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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN. Potatoes and the Moon.
Having made quite nspeciaty of growSug petatoes for the last thirty years, 1
have tha ample opportunity to took into have thad ample opportunity to look int
the pecultartiles of their growth, nad The peoulinitites of their growh,
they have ofen been every triking. Onc thrmer will report thant tits bet ylelds are obtalned by plantugg one or two eyee
In a hill, whitle another could only get thio maximum crop by plinting lirge whole potatoes, and stal otbers, some Yeara, really do get better resalus by
planting whole small petatoes than from farge ones cut as they usunily are. One
man I know, planted part of a feld man I know, planted part of a field
with a machine and part by hand, all with a machine and part by hand, all
from the sume pile of seed and all the same day. Those plasted by the ma.
oline did much the best - so much that their superionty showed very platinly all summer while growing.
Some years we will see those planted Some years we wilk see those planted
extremely hate dolng the best, while in extremeiy lite doling the beeth whil in
other yeara those only do well that are other yeara those or Alt of these, and
planted earrliest
An many more, are the peeuliarities that I
have noticed about the growth of pota. toee, and in every cose by linvestigation, a.good reason could be nasigned plainly
in accordance with the prinelpies of in accordance with the prinolpies of
their growth. I. meight state these reatons here, but that is not what I Intend to write aboutjuast now.
In The Farrat of Dee. 27, J. E. Meyres says be always nought to plant
potatoes in the dark of the moon, in potatoes in the
Mfarch or A pril.
The question 'before us then is, "Is the growth of potatoes affected by the phases of the meon P" Murch and April
are good monthe in which to plant poare good montus in which to phant po-
tatoes, but has the phase of the moon tatoes,
any thing to do with it? Thousands of farmers, utterly dieregarding the moon, have planted, if it so happened in any
other quarter of that luminary, and other quarter of that luminary, and
have obtained equally good crops when have obtained equally good crops when
the natural conditions of growth were equally good. This fact leads us to diseregard the restriction to one phase of
the moon. Even if the moon had ever so much to do with the grown of potatoes, we could not regulate its influence
by planting in ose particular quarter by planting in one particular quarter,
for there is no asourance that this is the time they will somimence to grow. That might have been in the old of the previous moon, or they may not com mence
to grow for two er three to grow for two or three weeks after
planting. Themere planting han lltle planting. The
to do with it.
I have never aeen a fallure of this
crop charged to pleating in the wroung crop charged to, pleating in the wrong Phase of the moon, or a good crop at-
tributed to planting in the tributed to planting in the right phase,
but what either seazalt could be traced to but what either sezalt could be traced to
natural ceurees, eadly explained. But anter all my expenience, I would advise planting in the dank of the moon if the land was in the beet order then; if not,
work at it tull it e to ther best work at it tull it tif in the best order,even if you have to plant in the new of the
moon. H. Ivea In ARocctical Farmer.

Wheat Growiag Maxims.
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condensing a great deal of information about wheat growing asfollows: 1. The best soll for wheat is a rich
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7. From the midade of Squxember to the last of October the the best time for sowing.
8. Drille
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If sown broadceast two.
9. One heacy rolling after sowlug does mueb good.
10. For flou
10. For flour, eut whee the grain be
gins to harden; for seed not gins to harden; for seed, not untll lh Las
Ef A Berks county men rids his tree effectunlly or caterpiliarsi by fastening a
rough oorn cob to a pole end running it into the nests, turning and twisting the cob a number of times. He says the neets becomene detached from the branchem and adbere to the corn cob. Other
methods have heretofore been tried by methods hume heretorore been tried by A Beod Housewife.
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