

When the farmer has a large garden and a good stock of fruit...

60 DOLLARS FOR LAYING.

It is well occasionally in these "Topics" to let other men, experienced in fowl breeding, give their opinions. A noted writer on fowls says: For laying birds, select good, large, strong, healthy birds of the Leghorn variety, with large square bodies, without regard to fine points, such as pure white feet, or very yellow legs, or combs with just five points, or plumage that is perfectly white in the white variety.

WHAT ARE WEEDS FOR?

Probably weeds were created to make farmers think they were the sweat of the brow. Suppose that none were to exist, farmers would become lazy, and they would not cultivate their crops, after sowing or planting the seed, and the result would be that the soil would become hard, and the crops would be less than they now are, as they must have the soil stirred often around their roots to let in air and moisture.

CARE OF YOUNG STOCK.

I see no reason why young stock should not be as well cared for as that which is mature. It may be said truly that the young of a cow or valuable horse cannot be reared from a poorly fed calf or colt. Such stock should be kept in a uniform, thriving condition. In mid winter, they may be kept in a shed, and have the rack in the open air during the day, which is better than to keep them housed; but in very cold weather, they should have warm quarters, not only for their comfort, but also to save feed.

WINTER CLOSER SEED ON SOIL.

When a farmer has soil land, on which the grass is thin and can not to some extent, it may be seeded to clover, sowing the seed upon the soil early in the spring, then harrow the land, and roll it, and the seed will catch well. If a dressing of manure be applied before the seed is sown, the result will be beneficial, especially if the land is poor. As soon as the grass gets so high as to smother the young clover, put on the mower, and cut it close to the ground; and in a few weeks cut the grass again, when the clover is larger than the grass, and it will be a heavy growth. A farmer, who sowed clover seed as above in 1876, says of the crop in 1877: In the spring there was a fair start, the clover having the advantage, though the weather was unfavorable early, there being a lack of moisture and warm, old meadows particularly suffering; but it was not until after the first cutting, and a dressing of plaster freshly given, that the clover began to show its superiority. The quality was given, and was given by timely showers and warm weather that the growth really set in, and now there is a cloud of clover smothering the grass and the few weeds that remain for the winter. Nothing can be finer than this—so acknowledged by all who see it.

COOKED FODDER FOR CATTLE.

I have always considered the cooking of food for cattle and horses as an innovation of man, contrary to their nature, their needs, and their habits; and I find that the practice of cooking food for these animals, except in the case of meal, is fast disappearing, as not being profitable—the test of all things with farmers. But we must expect that some men will cling to this cooking theory with great tenacity, even if they are losing money by it. I have seen a man who had published to the world his opinions on any subject, he is slow to recant, and admit that he is in error. A Mr. Hoffman, an excellent farmer, is reported lately in the Elmira Farmer's Club, as giving his experience in this mode of preparing cattle food, in which he says: In a small dairy I took ground in the ear and poured over boiling water, letting the mass stand until cool enough to feed, when it was given to the cows each week. They were then changed to dry feed a week, and then returned to the cooked meal, so alternately for four weeks. I measured the milk and found no advantage in favor of the cooked feed. Nothing so perceptible difference between the

Where the purpose is to sell the milk to a butcher, then a Short-Horn bull should be used on the herd.

CULTIVATING ORCHARDS.

An Ohio farmer says: I have an old orchard on my farm that is probably fifty years old, which had hardly any cultivation for the last twenty years, when I moved to the farm five years ago. The orchard was then in a state of decay. I concluded, three years ago, to cultivate the old orchard, and plant young trees in the vacant places where trees formerly stood. I have followed cultivation through three years in succession. I notice it had a salutary effect on the old trees, by beginning to look more thrifty than before the cultivation took place. I would not plow very deep as to the roots, but shallow, so as not to cut up the roots, like the man who plowed his orchard and cut up the roots to such an extent as to gather several wagon loads of roots, causing every tree to die in ten years. Cultivating an orchard to such a degree as to cut up the roots is, as above stated, enough to ruin any orchard in less than ten years. It is but a natural consequence; when the roots of a tree are cut off the tree is bound to die. I prefer shallow plowing as not to cut the roots. I have also experienced where orchards are not cultivated that the roots are more liable to form near the surface of the ground than those where cultivation is repeated every three or four years. There is also another great drawback to cultivate an uncultivated orchard—the absence of manure. There are too many farmers who think that manure is too precious an article to apply to an orchard, hence they do not cultivate it. I prefer cultivating and manuring orchards as well as any other ground. This is my practical experience. Others may carry out their peculiar views if they desire. As a general rule, I would advise to cultivate the first year either in corn or potatoes, or such crop that would require thorough tillage the season cultivation and hoeing; the second or third season I would sow either wheat or rye, and then seed down into grass.

Knocking Grass into a Man.

At the last Plymouth Church prayer meeting Mr. Beecher was speaking of what he termed the "dilemma" of the farmer, and defined it as "the disposition to regard with pity and kindness those who attempt to wrong you." "Do you mean," asked Mr. Holaday, "that when we are abused, as you are quoted as saying, we should be kind to our abusers?" "Well, yes—with limitations," answered Mr. Beecher, smiling; "but it is to be expected that the person to whom you are giving such disquisitions as these has got some common sense. Laughing at a man who is guilty of an injustice to one else is setting out on a dangerous journey, and he must be guided by his common sense in looking out for his special danger." "One other question," said Dr. Smith, "is there no occasion for such a thing as self-defense? Are we never to strike back when struck?" "Why certainly," was the prompt reply. "A good knocking down is the best means of grace you could give some men. There are some who are more to be feared than those who are more to be pitied. If you should think them once or twice a week, I think it would be the means of converting them before long."

A Woman's Death in a Circus.

Whoever has habitually attended circuses in this country, says the London Era, will remember the case of a woman who died in a circus in New York. The woman, named Mrs. H. H. H., was a native of New York, and was a member of the circus. She was killed by a lion while performing a feat of strength. The circus was held in New York, and the woman was one of the performers. She was killed by a lion while performing a feat of strength. The circus was held in New York, and the woman was one of the performers. She was killed by a lion while performing a feat of strength.

Eloped With His Stepmother.

H. H. H. of the Ellis House, New York, came to the city here today with Mrs. M. H. H., his stepmother, a dashing widow, fat, pretty, but scarcely forty. And they would not stop until they were duly and legally married. They were married in the city of New York, and the ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace. The couple were seen together in the city, and the woman was seen to be in the arms of the man. The man was seen to be in the arms of the woman, and the woman was seen to be in the arms of the man.

Capture of an Escaped Convict.

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—James Johnson, a freed convict from Sing Sing, was captured in this city today. He was sentenced in New York city to fifteen years' imprisonment for robbery, and escaped about a year ago. Not long ago, in an English court, a female witness on the oath being administered, repeatedly being asked to sign the book, it was some time before she could understand the proper or at least the legal—thing to do. It is estimated that there are two thousand four hundred disorders of the human frame, the subject. When a man is laid up with the rheumatism, he is apt to think that the entire number has struck him in concert. How many ailments does it take for a man to say he has been out on a lark? Why is a pond like a lark? Because it comes to the surface to breathe. To what trade do the minstrels belong? To the caulkers.

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