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A Farmers Experience With Crows.

A city paper tells of the experience of a Long Island farmer with crows, as follows: This farmer founded his anticrow method upon the fact that crows are accustomed to rely upon the scarecrows to inform them of the locality of cornfields. He owned a large farm, part of which was devoted to corn, part to polatoes, part to turnips and part to cabbage. He took the precaution of sowing the seed by moonlight, an hour after the crows' bedtime, so that they could not watch him, and when all was ready he spent nearly an entire forenoon in rigging up an imposing scarecrow in the turnip field. During the afternoon he noticed that there was a great deal of excitement among the crows, who were earnestly digging for corn and finding none, and about 4 o'clock he saw them desert the field and hold a mass meeting in an elm tree, where they passed resolutions with all the order of a Democratic Convention.

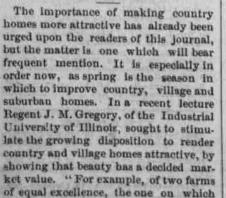
The next morning the farmer re moved the scarecrow to the potato-field, loudly remarking to his assistant as he did so that he could not understand how he had made the mistake of putting the scarecrow in the turnip-field. As before, the crows flocked around the scarecrow and dug up the ground, confident that this time they would "strike it rich" in corn. Their subsequent language was something frightful, and their opinion of the farmer was expressed in terms that an Arkansas editor in his most earnest moments could not rival.

The next day the farmer removed the scarecrow to the cabbage-field. This time the crows did not wait for him to leave the field, but began to dig while he was still at work. In a very few moments they were satisfied that there was no corn in that field. In their rage they fell upon the farmer and drove him into the house, after which they flew away, and not a crow has since been seen within ten miles of the place. Beyond any doubt, this is the true way in which to treat crows, and were it to be generally followed by farmers, the crow would either starve to death or would be driven out of the country.

A Good and Wholesome Harvest Drink.

As alcohol drinks have happily long been driven from the harvest fields, there have been various drink besides water substituted, but scarcely any of them meeting fully the conditions sought for in the way of a wholesome satisfying beverage. Water, even in all its purity, does not seem to quench the thirst and stimulate the body, as it produces additional perpsiration and passes through the pores almost like a passing through a colander, leaving the system exhausted and weak; besides, a drink of cold water, when suffering under a great degree of heat, is dangerous, even at times producing sudden death. Latterly in England and elsewhere a drink is prepared by mixing oatmeal with water, in the proportion of three or four ounces to a gallon of water. This is found not only to satisfy the thirst better than water, even when tempered with vinegar or other acid, but to produce additional strength of body. Oatmeal possesses a peculiar aroma and acts as a very active stimulant to the surface of the skin as to cause the complete digestion of the liquid. Men employed in an atmosphere of the intensest heat are much comforted with it, and become very fond of it. Hence it is in a measure "vituals and drink," possessing only virtues and without any drawbacks whatever. Just now the time is here to give it a trial; and we shall be glad if at the end of the season those substituting the oatmeal and water will make report as to the results.

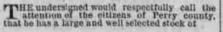




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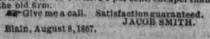
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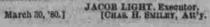
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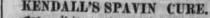




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