

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Lime in Agriculture.

The *Journal of Forestry* briefly sums up many of the uses of lime when applied to the soil. The effects of lime as will be seen, are in part mechanical and in part chemical.

1. Upon deep alluvial and clay soil it increases the crop of potatoes, and renders them less waxy. Sprinkled over potatoes in a store heap it preserves them, and when riddled over the cut-sets it wonderfully increases their fertility.

2. Lime eradicates the finger and toe disease in turnips, and gives greater soundness to the bulbs.

3. It gives, when applied to meadow land, a larger produce of more nutritious grasses. It also exterminates coarse and sour grasses, destroys couch grass, and acts powerfully on rye grasses.

4. Upon arable land it destroys weeds of various kinds.

5. It rapidly decomposes vegetable matter, producing a large amount of food for plants in the form of carbonic acid gas.

6. It destroys or neutralizes the acids in the soils; hence its adaptability to sour soils.

7. It acts powerfully upon some of the inorganic parts of the soil, especially on the sulphate of iron in peaty soils, and the sulphate of magnesia and alumina.

8. It proves fatal to worms and slugs and the larvae of injurious insects, though favorable to the growth of shell-bearers.

9. Slacked lime added to vegetable matter causes it to give off its nitrogen in the form of ammonia. Upon soils in which ammonia is combined with acids, it sets free the ammonia which is seized upon by the plants.

10. Its solubility in water causes it to sink into and ameliorate the subsoil. When the soil contains fragments of granite or trap rocks, lime hastens their decomposition and liberates the silicates.

11. Its combination with the acids in the soil produces saline compounds, such as potash, soda, etc.

Battle Between a Pheasant and a Black-snake.

A few days since, Colin Minor, of Waynesburg, Pa., while in the woods hunting, seated himself on a log to rest, when his attention was attracted by the sound of what he supposed to be chickens fighting. On approaching the spot where the contest was going on he discovered a hen pheasant battling with a blacksnake. She seemed to be greatly excited and would make vigorous attacks upon the snake, picking and striking it with her wings. His snake-ship was coiled, and did not seem to offer much resistance, simply warding off the blows by striking at the pheasant and guarding its body from her attacks. After witnessing the scene for some time, Mr. M. shot the snake, when upon examination he found that it had one of the pheasant's eggs in its mouth. The snake measured about eight feet in length.

Buckwheat Bread.

An Oregon lady correspondent says Buckwheat bread can be made as follows:—Take two or three cups of sour milk and enough of buckwheat flour to make a stiff batter—about as stiff as you can well stir it with a spoon. Add about one tablespoonful of saleratus. Bake in a buttered dish or omelette pan in a middling hot oven. It is good, hot or cold or warmed over. It can be steamed or moistened and warmed in the oven. It takes the place of all griddle cakes, and is the very best of bread.

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A Pennsylvania correspondent of the Ohio Farmer finds the common black ant an efficient protection against the plague of currant worms. He has several colonies of ants close to his currant bushes, while his neighbors' bushes are overrun with worms. Formerly he took pains to destroy ant colonies, whereas now, on witnessing their attacks upon the worms, he protects and encourages them.

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