

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

Chicory.

A plant known to commerce by the name of chicory is cultivated extensively in Belgium, France, England, Germany, and various other countries of Europe, and also in the United States. It is also called succory. It belongs to the genus chicorium intybus. One species is eaten in Europe as a salad, while the best known variety is used, after the root is roasted and ground, to adulterate coffee.

Chicory was introduced into England by Sir Arthur Young, in the year 1788. He obtained the seed from France. It is, however, only within the past fifty years that it has been extensively raised in Great Britain.

Chicory roots are dried, roasted, and ground. They are mixed with cheap coffees at the average rate of about one-half pound of the root to each pound of coffee. Some consumers of chicory are highly impressed with its healthy qualities, and believe that it prevents biliousness. Others think that it adds much to the flavor of coffee.

Chicory is imported into the United States from European countries, to the amount of about fifteen million pounds per annum, and this business is yearly increasing. The root is a narcotic, but it is sometimes mixed with foreign substances that are injurious to health, and in some rare instances have proved destructive to life. The impure condition of the imported article is said to arise from mould, or fungus, which is engendered from its imperfect preparation, or is caused by dampness gathered while in store or in transit.

There are large manufacturing establishments in Europe, devoted exclusively to roasting and grinding this article. These establishments are numerous in the Grand Duchy of Brunswick, Mecklenburg, and in many parts of Belgium and Holland. There are said to be two hundred manufactories of this description in Germany alone. The best foreign chicory is raised in Germany, but is said to lose much of its flavor by a sea-voage.

In this country chicory is raised quite extensively on Long Island, in New Jersey, and in many of the Western States. The soil best adapted to its cultivation is a sandy loam. On Long Island the product is from 2 to 3 thousand pounds (green) per acre greater than that raised in most parts of Europe. It is of a quick growth, but requires plenty of manure and careful husbandry. The domestic article is said to be of a finer flavor, and to possess stronger narcotic properties than the imported. Prime qualities should be entirely free from any rank taste, and of a fresh, bright color.

Its growth can be made very profitable to farmers, but it greatly impoverishes the land. The drying and preparation of the root for market can only be performed after considerable experience.

There are coffee dealers in the city who use from fifty to seven-five tons of chicory annually.

The best time to sell, as a rule, is as soon as the farmer can obtain a fair profit on the amount of time and money expended in raising his crops. Experience everywhere has proved conclusively that it seldom pays the producer to become a speculator. By selling early, the mind is relieved from anxiety, and can turn the more earnestly to the season's legitimate duties, shrinkage and loss from vermin and other causes are avoided; the farmer has the means for buying manures, stock, implements and machinery at the best time and figures, and of pushing necessary work, and making improvements on his land or homestead. Calculate, therefore, what your products have cost you in money and its equivalent time, add a moderate profit, and sell promptly so soon as you can realize the total, taking, of course, as much more as you can get, and leaving to others the anxieties and risks of speculation.

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