

## Farmers Column

### USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE FARMER

**Fertilizer Acts Like Magic—An Early Pasture for the Hogs—Test Garden Seeds to Avoid Poor Stands—The Food Value of Eggs**

Experiments at the Cornell station have been conducted to determine the causes of failure in alfalfa culture and the practical suggestions derived from the results were that at least a moderately fertile soil is needed for this crop that the use of phosphate as a fertilizer is valuable in this connection and that inoculation is futile unless the soil is in a condition to favor the growth of the bacteria.

Eggs may differ materially in color and yet not differ much in nutriment. Again, they may differ largely in nutriment, when, for instance, hens are neglected or poorly fed or when they eat filthy, damaged grain or tainted meat. The crop and gizzard of a hen cannot transform impure food into pure products. The real value of an egg for food lies inside the shell and is not indicated by the color of the shell.

To avoid poor stands, seeds should be tested before planting. This is a very simple operation and requires but a few minutes. There are several simple methods of testing seeds, probably most of which will answer the purpose. One of the simplest and quickest ways is to test between blotting paper. First, count out 100 seeds of the kind to be tested, taking them just as they come and not picking out the best-looking ones. Scatter the seeds between two pieces of blotting paper from four to six inches square and place in a common china plate and turn another plate bottom side up over the first. If paste-board plates can be had they are better, especially if a large number of samples are to be tested.

As early in the spring as possible prepare a piece of such ground. When a good bed is made, drill in from 1 to 1½ bushels of barley or early oats per acre; or, better still, a mixture of these. Be sure to use the beardless barley. Then follow with a grass seeder, sowing a mixture of four pounds dwarf Essex rape, three pounds of timothy and eight pounds of clover seeds per acre. I have been using alsike, medium and mammoth clovers, but this spring shall include alfalfa. Ribbons, Plumes, Aigrettes, Fancies—a bewildering assortment. Guaranteed to be 14¢ cheaper than anywhere else.

I saw today a man pitching into a manure spreader stable manure from a large pile in the field where it had lain until it was partially rotted and where it has been stirred several times with forks. I was interested, says a writer in Green's Fruit Grower and waited for the man to load his wheeled spreader drawn by two horses and saw him pass up and down through the field several times. This manure spreading machine is a modern device. It spreads the manure more evenly than any man can do the work, no matter how careful or experienced he may be. There was scarcely an inch of soil on the field that was not covered with a slight spread of manure, the machine covering about eight feet in width each time it crossed the field.

But it would seem impossible that such a slight covering of manure should have as it does, such marvelous effect upon the soil. It is not alone the fertility which the manure contains which benefits the land. The manure helps to set at work bacteria in the soil, thus in a measure inoculates the soil with helpful creatures that continue their work. Further than this, the manure tends to loosen the soil and to make it crumble easily under the plow and harrow.

#### TOWN CARRIER SERVICE

**Congressman Grist Introduces a Bill for its Extension Throughout the County**

Washington, D. C.—The permanent establishment of mail carrier service in the towns having second and third class postoffices; authority for the inauguration of such service in eight hundred towns and an appropriation of one million dollars to maintain the service, are the features of a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman W. W. Grist of Pennsylvania.

The last congress authorized the experimental establishment of town and village mail delivery service and with an appropriation of \$100,000 the new system is being tested in about

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We Stand Back of Every Sale; Whether It Be \$1.00 or \$1000

We Pay Your Care Fare On All Purchases of \$10. or More; This Enables You To Reach This Big Store, Without Expense And Just As Conveniently, As If You Lived In Lancaster City.

QUALITY IS THE KEYNOTE AND GOVERNS THE PURCHASE OF EVERY DOLLAR'S WORTH OF MERCHANDISE THAT ENTERS OUR STOCKS. "QUALITY" THAT WE CAN GUARANTEE, SUCH AS WILL GIVE TO THE CUSTOMER THE KIND OF SATISFACTION HE OR SHE HAS A RIGHT TO EXPECT, AND ALSO, THE KIND OF QUALITY THAT WILL SERVE AS A LASTING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE DONOVAN STORE.

NOTHING CHEAP EVER ENTERS THIS ESTABLISHMENT; NOTHING THAT DOES NOT MEASURE UP TO OUR FIXED HIGH STANDARD OF QUALITY. EVERYTHING MUST BE DEPENDABLE—QUALITY FIRST, THEN PRICE, THEN OUR GUARANTEE. EVERYTHING IS EXCHANGEABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. MONEY CHEERFULLY REFUNDED UPON REQUEST, IF YOU WISH IT. NO SALE IS EVER CONSIDERED A SALE UNTIL ENTIRE SATISFACTION IS ASSURED.

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Every woman in Lancaster City and County knows, Donovan's is headquarters for all that is new and fashionable in Millinery and that our prices are so low, that we really have no competitors.

We buy direct from the producers and sell our Hats and trimmings at about the same prices as other stores must pay the jobbers for them.

If you want the latest and prettiest shapes and the newest idea in trimming it, come to our popular untrimmed Millinery department.

**Untrimmed Millinery Department**  
**Exquisite Milan Chip and Neopolitan Hats 98c.**

All the season's shades, all the newest shapes. Where can you duplicate these?

This is but one example of the superiority of Donovan's over all the other Millinery establishments in Lancaster.

Milans, Chips and Neopolitans, all crisp, fresh and new and the most fashionable shapes and in every desirable color effect for 98c, about the same price as other stores have to pay for the same merchandise.

### Fine Silk Hemp Hats

In the most exclusive models; several shown tomorrow for the first time. A good \$3 value \$1.98

Ribbons, Plumes, Aigrettes, Fancies—a bewildering assortment. Guaranteed to be 14¢ cheaper than anywhere else.

### All Hats Trimmed Free

by our expert milliners, who have always succeeded in pleasing and thoroughly satisfying the most exacting women of fashion.

### Girls' \$5 Coats; \$2.98

#### They Are Beautiful Spring Models

Sizes 6 to 14 years. Fine tan and gray mixtures; handsomely tailored; jaunty styles; daintily finished.

Big Girls' Tub Dresses; sizes 6 to 14 years; finer materials and gingham in stripes, checks and figures; high neck and long sleeves; very neatly trimmed; positive \$1.50 value 98c.

Pretty Dresses for girls; sizes 6 to 14 years; of fine ginghams and chambray; beautifully made and trimmed; \$2 values.....\$1.49

Lovely White Dresses for girls; sizes 6 to 14 years; white lingerie cloth; high or low neck; fine lace and embroidery trimmed; the usual \$5 values Special.....\$3.98



## "Style Without Extravagance" At "Lancaster's Home of Fashion"

HERE IS AN ENORMOUS COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL SPRING SUITS; COATS AND DRESSES, WHICH FOR SMARTNESS, INDIVIDUALITY AND STYLE, IS POSITIVELY UNEQUALLED. THE SAME LOW PRICES, WHICH HAVE MADE OUR GARMENT SECTION FAMOUS—STILL PREVALE; AND OUR LIBERAL GUARANTEE IS YOUR PROTECTION ON ANY GARMENT YOU CHOOSE.

### "True Blue" Serge Suits \$9.98

Handsomely Tailored, Smart and Clever Spring Models For Women and Misses Any Store in The Universe Would Ask at Least \$15 to \$18. They're Great

We claim these Suits at \$9.98 are positive \$15 values, although most stores would say they're worth more. You wouldn't hesitate to pay \$15 for them but we obtained them under extraordinary conditions at a great price concession, and are eager to give you full benefit of our good fortune. Strictly true blue serges, also extra fine quality whitecoats, in navy and black.

Coats, the new spring length, with large revers and mannish notch collars; lined with best satin, guaranteed for two years. Skirts with new high girde effect, panel front and back, with side kick pleats. These Suits are faultlessly tailored, and are extremely fashionable in every line and curve.

#### "Donovan Special" Suits

Our famous line of genuine \$20 Suits at \$14.98. Choice of fine Serges, diagonals and Scotch mixtures; black and new shades. Authoritative spring models; showing every new style feature. Lined with best satin, guaranteed for two seasons. The greatest value in the county. Bar none.....\$14.98

#### Very Stylish \$12.50 Coats

Women's and Misses' sizes; smart new models of fine quality serges and fancy mixtures in navy blue, gray and tan; tailored with large revers and collar and cuffs with the new Bulgarian trimmings; patch pockets; all full length models; shoulders lined; a tremendous value at.....\$7.98

#### Dainty \$5 White Dresses

Exceptionally pretty Dresses of fine white Voile; showing the season's newest style features. Waist and skirt daintily trimmed with fine lace and beautifully embroidered; high neck or low neck effects and long or three-quarter length sleeves. An extraordinary value at this low price.....\$3.98

#### Fine \$10 Voile Dresses

An extraordinary value, one of the loveliest models originated this season. Beautifully made of exceptionally fine quality white voile, prettily embroidered and trimmed with dainty lace and pearl buttons; very effective, high or low neck models; full length or three-quarter sleeves; a wonderful offering at.....\$6.98



### "Kaiser" Silk Gloves Is All We Need Say

Practically every woman in this vicinity knows that Donovan's is the Lancaster headquarters for Kaiser's Silk Gloves and to every woman of discrimination in dress, Kaiser means the best obtainable in silk gloves. Choice of black, white and every desirable new shade. Long Styles 75c up Short Styles 50c up.

### Your New Corset

The largest and most varied collection of correct new models in the city of Lancaster. We carry a complete line of these famous makes—Bedford, American Lady, Royal Worcester, D. H. & C. P. N., La Resistia and a dozen others. Our expert Corsetiere, a graduate of a New York school of corsetry, will help you select the correct model for your individual figure and fit it to you if you desire.

### Smart Pumps, Oxfords and Shoes at \$1.98 More Than 25 Styles To Choose From

Positively the best and most wonderful line of shoes ever assembled by any Lancaster shoe store. All are very pretty spring styles; modeled after the most expensive grades; made of high grade leather; substantial and good in every particular. There are pumps, Oxfords and high shoes, Patent, Gun Metal, Vici Kid, Tan Calf and White Canvas. You can't equal these anywhere for less than \$2.50, for they were made to sell as a special value at that price. At \$1.98 they're simply extraordinary.

# THE DONOVAN COMPANY

32-38 East King St., Lancaster, Penna.

fifty boroughs throughout the United States. The experiment was started last October and so far has proven very satisfactory to the government and highly beneficial to the patrons of the various towns which were so fortunate as to be selected.

Three years ago Congressman Grist presented a bill in congress for the creation of a new mail delivery system to remove the discrimination against people living in the boroughs as letter carrier service is now generally supplied in the city and rural communities. After a campaign of two years sufficient sentiment was developed in congress to secure legislation and the postmaster general made a favorable recommendation in his 1911 annual report. In the official reports last year Postmaster General Hitchcock expressed the opinion that the system should be made permanent.

There are fully three thousand towns in the country that are rightly entitled to the mail carrier facilities owing to the postal business which they transact and over 250 of these towns are in the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Grist is said to

anticipate the support of the congressmen from all districts which contain these towns and it is understood that the congressman expects to make another nation-wide canvass to encourage congressional action when the regular session is convened next December.

Town and village mail delivery service as the new system is being officially called, is now in operation in Ephrata and among the Lancaster county towns eligible for this service are Christiana, Denver, Elizabethtown, Gap, Lititz, Manheim, Mount Joy, Marietta, Millersville, New Holland, Strasburg and Quarryville.

#### A BROTHERHOOD REUNION

Men of Zion Church, at East Petersburg, Hold a Unique Affair

On Tuesday evening, the Brotherhood of Zion Lutheran church, East Petersburg, held a reunion in the lecture room of the church. All but three of the members responded to the roll-call and one of the members, W. L. Hurst, who is at present located at Alcoa, Tenn., had sent an interesting letter which was read by

the President, J. B. Miller. The programme consisted of remarks by the president; several musical selections by the Brotherhood; an address by Rev. A. E. Cooper, of Jersey Shore, Pa., through whose efforts the Brotherhood was organized, while he was pastor of the church; an instrumental trio, by Samuel Sheetz, Nelson Groff and Edward Smith and remarks by the present pastor, Rev. J. F. Knittle. A goodly number of the congregation were also present and all spent a pleasant and profitable evening. This Brotherhood has been instrumental in launching a parish paper which is just beginning its third volume and also provides entertainment for the church and community from time to time.

#### SCHOOL REPORT

Those Who Have Attended the Past Month

High School—Marguerite M. Herr and Mabel F. Donovan, Teachers. Seniors—Anna Engle, Ruth Spangler, Tekla Bube, Ruth Bowman, May Flowers, Mary Stauffer, Wilma Zephey.

Frank, Marie Klugh, Esther Reist, Ben Hofer, Roscoe Smith. Juniors—Martha Musser, Viola Ream, Lottie Royer, Esther Weber, Dale Garber, Roy Hershey, Edgar Missener, Alvin Rutt.

A Class—Ruth Brubaker, Martha Bucher, Virginia Frank, Mary Hershey, Helen Habacker, Beatrice Murray, John Booth, Clarence Brubaker, Austin Pellenbaum, Harold Harmon, Walter Root, Leah Stauffer, Ellsworth Schrite, Theda Walters.

B Class—Vivian Coolidge, Grace Dietz, Mabel Geistweitz, Anna Shonk, Catharine Witmer, Beulah Zercher, John Bear, Walter Bernhart, Warren Eshleman, George Brown, Frank Gantz, Ralph Musser, Jay Klugh, Arthur Moyer, Earl Meyers, Oscar Laskewitz, Paul Heisey.

Grammar School—Anna R. Kraybill, Teacher

Thomas Bennett, Charles DeLong, Ross Eshleman, Samuel Hinkle, Lester Roberts, Musser Stauffer, Edwin Walters, George Weber, Frances Beatty, Clara Campbell, Vivian Chandler, Dorothy Myers, Mabel Zephey.

Intermediate Grade—Elizabeth R. Eshelman, Teacher

Marie Detwiler, Mildred Pellenbaum, Esther Gingrich, Erma Hertzog, Ruth Murray, Emily Newcomer, Paul Alexander, Harry Brown, John Dillinger, Carl Garber, John Greiner, Carl Krall, David Stauffer, Harry Way, Harry Williams.

Fifth Grade—Edna Martin, Teacher

Anna Brubaker, Zelma Coolidge, Mary Easton, Beatrice Hawthorne, Mildred Krall, Emma Kramer, Lillian Roth, Charles Engle, Charles Eshleman, Omer Eshleman, James Gerber, Mark Mumma, John Rahm, Russell Schatz, Herbert Stark, Paul Stark.

Fourth Primary—Miss Lou Kuhns, Teacher

Christine Gillums, Dorothy Longenecker, Lillian Mumma, Mildred Murray, Ruth Conrad, Alta Gingrich, Bertha Miller, Jay Lindemuth, Jay Pennell, Herbert Tyndall, Henry Witmer, Russel Brown, Harold Funk, Alvin Pennell, Ben Stark, Isaac Ressler, Clayton Ebersole, Third Primary, Verna C. Chand-

ler, Teacher

Barbara Rollman, Lura Hertzog, Mary Moyer, Clara Greenawalt, Marie Carson, Emily Gingrich, Pauline Shoop, Ellis Pellenbaum, Gilmour Schmiedel, Earl Myers, John Coolidge, Wayne Brosey, John McCann, Amos Ebersole, Charles Hinkle, Roy Arndt, Robert Eshleman.

Second Primary—Ruth N. Stoll, Teacher

Robert Keller, Witmer Eberle, John Eshleman, Amos Stark, Howard Stark, Charles Roth, Bigler Mumma, Martha Zercher, Clara Pennell, Margaret Krall, Esther Garber, Dorothy Pannebecker, Margaret Glatfelter, Lena Dillinger, Kathryn Longenecker, Beatrice Shoop, Doroth Buckwalter, Catherine Engle.

First Primary—M. G. Miller, Teacher

Eli Engle, Howard Lindemuth, Sylvester Hendrix, Clarence Beyer, Alvin Hertzog, Eugene Boggs, Jean Thome, Dorothy Schock, Frances Garber, Mamie Gochaur, Hannah Shatto, Alice Strickler, Virginia Newcomer, Mary Way, Anna Felker, Mary Weidman, Martha Witmer, Nedra Kaylor.

## Our Challenge "The Donovan Special"

**\$15.00**

As Good If Not Better Than The Best \$20. Suit In Lancaster

We Challenge anyone to produce a better one at the price



75 Styles To Choose From

The fabric, which is the foundation of all good clothing, is the strong feature of the "Donovan Special" and the chief reason that Donovan Clothes will give you such unequalled satisfaction.

And added to the excellence of the fabric, is the most painstaking tailoring, not only on the surface, but on the inside as well. This is the work that counts, that means good style, good fit and all round superiority at every point. It means that the Suit you buy here at \$15, or at any other price, will not only look well when you put it on for the first time, but will keep looking well as long as you wear it.

The "Donovan Special" Suits are shown in a variety of 75 very clever patterns; many more than can be found anywhere else and offers another advantage to the Donovan customer. Every way you look at it, you are bound to get much bigger returns for your \$15 at Donovan's than the same expenditure will secure elsewhere. Fully guaranteed.

### Boys' \$3.50 Suits \$2.98

A tremendous value that is making our boys' department famous; nobby knickerbocker styles; Norfolk or double-breasted choice of the newest and most desirable patterns; full range of sizes; every one of them finely tailored and finished.

#### Boys' "Donovan Special" Suits, \$4.98

A positive \$6 value; we've named it the Donovan Special because it is so much better in every way than any other suit selling anywhere at \$4. Plain all-wool blue serges; fancy grays and browns; every suit guaranteed.

#### Boys' Suits Worth \$7.50 and \$8; \$6.50

An extraordinary garment at the price a suit that would delight any boy. Smart new models, in fancy checks and neat stripes; fine all-wool cassimers and worsteds; any other store would ask at least \$7.50 or \$8

