

FARM AND GARDEN.

Pruning Peach Trees.

Peach trees produce fruit next year on the present year's growth. Consequently this should not be cut away or shortened too much.

Seed Corn.

The importance of improving seed corn by careful selection has been preached from time out of date, and experience has proven that there is also a necessity for care in the storing of the selected seed.

There does not appear to be any safer course or better mode of sowing seed corn than the old-time method of planting back and braiding the husks of twenty or more ears together and then hanging these braided strands of corn from the rafters of a corn house, a smoke house, the attic or some dry outhouse.

A New Method With Dahlias.

A new method in Dahlia cultivation, successfully practiced in France, is described in the Garden Magazine.

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Many farmers who have an abundance of straw are too careless about stacking it. The stack should be well built up, and if one intends to rot the straw, dry straw is comparatively light and easy to handle, and it can be thrown from the stack and scattered over the yard from time to time without much trouble.

Plants of strong growing varieties will cover a space of a square yard or more. All the stems and branches should be preserved and allowed to grow their full length.

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Application of Manure.

Not only is the preservation of the manure with minimum loss a matter of great importance, but application to the soil, or to crops, is also an important matter.

Since the ordinary rotation of crops, so generally adopted in Western New York, has been practiced, that is, manure upon clover and timothy sod, followed by barley and oats, those crops by wheat and that by meadow, many farmers have practiced hauling out their manure at convenient seasons; during the winter, summer or weekly.

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Our Disappearing Forests.

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Feminine Perception.

"Oh dear! how I do hate to see cold weather coming," sighed Miss Brown in church the other day to Miss De James.

When the farmer has wood ashes and charcoal on hand it is a great advantage to mix salt with them and give the mixture to swine as a preventive of disease.

Authorities differ as to the best time to cut hay. As a rule, farmers wait too long before cutting, and to strike it just right requires judgment and experience.

In regard to the use of plaster in association with manure, the best way is to sprinkle a little behind the cattle every day—say two or three ounces per head.

Save the wood ashes to use as a fertilizer. It is more profitable than to sell them to the soap maker. Wood ashes never come amiss on the farm or in the garden.

Turkeys as well as chickens should not be allowed to roost on narrow roosts while growing, as it causes crooked breasts, especially in the large variety of fowls.

Mixed farming is most useful in keeping up the soil to a degree of fertility. The specialties engaged in should be in keeping with the soil and conditions of the farm.

A more profitable crop or a more palatable crop cannot be grown than green Lima beans, picked in the cool of the morning and shelled by ready fingers for the noonday meal.

The Suffolk sheep, as claimed by their friends, have few superiors as a mutton sheep. They make extraordinary weights and are popular in England. They are hardy and good grazers.

To prevent lice on fowls, the best thing is the dust bath, which must consist of fine dry clay or coal ashes. Kerosene should not be used on the bodies of hens, as it may sometimes kill them.

The opinion is gaining ground that the proper feeding and care of swine has much to do in warding off disease; and this in the face of the fact that the most carefully fed lots sometimes die in an incredibly short time.

At sixty days of age, says an exchange, lambs will net from \$2 to \$3 or more a head, according to quality.

The Iowa Agricultural College experiments show that deep culture in the middle of the row does less injury than near the hills. Level culture of a medium depth accomplishes all the purposes of working the soil without serious injury to the roots.

Hogs are excellent gleaners of the woods and fields. We have never observed any ill effects upon the animals if there is plenty of clover and water as well as some wheat in the field.

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Poultry yards should be on sandy soil, if possible, in order to avoid mud or slush on the ground, as roop is liable to break out in flocks that are kept in damp locations.

Oxford Down sheep attain to very heavy weights, the ram at three years of age reaching as high as 400 pounds.

Bats Are Not Birds.

There are few animals about which so many superstitions have been believed from very early times, as the bat, and even now the creatures are by many regarded with dread.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

To Remove Mildew from Cloth. An exchange recommends to first wash with soap, or steep in a weak solution of caustic soda, rinse well, and then steep for several hours in a decoction of chlorinated lime containing one-half pound to the gallon; then rinse thoroughly, and dry in the sun.

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How Verdi Escaped Annoyance.

A German newspaper relates a capital story of the composer Verdi. Some years ago Verdi was visited by a friend in a small bathing place, where he was found quartered in a little room, which, he said, served at once as dining, dwelling and bedroom.

Mistaken Identity. One of the top of the high-backed rocker, I could see her dainty head, My lovely, darling Emma, She whom I was soon to wed.

I kissed on rosy, dimpled cheek; As I went to kiss the other, I got a better look at him! Great guns! It was her brother!

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