

Making the Farm Pay

CORN IN DRY REGIONS.

Need of Getting Moisture Into Soil and Conserving It.

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As lack of moisture more than anything else limits corn yields in droughty regions the first question regulating each operation should be, "What will be its effect upon the soil moisture sup-

The authorities state that while summer fallow frequently results in great-er yields of corn, the practice has not proved practicable. They therefore advise beginning the preparation of land to prevent loss of moisture and to put surface into condition to rece moisture as soon as the preceding crop



BREAKING VIRGIN LAND IN SOUTH DAKOTA

moval of the preceding crop is profita moval of the preceding crop is proutable to it it stops or prevents a growth of weeds. But if the growing season is past dead weeds may eatch more snow than would be caught by a cultivated

rivated surface.

Fall disking, or listing, is usually beneficial in putting the land in better condition to prevent the soil from blowing, to hold the snow and to prevent runoff. The penetration of moisture is slow, and when rains occur evaporation is rapid from bard soil sure ration is rapid from hard soil sur-faces, such as usually follow the grow-ing of small grain. The chances of storing moisture are increased by loos essary, however, depends very much upon the type of soil. Most heavy claysoils are best put in proper condition by plowing. Sandy or light loam soils should not be plowed in the fall and left bare during the winter in regious where soil blowing is likely to occur. If however it becomes advisable to plow such soils in the fall, blowing of the plowed area may be checked by top dressing with barnyard manure. Deep plowing should always be done to the fall or very early in the spring

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time.
On sloping land the plowing, listing and cultivating should follow on a level along the slopes or around the hills. The moisture saved makes this a profitable practice, and very often the prevention of runoff is necessary to avoid erosion, with the loss of the richest portions of the soil.

Alfalfa land to be prepared for corn should be fallowed one year or plowed early the previous summer.

early the previous summer. Growing plants draw large quanti-ties of water from the soil and sub-soil. All growth of weeds and volun-teer grain on land to be planted to corn should be prevented.

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Deep plowing and subsoiling should be done in the fall rather than at corn planting time. Soil put in the right condition to take in moisture to a considerable depth is also open to the air and dries out rapidly. If necessary to plow in the spring for corn the plowing should be done early and should not be deep, and the ground should be packed immediately. Plowing under several inches of snow is an effective and sometimes a practicable effective and sometimes a practicable way of getting moisture into the

Dairy Farming Profitable.

Dairying is an economical form of agricultur and economy and thrift are handmaidens of prosperity. It retains upon the farm the larger portion of the fertility of the crop and thus the productiveness of the fields is kept up without recourse to expensive commercial fortilizers. Pairy farms are incial fertilizers. Dairy farms are invariably highly productive because the fertility is returned and because a plentiful supply of humus is supplied to the soil. Dairy farming is econom cal in that it utilizes practically all the land. Parts that are unsuited to the plow can in nearly all cases be turned to pasture.

Corn For Poultry.

Do not supply too much corn to laying hens. It is very heating, and it is too fattening for hens that are to make eggs. It is a good winter feed, but too much fat stored in a hen's body inter feres with the laying functions.

Salt For Dairy Cows.

From one to two ounces of salt daily, in accord with the amount of milk produced, is sufficient to meet all required to the salt of the salt duced, is sufficient to meet all require-ments of a dairy cow on rations of or-dinary feeds, according to Dr. E. B. Forbes of the Ohio experiment sta-tion. In nutrition studies with cows-milking as much as forty-five pounds daily and fed common feeds he found that one ounce of salt a day satisfied the cow's needs.

To Keep Up a Good Milk Flow To keep the cow persistently in milk always milk rapidly and see that every bit of milk is taken each time. It does not pay to turn the milking over to careless and inexperienced hands.

CHICKEN CHATTER.

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A few thorough applications of crude petroleum to the interior of poultry houses will destroy completely the common red mite infesting chickens.

Notwithstanding that many good breeds have been imported, the fact remains that not one of them can be ed with our American production After plowing and before seeding turn the poultry in on the freshly turn.

Use good, vigorous breeding stock. Remember that a weak chick in most cases can be traced to poor breeding

As to poultry diseases, folks are to blame for most of the trouble encoun-tered in that direction.

Modern Farming

GEESE EASY TO RAISE.

Birds Are Not Subject to Disease and Thrive on Pasture.

Turkeys and chickens are more subject to disease than geese, and, besides. the geese are productive for many years, writes a correspondent of the years, writes a correspondent of the lowa Homestead. One rarely ever sees any allment among a flock, and they will obtain most of their living from "green stuff" during the spring, summer and autumn. Then the feathers from the mature goose, which may be plucked about every six weeks during the warm months, are quite an item. The big, soft feather beds and pillows



which may be seen in every farmer's home where there is a flock of geese kept speak for themsel es. Besides there is a good market for all surplusfeathers and also for the fat goose, which is purchased for many Christ mas, New Year and other special din

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The young geese, as well as the old ones, will thrive when kept on green pasture. The eggs which they produce are large and rich and find a ready market. Hence the farmer who keeps a large flock of geese will make a good profit. Geese will begin to lay the last of February or the first of March. A neighbor who still raises geese never allows the mother goose to incubate her own eggs. The eggs are set under chicken bens, allowing six or eight eggs to each hen, according to the size of the hen. After hatching the young goslings are not fed anything for a day and night, but are allowed to remain quietly in the nest. After this water is placed before them, and they are fed breaderumbs mixed with charcoal which has been pulverized. Young goslings will eat green stuff almost from the beginning, as grass is their natural food; grass and other vegetation is chopped up finely an 1 fed to them plentifully. The goslings are kept sheltered from rain and cold until they are strongenough to overcome these evils. When they are fully feathered they, with the mother hen, are placed inside the pasture, where they will need but little more attention except to provide them, with plenty of water.

BANISH CATTLE PESTS.

Method of Treatment to Eradicate Lice

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This is the time of year when lice begin their worst work. Live stock, especially calves and colts, suffer torments and grow thin and rough looking when much of their grief is due to the unchecked ravages of lice. Many a cow has struggled through the whiter trying to furnish milk and feed an army of crawing, blood sucking pests besides.

Lice can be got rid of without much expense or labor. The sheep dips on the market mixed to a strong louse solution well warmed and sponged on to

the market had and sponged on to the animal, going the wrong way of the hair, will do the business.

Don't just dampen or wet the animal in a few places, but soak every inch thoroughly. Do this in the sunshine on a warm day and provide shelter until

dry. Repeat again in ten days and wash mangers, posts and rubbing around buildings with the same

Marketing Winter Tomatoes.

Especial care must be given hothouse tomatoes produced during winter, says Professor A. E. Wilkinson. In January and February the market is at its best, but the highest price department of the professor only paid for special tomatoes. They is at its best. But the lightest only paid for special tomatoes. They are care ully graded as to size, only those of the same size being placed in the respectable. Fach fruit is wiped. It is a decided advantage to wrap each fruit in soft tissue paper, and on this tissue paper many growers are placing a trademark. The tomatoes are packed

Water a Cheap Hog Feed.

The average farmer has a V shaped trough which be fills for his hogs twice a day. This is by no means sufficient. A hundred pound shote requires three gallons of water per day, and when watering in troughs some of the pigs. being more aggressive than others, get what they want and then lie in the trough, while the weaker ones must go without. Arrangements for getting a constant supply of pure water are esconstant supply of pure water are es-sential if live stock is to be produced economically

SHOD WITH SILENCE.

Eig Bull Moose Can Traverse a Thick

Forest Without a Sound.

Although tailer than an ordinary horse, weighing more than half a ton and adorned with wide spreading antiand adorned with wide spleading anti-lers, the bull moose stalks with ghost-ly silence through thickset forests, where man can scarcely move without being betrayed by the loud crackling of dry twigs. In summer it loves low ly-ing, swampy forests interspersed with shallow lakes and sluggish streams. In such places it often wades up to its neck in a lake to feed on succulent water plants and when reaching to the water plants and when reaching to the bottom becomes entirely submerged. These visits to the water are sometimes by day, but usually at night, especially during the season when the calves are young and the horns of the bulls are but partly grown.

Late in the fall, with full grown antiers, the bulls wander through the forest looking for their mates, at times uttering far eaching calls of defance to all rivals and occasionally clashing their horns against the saplings in exu-

to all rivals and occasionally clasming their horns against the saplings in exu-berance of masterful vigor. Other bulls at times accept the challenge and hasten to meet the rival for a batti-royal. At this season the call of the cow morse quickly attracts the bulls. Hunters take advantage of this and by imitating the call through a birch bark trumper bring the most aggressive trumpet bring the most aggressive bulls to their doom. National Geo

FLIES FLEE FROM BLUE.

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The Arabs have long known that files fear or hate the color blue, and that is why the houses in many of their towns are calcimined in a light blue tint. Before the French Academy of Sciences recently Messrs. Galaine and Houlbeert described the results of their observations on the eyesight of files. The only light that these insects see really well is white; their eyes do not see violet and indigo at all; the vibrations of the blue and green rays are disagreethe blue and green rays are disagree-able to them, and red has the effect of darkness. Yellow alone of all the col-ored rays is tolerated as well as white

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The solar spectrum as seen by the
eyes of a fly begins at green and ends
at bright orange. The practical conclusion to be drawn from this is that
when a room has blue window panes
the flies therein become as inactive as
if it were dark. If a glat of a blind be
opened to let in a ray of white light
the flies will rush toward it and, go out
through the blind.

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In Japan they hang curtains made of beads of blue glass mixed with tubes of painted bamboo at the entrances to butchers' and pastry cooks' shops. These let the air in, and the flies go out through the interstices between the beads, but do not re-enter.—New York

Equine Pedometers.

The whoris of hair on the coats of horses and other animals are natural pedometers, inasmuch as they register the locomotive activities of the animals on whose bodies they are found. The best examples and the greatest number of these hairy whorls and crests are found on the domestic horse. A notable instance is the graceful feathering that extends along the hollow of the flank, dividing the trunk of the animal from the hind quarters. There are also crests and whorls on the horse's chest and other parts of its body. A study of the action of the underlying muscles explains the origin of these peculiarities in the lay of thair and furnishes the justification focalling them pedometers, although the analogy is, of course, merely superficial—St. Louis Republic. analogy is, of course, merely superficial.—St. Louis Republic.

Asking Too Much.

George is employed in his father's clothing emporium. On his returnfrom lunch a few days ago his father earlied him into the office and sald. "While you were at lunch your tailor, called to collect a bill. I am surprised and pained, sir, to learn that you are in arrears. Isn't it possible for you to live on your salary?"

"Certainly it is, sir," replied George coolly, "but you don't expect me to support my creditors too?"—Exchange.

said the station master "Yes sir."

Safety first has spread all over this country. And nobody that comes to Beaver Hill will ever git in no accidents fer want o' warnin' signs about. Jest look at that now!"

The stranger gazed appreciatively at the sign nailed on a hearby telegraph roof. It starm was a second stranger of the stranger stranger stranger stranger stranger stranger.

post. Its stern message was:

"It is dangerous to walk or stand on
these tracks while a train is passing."

-Everybody's Magazine.

The grantes and the ostilches are the most forgiving animals in the zoo."

remarked the keeper.
"Is that a fact?" said the visitor.
"It most certainly is. Why, dear sir.
they overlook everything." - Yonkers

Unreasonable. Mr. Fusser—Aren't you nearly ready?
Mrs. Fusser—I wish you'd stop asking
me that question. I've been telling
you for the last hour that I'd be ready

Caustic Advice. Clara—He says he thinks I'm the nicest girl in town. Shall I ask him to call? Sarah—No; dear; let him keep on thinking so.—Town Topics.

Makes For Happiness "Are they happily married?"
"Very. His lodge night falls on her literary club nights."—Exchange.

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SHUTTING UP THE SHOP.

No Brightly Lighted Show Windows at Night In South America. A It is rather surprising to the foreigner visiting South American countries for the first time to find most of the best and prettiest shops almost hermetically sealed at night. If the building is of the older style of construction the heavy shutters are closed and locked by Iron bars; if a more modern building the fierible silding deors and windows are completely drawn, and the passerby can see nothing within the shop.

All is darkness save the light of the street lamps. No brilliantly lighted windows help to add cheer and bright ness to the street.

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In European and American cities the average merchant is willing to spend money freely for nightly display of his wares and herehaldise. He realizes and appreciates the publicity. The evening crowds upon our streets are highly entertained and even instructed by window displays of the busy streets. Herein lies the difference, for, as a rule, the South American streets, busy and attractive during the day, are quite the reverse at hight. Even in some of the larger cities the old custom of hermetically sealing the shop at

tom of hermetically sealing the shop at night prevails.—Baltimore American,

Don't Neglect

your stomach. Keep it strong and well. When food disaand well. When food disagrees with it, strengthen it with

Paraphrase.

"I thought she exhibited verve and aplomb," said Mrs. Oldcaste. "Did you?" replied her hostess. "Josiah said she had herve, but was a peach."—Chicago Herald.

Shoe on the Other Foot.
He—Then perhaps you are afraid that I cannot support a wife. She—Not in the least. But I think that a wife might find you insupportable.—Boston Transcript

It is never hard to do the right thing; it is in deciding to do it that the tug comes.-Anonymous.