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Any one passing through agricultural districts, say in June. when the herbage has about or nearly reached its full growth, must notice how much land is only half or a quarter utilized, by allowing the unchecked growth of all sorts of weeds. A large proportion of this land is pastured, and the way the poor cattle have to seek out the little grass from among the overwhelming weeds is a source of actual sadness. These pasture fields, too, are allowed to go on producing noxious weeds for a series, of years without an effort being made to get rid of them by the source made known to the observing farmer-frequent cultivation. Then, again, we see the same proportion of weeds in many fields from which the cattle hay is to be cut, and this is done year after year, just as though cows and other cattle would eat the weeds any more readily dry than green.

It is as apparent as the sun at noonday that to whatever extent weeds are allowed to grow just to that extent is the land wasted, in fact worse than wasted. Now that this can be avoided is clear; and that it can be profitably avoided in the most cases scarcely admits of doubt. And what is true of the pasture-fields is the same where the herbage is left to become hay. The good clean field is the exception. Not only the oxeye daisy, but sorrel and plaintain, and asters of various kinds, which eattle care no more for when dry than when green, constitute the bulk of what is to be hay; and it is tolerably good stuff which has but one-fourth extraneous matter.

We have before suggested that our agricultural societies, which give so many and such high premiums for fast trotting horses, might at least spare a little for the encouragement of the food which the noble animal is to eat. Premiums for well grown hay, clean hay, hay from improved grasses and well-managed hayfields, would surely be objects worthy of the attention of even a State Agricultural Society and we think that it will become so if the press will unite in commending the subject to general attention.

Surely there is no greater eyesore than a field, looking as if it might produce thirty bushels of wheat, seventy-five of corn, or from two to three tons of firstclass hay to the acre, allowed to be covered with masses of noxious weeds, which can and should be destroyed. A merchant from the city who may pass through a rural section, and seeing these myriad of oxeye daisy flowers, will almost invariably ask why they are there, and if they cannot be exterminated and grain raised instead.

#### A Wash for Fruit Trees.

Prof. Cyrus Thomas, state etomologist of Illinois, says: "Insects-and mildews: injurious to the leaves of seedling and root grafts, can be kept in subjection or destroyed by a free use of a combination of lime and sulphur. Take of quick or unslacked lime four parts, and of common flowers of sulphur one part (four pounds of sulphur to one peck of lime ;) break up the lime in small bits, than, mixing the sulphur with it in a tight vessel (iron is the best,) pour on them enough boiling water to slack the lime to a powder, cover the vessel close as soon as the water is poured on. This makes also a most excellent whitewash for orehard trees, and is very useful as a preventive of blight on pear trees, to cover the wounds in a form of a paste when cutting away diseased parts; also for coating the trees in April. It may be considered as the one specific for many noxious insects and mildew in the orchard and nursery; its materials should always be ready at band; its materials should be quite fresh, as it would in time become sulphate of lime and so lose its potency. Wherever dusting with lime is spoken of this should be used. This preparation should be sprinkled over the young plant as soon as, or before, any trouble from aphides, thrips or mildew occurs, early in the morning while the dew is on the trees. This lime and sulphur combination is destructive to these pests in this way : First, by giving off sulphuric acid gas, which is deadly poison to minute life, both animal and fungoid; and the lime destroys by contact the same things, besides its presence is noxious to them; neither is it injurious to common vegetable life, except in excess, unless the lime to the foliage or evergreens.

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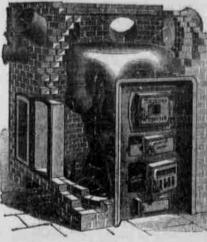
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