Seven Hundred Years of Coal.

According to the most authentic history of the coal trade, last year marked the seven hundredth anniversary of the use of coal as fuel. Taking the most moderate estimate of the antiquity of man, and considering the fact that the coal was always here, it appears that we were a long time in availing ourselves of this most valuable asset which nature placed at our disposal. Many civilizations flourished and died out without its use, and it may be said that its potentialities, as a factor in the progress of mankind, were never realized fully until the present century. Up to its dawn, aside from the warming of the body and the cooking of food, little importance was attached to the fuel question. For these purposes a few fagots or billets of wood sufficed. But in time we discovered that in the fire there was a giant a thousand times more powerful than the fabled monsters of antiquity.

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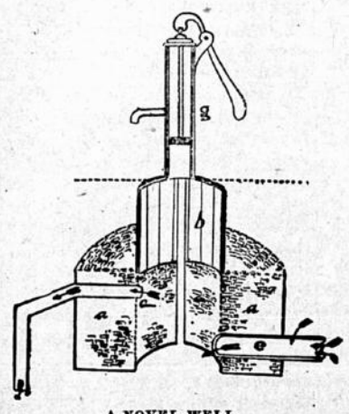
Plant Fruit Trees.

Many persons fail to set out trees and vines because they fear they will not live to eat the fruit. Some years ago the writer heard an old man say that he had planted and eaten the fruit of three different orchards, and that at seventy years of age he had planted a fourth orchard for others, but at eighty-seven years of age he still lives to eat the fruit of his own trees. Strawberries bear in abundance the second year after planting; blackberries, currants, grapes and gooseberries the third year. Peach trees will often bear full crops the third year. Early bearing apple, pear and plum trees will often produce abundantly for the family the fourth and fifth years.

It is possible for a farmer in the Northern States to have fresh fruit of his own growing upon his table every day in the year. He will begin with strawberries the last of May. These will last three or four weeks, and before they are all gone raspberries will be ripe, and will continue about five weeks. Cherries will begin to ripen during the raspberry season. As the raspberries go out, blackberries, currants and gooseberries will be ready for the table. As the last of these go, the early peaches, pears, apples and plums will begin to be ready for the table. During August, September and October he can have a great variety of fruit. After October until the next June he will have to confine himself in the main to apples. But of good apples the family will never tire.—New York Weekly Tribune.

Well on a Novel Plan.

Selecting the point where the well was to be located, I dug a trench, as if underdraining, only deeper, being six feet in depth, and dug it 200 feet in length. In this I carefully laid a six-inch drain tile, e, covering it in the usual way, using care to prevent sediment getting into it. At the lower end of this drain a pump, g, was placed and here was constructed a curb, a, 2x3 feet for the first 3½ feet, laying it with brick and Portland cement. Above this the curb was built of ¼ inch pine boards, b, tongued and grooved, to prevent worms and vermin from getting in the well. Three feet from the bottom an outlet, c, was made, leading to a main drain, lower, where other underdrains discharged. By this method I drained effectively a piece of land which needed it and secured an ample supply of the very best water, lasting all the year round.—T. F. Van Luven, in American Agriculturist.



A NOVEL WELL.

A Chicken's Growth.

The question of how much will a chick gain is an interesting one. The following is about correct: The eggs weigh 2 ounces; the newly hatched chick weighs 1¼ ounces; at 1 week old, 2 ounces; 3 weeks old, 6¼ ounces; 4 weeks old, 10 ounces; 5 weeks old, 14 ounces; 6 weeks old, 18½ ounces; 7 weeks old, 23½ ounces; 9 weeks old, 32 ounces; 10 weeks old, 36 ounces; 11 weeks old, 41 ounces.—The Poultry West.

Spraying Hogs for Lice.

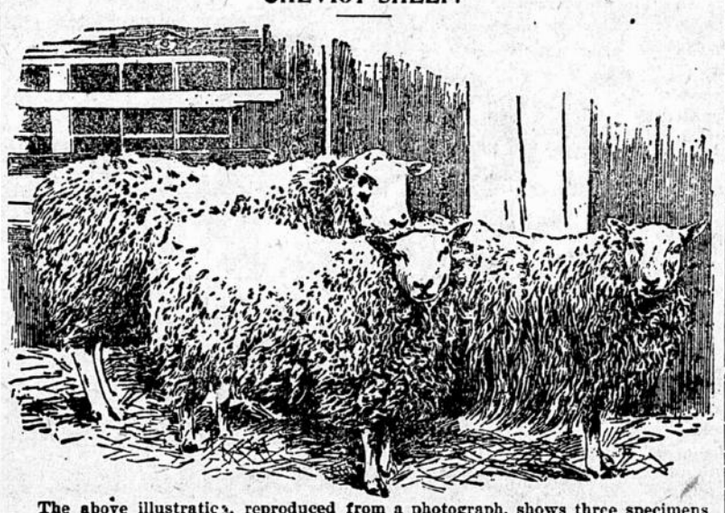
When lice get into a drove of hogs it will not be long until the effect is noticed. Hogs will not remain healthy with lice present. The easiest and also the most effective way of ridding the swine of the pests is by spraying them with water in which kerosene is stirred. For spraying, use a common spraying pump, one of those handy little hand pumps which set in a pail of water being easily managed. Into a pen a few feet square turn two or three hogs and turn the pump with sprayer attached upon them. Drench them thoroughly, driving the water upon them with full force of the pump. One spraying will kill the lice in a hog, and where the whole herd is treated, including the shed floors, the lice will be exterminated. This is much easier and less disagreeable than greasing and is more effective.

Leafless and Triumph Radishes.

The Rural New Yorker recently made a comparison between the two unique varieties of radish—viz., Triumph and Leafless. This showed that both kinds are early and that there is but little difference between them, the Leafless being about three days earlier. Now the Rural illustrates the two, showing a little bunch of the triumph and a single specimen of the Leafless. The quality is much the same, the Leafless being a rich, darkish crimson, the Triumph white and crimson, variously splashed and dotted. The latter is nearly round, the other generally oblong. Doubtless a larger quantity of the Leafless may be grown on a given plot because of its scanty leaves. The question of relative value seems to depend upon which would sell more readily in the market, the solid colored Leafless or the variegated Triumph.

LEAFLESS RADISH—TRIUMPH RADISH

CHEVIOT SHEEP.



The above illustration, reproduced from a photograph, shows three specimens of this hardy breed of sheep—a two-year-old ram and two two-year-old ewes, the property of C. H. Marshall, Vergennes, Vt.

Trapping Hen Hawks.

Wherever there is low shrubbery around the house hens with broods of chickens will naturally seek that, less for the shade than as protection against depredators who might swoop down and carry off a young chick to be torn to pieces and eaten. The hen hawk usually finds some place where he can watch the brood unobserved, and make his seizure before the hen's warning cry causes her little ones to run for shelter. If a steel trap is set on top of a pole where it will be convenient for the hawk to alight he will be very quickly caught. The trap should be secured by rope or chain, so that the hawk can not fly off with the trap. In this way the worst enemy of the poultry grower may be easily and cheaply disposed of.

Improvement of Highways.

Good roads are so popular in Connecticut that the State's appropriation for helping out the towns will not be large enough to supply the demand. Over 100 towns have voted money for roads. The law passed by the last General Assembly says that the State shall pay in the case of towns whose grand list is $1,000,000 and under, three-fourths of the sums appropriated, and two-thirds of the appropriation in the case of towns having a grand list of $1,000,000 and over. The State's annual appropriation is only $175,000, which will not nearly suffice.

Feeding Green Oats.

Horses that are idle in the stable or that have only light work may be fed a few green oats without injury. But they should on no account be given to horses that have much work to do. Green oats will give a horse the scours more quickly than any other feed. The oat hull irritates the intestines at its best, and it therefore needs to be thoroughly dried out before being fed. If given it should have some old timothy or meadow grass fed with it.

Potash for Potatoes.

The potato plant requires the larger proportion of the necessary potash in its early stages. The reason is that it is the top that makes the heaviest demand for potash and needs it at the start. If potash is applied late during the growth of the plants much of it will be unserviceable for the crop.

How to Trim a Mule's Feet.

Clean hoofs thoroughly to remove dirt, gravel, etc., then take a sharp saw and saw off carefully as short as desired. Place foot on box or block, so as to hold firm while sawing. This is much quicker and easier than a knife, as their hoofs are very hard.

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In cases of scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, rheumatism, eruptions, etc., the circumstances may be altered by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the great remedy for all ages and both sexes. Be sure to get Hood's, because

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A Shy Man with a Great Deal of Notoriety.

Few writers, with the exception, perhaps, of Rudyard Kipling, carry their dislike of notoriety to the extent that "Uncle Remus," Joel Chandler Harris, does. An affable and most genial man ordinarily, the fact that some admirer of his work is desirous of seeing him produces a fit of nervousness which causes him to play hide-and-seek, and if this fails and he is confronted the author is generally found to be a much better listener than talker. His home in Atlanta is on the outskirts of the town, and although a daily contributor to the Atlanta Constitution he works entirely at home and sees very little of society.

Although Atlanta is visited in the course of the year by nearly all of the theatrical companies, he has never been known to go to the theater to see one, the only time that he will come out of his shell being when James Whitcomb Riley gives one of his readings.

This happened about six years ago, and then there was no more delighted appreciator in the house than "Uncle Remus." For the next five years, however, he carefully avoided the theater. When about a year ago the Hoosier poet made another tour of the South, Frank L. Stanton asked Mr. Harris to accompany him that night to the reading. When the poet called early in the evening to make sure that "Uncle Remus" would be ready in time the latter was already prepared and was beginning to worry.

"Won't we be late?" he asked.

"Not for several hours yet," answered Stanton.

The next day the Georgia poet and the Indiana poet went for a drive, and in accordance with the former's plan stopped at Mr. Harris' house. Mr. Riley at first objected to going in, on the ground that it wasn't fair to surprise a man in this way.

"If he knew you were coming," replied Stanton, "and had waited for you, by this time he would have had nervous prostration."

As it was, "Uncle Remus" was "caught" before he had worked up to the proper nervous pitch, and, though he swung his hat to and fro in a much-abashed manner during the first few minutes of the conversation, he and the man he admired so much soon became fast friends, and Riley seldom visits the South without spending some little time with Harris at Atlanta.

Mr. Harris is a most methodical worker; he goes to the Constitution office every morning at 8 o'clock for his mail and papers, and remains about half an hour, going home to work. In addition to his newspaper labors, he is at present engaged on two books.—Saturday Evening Post.

Equally Great.

Two chance acquaintances on a railway train discovered that they had come originally from the same neighborhood, and fell to conversing about old times.

"By the way," said the passenger in the skull-cap, "whatever became of Harrison McPelt?"

"He's a special writer for one of the New York papers," replied the passenger in the long linen duster, "at ten dollars a column. Has a good thing of it."

"And his brother Alfred?"

"Alfred is a fat man in a dime museum. Weighs four hundred and eighty-seven pounds. Gets a good salary."

"Well, well!" mused the other. "Both of them, then, have achieved success in life as space-fillers.'

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