kind of material to put into hog pens.

Animals.—All kinds of animals do better for being well fed. Young stock grow much more rapidly for a little meal; oil-cake porridge is grand feed for hogs, and they need but little to keep them well growing. Beeves ought to get grain in addition to the best grass; they do much better for it, and it costs less to fit them for market. Be sure that there is no lack of water, and it is best to keep salt where all the stock can always get at it.

Weeds.—Maintain constant warfare; but those in blossom, whenever seen, and throw them into the hog pen. Any that go to seed should be burned.

Irrigation.—This subject is constantly exciting more interest. It is especially valuable for the production of grass, though its application is by no means limited to forage plants. The great value of the hay crop naturally leads us to wish to doubt it. Wherever an opportunity occurs, turn a gentle stream of water upon fresh mown grass land, and so distribute it that it shall trickle over as wide a surface as possible. Let it stay on a day or two at a time, and report the result.

Kitchen Garden.

Asparagus.—Give a dressing of manure and let it grow. Fertilizing will do now better than at any other time. If the beetle appears, cut and burn. It is a quite small black beetle and a black grub. There is no help short of extermination.

Beans.—Plant bush sorts for succession, and pinch the Limas when they are six or seven feet long.

Beets.—Thin, and use the thinnings for "greens." A crop may be sown at this late day.

Cabbages, Cauliflowers, and the related plants which have been sown in an open ground seed-bed, are to be transplanted. Keep well cultivated.

Celery.—Set the plants for the main crop in rows three feet apart, and the plants six inches distant. Plants set in ridges are to be gradually earthed up.

Corn.—Put in a plenty for late use and to dry.

Egg Plant.—Manure, hoe, and coax in every possible manner. Do not let the fruit remain long in contract with the ground, or it will rot. A little straw or a shingle may be put under it.

Endive.—Sow and treat just like letuce—only before it can eaten it must be blanched either by tying up each plant separately, or placing a board over a whole row, to exclude the light.

Herbs.—Transplant from seed bed to ground vacated by other plants, and keep well cultivated. Our market growers make two or three cuttings.

Melons.—Remove all the fruit that will not ripen.

Onions.—Keep free from weeds.

Peas.—Late sorts are sure to mildew. If a late sowing is tried, it is only as a venture.

Seeds.—If you have not the courage to save the earliest and best peas, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc., for seed, don't save seed at all. But if you would get better vegetables every year, save the earliest.

Sweet Potatoes.—At the North it is not advisable to allow the vines to root. Keep free from weeds.

Squashes.—Hand-picking is the only remedy we know of for the squash bug. Let the vines of the running sorts take root at the joints.

Tomatoes in some gardens are trained to trellises, but brush or anything that will keep the fruit from the ground is used in ordinary culture.

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CHRISTOF FANGMEYER.
July 2d, 1868. jy3:e4

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

WESTERN DISTRICT of PENNSYLVANIA, ss.
At Pittsburgh, the 22d day of June, A. D. 1868. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of CHARLES H. LORENZ, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.
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