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Farmers Department.

From the Albany Cultivator.
SELECTION OF SEED CORN.

A writer in the American Farmer says in the selection of his corn for seed he always pursues the following plan, and remarks in regard to others: "I would advise that in cutting the tops off their corn this fall, to leave the top on those stalks having two or three fine ears, and which are very forward, and the shocks dry and white, thus showing their forwardness.—By the top, they can easily distinguish the seed corn at gathering time, and gather and house it to itself, and not take the shock off till planting time in the spring keeping it until then, secure from rats and vermin. And by continuing this process a few years, they will increase their corn crops, with so little trouble that no practical farmer should fail to try it."

I have never known one to try it, who did not acknowledge its benefits and increased yield of corn. Several have lately rode thro' my corn crop, and every one expressed their great surprise at seeing vastly more stalks with four or five large ears on each, than they ever saw before, and not one in many dozens without two or three fine ears on them. I ask all to try it a few years, and if not pleased with the result, to discontinue it. By this process they materially increase its forwardness.—I am fully satisfied from long experience, of the great advantage of reserving the best of many of our products for seed, and letting them grow fully ripe before harvesting; and earnestly recommend the same to all cultivators of the soil."

HINTS TO FARMERS.

Tomatoes make an excellent preservative. Toads are the very best protection of cabbage against lice.

Plants, when drooping, are revived by a few grains of camphor.

Pears are generally improved by grafting on the mountain ash.

Sulphur is valuable in preserving grapes, &c., from insects.

Lard never spoils in warm weather, if it is cooked enough in frying out.

In feeding with corn, 60 lbs. ground goes as far as 100 lbs. in the kernel.

Corn meal should never be ground very fine. It injures the richness of it.

Turnips of small size have double the nutritious matter than large ones have.

Ruta Baga is the only root that increases in nutritious qualities as it increases in size.

Sweet olive oil is a certain cure for the bite of a rattlesnake. Apply it internally and externally.

Rats and other vermin are kept away from grain by a sprinkling of garlic when packing the sheaves.

Timber cut in the spring and exposed to the weather with the bark on, decays much sooner than if cut in the fall.

Experiments show apples to be equal to potatoes to improve hogs, and decidedly preferable for feeding cattle.

Respectfully yours, W. M. ADAMS,

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STEALING TURKIES.
Lately two soldiers went off turkey stealing. The turkey roost was a half mile distant from the encampment, and belonging to a man who had given umbrage to some of the men.—The plan was that two of the men should engage him in conversation, or pretend to assist him in keeping the fire from reaching his fence, while the other two should go forth on their praiseworthy errand. By some mistake one of the two who were to go forward, found himself alone; but resolved to make the most of his time, he grabbed an old man firmly by his drumsticks, and put out at full speed. He had gone but a few steps when he found himself hotly pursued. Thinking to himself, 'now, legs, do your duty!' he made a desperate brush for a quarter now lost in the tall grass, now enveloped in smoke, and now appearing in full view again as some broad flame shot upward, the rapid hippity-clip pace of his pursuers falling more significantly upon his ear at every step. Further successful racing, carrying such weight, became extremely laborious.

To drop the turkey and merely make good his individual retreat, would scarcely do. There was but a moment left for deliberation; he was already 'winded,' and would be a 'gone coon' in six jumps; or what was worse, it would be a gone turkey without a change of tactics. Soiting the action to the thought, he threw the turkey upon the ground, placed his foot on its neck, and squaring himself, he shouted out to his pursuer, in a banting tone, 'Now come on and if you are a better man than I am, you can take your old turkey!' 'Why Sam, you blam'd old fool,' cried the one behind, 'it's nobody but me with another!'

DODGING A BULLET.—We find the following anecdote giving the rounds of the paper under the title of 'Dodging a Bullet.'—We know not how authentic it may be:

John Quincy Adams once received the following challenge:

'Sir—Your remarks in the House on Tuesday, relative to my deceased friend and relative, I consider a personal insult. Being at leisure to-day, I have prevailed on my friend, the Hon. Mr. Jamieson, whom you will find to be a man of the strictest honor, to call upon you, and arrange for a proper settlement of the matter, as is customary among gentle-

men.'

DR. ALLEN.—'Grief and uneasiness of mind, intense study, profuse evacuations, excess in sensory, excessive use of spirituous liquors, tea, tobacco, opium, and other narcotics, immoderate repetition, over distension of the stomach, a deficiency of the secretion of the bile or gastric juice, exposure to cold and damp air, are the chief causes of this disease.'

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