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SUGAR BEET TROUBLES.

Michigan Farmers Are Not as Enthusinstic About Growing Beets as They Were a Year Ago.

The farmers of Herrien county, Mich., who have for several years been growing sugar beets for the Wolverine Sugar company, whose plant cost \$300,000, last year lost money on their crop, and at a farmers' institute recently they did not mince words in speaking of the misfortune for which the factory seems to be at least in part responsible. They claim that the facts relating to beet culture and the soils adapted to the root were misrepresented to them by their contract solicitors. The state inspector who assisted in making the contracts believes the loss sustained by the farmers due to an unfavorable year and their inexperience as growers. The farmers, however, are not satisfied with this explanation, having lost their time and summer's work, and demand assurance of a paying price, else no beets will be furnished the factory by them. The factory has made some concessions, but the farmers insist upon more before they will agree to grow more

This case is given to show that rosy as sugar beet growing is represented by some to be, it has the shady side, and even with a good season, large yield and convenient transportation facilities, there is plenty of room for disappointment. Farmers, however, have the success or failure of a factory in their own hands, for if satisfactory prices are not received, they can cease growing the beets, and the factory will close. It may be that the Michigan farmers' loss is a result of "a bad year and their inexperience." so that, even if alluring prices are offered by factories for beets, farmers inexperienced in growing them should ge slow and develop gradually as growers, always taking into account the uncertainty of seasons .- Farmers'

ABOUT THIN SEEDING

A Good Practice Because It Gives Plants a Chance to Grow to Perfeet Maturity.

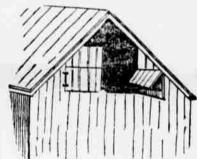
A correspondent of the New York Tribune writes that having been informed by one whom he knew to be a good farmer that he had planted wheat 16 inches between the rows and three inches apart in the rows, one grain in a place, and had harvested 84 bushels to the acre, he planted a small plot to wheat on September 22, 1898, on hard clay soil that was manured in the spring and planted to strawberries. The planting was six inches apart in the row between the strawberry rows. Two rows he planted one grain to the hill; one row two grains to the hill. He gave the wheat one cultivation on April 24. The average number of heads to the hill in the rows planted one grain to the hill was 18 large heads. The largest number of heads to a single grain was 30, which gave a yield of 2,097 grains. The row with the two grains to the hill gave an average of 19 heads to the hill. The greatest yield was 36 heads to the hill, which gave a yield of 2,035 grains -62 less than the one grain hill. The yield was at the rate of 106 bushels to the acre, providing the planting wa-12 by 6 inches. I planted a small plot to oats on the same kind of soil on April 24, planting six inches apart, one grain to the hill, and cultivated four times. The yield was at the rate of 175 bushels to the acre, providing the planting was done 12 by 6 inches. He has raised as many as 45 large heads from a single grain, when planted six by six inches apart one grain in a hill, and in 1897 he had two hills of rye, one of which yielded 126 heads and the other 127 heads, each grown from a single grain. The plants

have more room for their roots and are abundantly and constantly fed at such distances while in close seeding they have periods of starvation.

GABLE BARN DOOR.

On Most Farms It Is Worth While to Add This Convenient Arrangement to the Barn.

It has always been a good deal of trouble to close the end door to a barn where hay is taken in with a horse hayfork. We prefer to drive in the barn to unload the hay, but will admit that a barn will hold more when it is taken in at the end. The cut explains itself. The upper part



of the door is hung to the lower part and folds in when open, and will open clear back under the cornice, and can be easily closed by closing the lower part first and raising the upper part from the inside. This closes the opening sufficient to keep out all storms. provided the barn has a hood to accommodate the hayfork, and all barns should have a hood to keep the hay from rubbing against the barn so hard. The hood is not shown in the sketch, as it would hide the view of the door .- A. S. Forsman, in Ohio Farmer.

An Educational Programme. "Is your boy's education nearly

complete?" asked the friend.

"Yes," answered the man who is nothing if not sareastic. "He knows the classies and the higher mathematics and logic and philosophy pretty thoroughly. I'm going to see if I can't put the finishing touches on his culture and get him so he can calculate the interest on a 30-day note with at getting brain-fog and read the daily news without yawning."-Washington Star.

Ready for Finishing.

Caller-So you have just graduated

at Miss Teachem's private academy? Tair Graduate-Yes. I am now going to a finishing school to study drawing, music, language, sculpture, repoussee work, embroidery, etiquette,

"To what finishing school will you

"Oh, any of the public schools."-N. Y. Weekly.

The Only Way Out.

Chemist's Assistant-Good gracious! I have kept that woman waiting threequarters of an hour. Lforgot all about her prescription.

Chemist-You will have to charge her a good tall price in order to make her think you had a lot of trouble in mixing it up.-Tit-Bits.

And They Never Forget It. Shank-And, so, Skoeper has organized a class in mnemonics. He claims to be able to teach an unfailing method of never-forgetting.

O'Shawe-What is his scheme? Shank-Why, he induces each member of his class to loan him five dollars. That's all!-Puck.

Circumstantial Evidence. "Isn't your neighbor, Blinkinoff, a

drinking man?" "I wouldn't like to give an expert opinion on the subject. I'll admit, how- ravel out for want of hemming. ever, that I saw him the other night through our own unthankfulness, for, trying to drive a spiggot into an ash though prayer purchaseth blessings, barrel, thinking that it was cider."— giving praise doth keep the quiet pos-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

hold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thes. 28. For I say unto you: Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.

GOLDEN TEXT. - He hath done all things well.-Mark 7:37.
NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The lesson should include all the Gospel narrative concerning the message of John and what Jesus said on receiving it. This is told in substantially the same language in both Matthew 11:2-19 and Luke 7:18-35. Thestory of the raising of the widow's son (being the connection with last Sunday's lesson) should also be read. The following analysis of the Scripture section can then be made, all from the seventh chapter of Luke:

Raising of the Widow's Son.....vs. 11-17

Raising the Widow's Son .- This is the first one of the three instances which we have Jesus recorded as raising one from the dead. The other two cases are the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the bringing forth of Lazarus. It emphasizes anew the power of Jesus over the forces of nature, and the promise (dear to the Christian heart) of a life after death.

John's Message to Jesus .- The account of the miracles of Jesus and possibly of the sermon on the mount. reached John the Baptist in his prison. He had been imprisoned at Macherus since the March before. It was now midsummer in the year A. D. 28. He had pointed Jesus out as "the Lamb of God," but sitting idly in the prison was a discouraging occupation. He became gloomy and wondered, perhaps, if after all he had not missed his calling when he had gone out to preach that "the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." He had seen, and with his own hand baptized, the one he expected was to be the head of this kingdom, yet this king was only going about and preaching. So he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask: "Art thou He that should come? or look we for another?"

The Answer of Jesus. - How like Jesus it was to make the answer He did! It was after God's own method. Out of all the countless cons of silence God has spoken to mortal man but a few times. But He has not been idle. By the wonders of nature, and in the world around and about men He has been trying to reveal His purpose, Man thinks he can learn by precept, but history shows that experience is the only instructor man will follow. So Colo God has been silently working. Now, when the disciples of John came to Jesus, He said nothing directly, but we are told that "in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He gave sight." This was the answer of Jesus. Then Jesus said: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard."

Following the translation of the revised version, the twenty-third verse may be paraphrased: "Happy is be who shall not find in Me an occasion of stumbling."

Jesus Preaches to the People.-This sermon of Jesus is (1) a tribute to John. and (2) an arraignment of the Pharisees. He calls the people's attention to the fact that it was the simple preaching of John which attracted multitudes to the wilderness to hear him. He speaks of John as a prophet and the greatest of prophets. He is more than a prophet; he is the one who, as it had been foretold, was to prepare the way of the Lord. Those who had been baptized by John agreed to this, or as the text says, "Justified God." But the pharisees and lawyers scoffed. Jesus turns upon them, and shows them their inconsistency. They had evidently said: "John hath a devil," because he neither ate bread nor drank wine. But Jesus conformed more to the customs of the day, and they said: "Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners."

Gems of Thought. Example is more forcible than precept. People look at my six days in the week to find what I mean on the seventh.-Cecil.

Unselfishness is the only salt that preserves soundness; unselfishness is the only fire that purifies and refines and betters and makes perfect .- H. S.

Holland. Many favors which God giveth us

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL,

Lesson is the International Series for April 29, 1900—Jesus and John the Baptist.

[Prepared by H. C. Lenington.]

THE LESSON TEXT.

(Luke 7:18-23.)

18. And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19. And John calling unto him two on his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying Art Thou He that should come? or look we for another?

20. When the men were come unto him they said: John Baptist hath sent us unto Thee, saying: Art Thou He that should come? or look we for another?

21. And in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He gave sight.

22. Then Jesus answering sald unto them: Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached.

see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached.

23. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me.

24. And when the messengers of John were departed, He began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

25. But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and lived delicately, are in kings' courts.

26. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27. This is he, of whom it is written. Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thes.

28. For I say unto you: Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that

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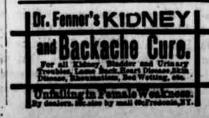
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