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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all person who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Oats with Clover and Timothy.

A writer in one of our agricultural exchanges says:—Last spring, in order to get a truck patch in with grass we sowed oats with the clover and timothy seed. The land being very good, the oats grew luxuriantly, and just before it began to ripen we cut it, and cured it as hay. The yield was over two tons of hay to the acre, and the hay as winter feed stood far superior to corn-fodder, the stock liking it and keeping in most excellent order while fed on it. Others persons who have tried it have had the same experience as ourselves:

A writer in the *Country Gentleman* says, that for causing cows to give a large flow of milk there is nothing that he ever tried that is equal to green oats in summer, or oat-hay in winter; that clover is next, and sowed corn the poorest. In feeding oat hay during the past winter to some farrow cows, a difference in the color and solidity of the butter was noticed as soon as the feed was changed to hay. Also more feed can be grown to the acre with oats, making it into hay, than by sowing corn—not in bulk, but in quality, as the oat hay has more nutriment than sowed corn-fodder, and will go further and last longer. Only a small bulk of oat hay is required at a feed. In order to grow a good crop of oat hay, the land must be in good condition; not less than four bushels of seed must be swon to the acre, as early in the spring as convenient, and the ground should be rolled down smooth. Cut when fully grown or in early milk, and let them wilt, then rake and cock the same as clover, and the result will be a feed far superior to corn-fodder.

Another writer says that upon 6 acres of ground he made enough hay to feed twenty-one cows from early in December till March; it made excellent feed and answered a two-fold purpose — the straw as hay, and the grain kept them in good condition, besides producing more butter. There was no waste whatever; it was all eaten up, the very youngest calves being fond of it.

Salt for Cabbage.

A New Jersey gardener considers salt necessary for the development of cabbage, especially in places far from the coast. He finds them more crisp, of better flavor, and to keep better when salt is used than without. He uses it as follows: "A few days after setting out the plants, and when they are damp, either after a rain or when the dew is on, I take a small dish of fine salt and walking among the rows sprinkle a little pinch of salt on the centre of each plant when the leaves begin to grow. I repeat the salting, and when the centre of the leaves begin to form the head. I apply salt again, scattering it over the leaves; after this I look them over occasionally, and if I find plants that do not head well or appear diseased, I sprinkle the salt over them freely; this will save all such plants. A quart of salt is sufficient for five hundred plants in a season, although more can be used with safety."

☞ A Connecticut poultry raiser writes to an exchange: "Perhaps some of your readers who raise fowls will be interested in my experiment tried last season on a chicken with the gapes. I gave it about a quarter of a teaspoonful of kerosene, and as it seemed better for a day or two, I repeated the dose, giving nearly one half a teaspoonful for the second time. The chicken was about the size of a robin at the time, but is now full-grown, weighing several pounds. I cured chickens affected with a disease we thought cholera, by giving powdered alum dissolved in water."

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