START WORK IN YOUR ORCHARD NOW.

Prune Your Trees Carefully and Remove All Dead Or Unnecessary Branches.

S. B. SHAW,
Maryland Agricultural College Extension Service.

Begin planning now for next season's fruit crop. Every effort put forth at this time means more fruit of better quality next fall. Many of the trees need to be pruned. A sharp, wide-set hand saw and a good hand pruning shear will greatly facilitate this work. In removing branches from the main limbs or body of the tree, make a smooth, clean cut without leaving any stub. If the cut surface is over an inch in diameter, apply a coat of paint to protect the wound until it has become covered with a natural growth of bark. Any color of any brand will do, so long as it accomplishes the purpose for which it is applied.

A WELL-GROWN TREE.

Cut out all cracked, split and broken limbs. Take out all dead or dying branches and remove any dried up fruits that may be still hanging to the twigs. All such wood and fruit should be taken from the orchard and burned. Dead wood and mummied fruit harbor insects and disease spores. The destruction of this source of infection now, will materially aid in the development of clean, sound fruit later in the year. As far as possible, notice the relative position the main limbs will occupy when loaded with fruit and see if any crossing can be eliminated. At the same time consider what excess of leaf producing wood can be removed to prevent too much shading of the fruit during the summer. Fruit will not develop fully in the shade. Take out water sprouts and open up the head sufficiently to allow of a free circulation of air through the tree and the exposure of as much fruit as possible to direct sunlight.

Head back judiciously. Heavy pruning tends to promote new growth. In some instances it may be necessary to stimulate the development of new wood. Trees that seem to be lacking in vigor, that are apparently not making much headway, can often be rejuvenated and brought into thrifty condition by severe cutting. As a rule, however, it is advisable to remove only about one-fourth to one-third of the new wood from young trees making a normal growth. This applies principally to such trees as apple and pear that produce fruit buds on old wood. With the peach, conditions are different. Here the fruit buds are developed on new wood, hence it may be profitable to cut back these trees more severely so as to stimulate a heavier growth of annual wood.

RULES TO OBSERVE IN DEVELOPING A PARCEL POST TRADE.

L. B. FLOHR,
U. S. Office of Markets, before the Maryland State Grange, Dec. 16, 1914.

One of the biggest difficulties in undertaking to develop or build up a market by parcel-post is to find your customer. As the old darkey's recipe for chicken pot-pie ran "First get your chicken," so parcel-post marketing is contingent upon first getting your customer. The impression first made with your customer largely determines the continuance of the business, and right here, I might as well speak of quality. If would hold him, don't try to market anything you would not be willing to use yourself. Study the wants and desires of your customer and supply him with what he wants and is willing to pay for. If after studying this matter over and perhaps after making a trial, you decide that it is too much bother, I would then say to you, "If you are not willing to hustle for a better market than you now enjoy, don't kick about the returns you receive." The only way to secure business is to go after it, and once you have it keep it by all proper means.

The great success of the Week's Short Course in Domestic Science at the Agricultural College last winter was due in a large measure to the charming and effective way in which Mrs. C. M. Foulke, lecturer from the Ohio State University, handled her commonplace, everyday subjects.

Her talks on "The Kitchen" and "The Cuts and Uses of Meat," were filled with practical helpfulness for the farm woman; or, for that matter, any home maker at all who is interested in lessening her drudgery or in adding attractiveness to her home. The same course with added features is being offered again to Maryland women for the week, beginning January 11, 1915.

Hint on Paper-Hanging.

A good hint for those who do their own paper-hanging is to apply the paste to the wall instead of to the paper. Amateurs will find it much easier to match the pattern, and the paper is less liable to tear by following this method, besides saving time and trouble.

Getting Results.

A colored woman was arguing and arguing with her husband, and when she had finished he said: "Dinah, yo' talk don' affect me no mo' than a flea bite." "Well," she answered, "I'se gawna keep yo' scratchin'."

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RIGHT PASTURE FOR SWINE

Very Rank Growth of Crop Will Supply Feed for Twenty-Five Head to Acre, Says Mumford.

(By DEAN MUMFORD, Missouri Experiment Station.)

A good growth of rape will supply pasture for ten to twenty hogs to the acre. A very rank growth may supply feed for 25 head. Where the feeding is to extend from ten to fourteen weeks it is advisable to pasture rape at the rate of ten to twelve head to the acre.

The favorable time for seeding rape is in the spring, as soon as danger of hard freezing is past. It will furnish pasture from the middle of May until the third week in August. Rape will withstand light frosts, but not hard freezing. The best results are obtained when oats and clover are sown with it. Sow from five to seven pounds of rape ahead of the drill and then drill in one-half bushel of oats and six to ten pounds of clover seed to the acre. The rape and oats will serve as a cover crop for the clover and usually a good stand of clover will be obtained that may be pastured with hogs the following year.

If rape is not grazed too closely in June and July, so that the stalk of the plant is eaten off, it may grow up and make fall pasture. It should never be pastured so closely as to destroy all leaves on the stalk, and stock should not be turned on until the plants are from fourteen to eighteen inches high.

Complaint is sometimes made by feeders that scabs and cores form on the ears and backs of the hogs on rape. The remedy is to move the hogs to another pasture for a short time and then dip them or apply sulphur and lard to the sores.

OVERFEEDING IS A MISTAKE

Beginners Especially Are Liable to Make This Error With Pullets—Wheat Is Good Feed.

Those who are having their first experience with a flock of pullets of considerable size should remember that the birds, having been brought up on the range during the summer, are more impatient of restraint than the older birds. Hence, it is essential that they be handled so they will obtain the maximum amount of exercise in the winter quarters. Probably this is better done by some intelligent care in feeding than in any other way Let the pullet have one good meal during the day, arranging this at any period which seems best after experimenting; for the rest of the day keep her busy by frequently scattering small quantities of grain among the chaff on the floor or in the yard if the weather is sufficiently open.

Manage it so that each pullet will be fairly well fed during the day; there is little danger of overfeeding by this plan, so that care must be taken that they have enough. Furnishing exercise in this manner gives the best possible results for the pullets will take it in the search for food when they could not be induced to do half the moving around if their appetites were already satisfied. Be careful to use small grains in this manner of feeding, wheat being probably the best for the purpose.

LITTLE INSECT IS MIGHTY

Mite Causes More Trouble Than Any Other Parasite or Disease Known to Poultry Industry.

The little insect shown in the picture causes more trouble than any other parasite or disease known to poultry. It is so small as to be barely visible to the naked eye, but it multiplies in such numbers that they become so numerous as to hang in festoons about the sides of nest boxes.

They will drive a sitting hen from the nest and often cause great annoyance to horses, cows and other animals in the vicinity of the poultry house.

Mighty Little Mite.

The tiny jaws of the mite are formed for sucking blood, and that is the way they sap the life from their victims.

They can be eradicated by spraying with lime and sulphur, or kerosene. This should be done every two weeks and the hens must be given plenty of dust all the time.

NEEDED STORES FOR WINTER

Bees Should Be Fed on Sirup Made of Best Granulated Sugar—Add Little Tartaric Acid.

Bees needing stores for winter should be fed on sirup made of best granulated sugar, in the proportion of fifty pounds of sugar to twenty pounds of water. The water should be brought to a boil and the sugar stirred in until thoroughly dissolved. Bring this sirup to a boil, and while boiling stir in three teaspoonfuls of tartaric acid, previously dissolved in a cupful of water. The acid helps to invert the sugar and prevents it granulating again in the comb. Each colony going into winter quarters should have at least 35 pounds of sirup or honey for winter use. Blackstrap will not do for wintering bees.

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FROZEN COMBS SHOULD BE GUARDED AGAINST.

See That Your Hens Do Not Roost in Exposed Places Or To Themselves.

ROY H. WAITE,
Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

One of the hardest things to do during a cold snap is to keep the combs of the poultry from freezing. This is true more especially of some of the larger combed breeds, like the Minorcas, Leghorns, etc. It, perhaps, does not injure the value of a bird to any great extent, so far as breeding qualities are concerned, to have part of its comb frozen off, but it isn't very pleasant to the birds nor do they look so well afterwards. It is a very serious defect in a show specimen to have its comb frozen and poultry fanciers take extra precautions, such as taking the birds in the house or other warm places on cold nights, or anointing their combs with vaseline, to keep them from freezing.

Where more than one male is roosting with the flock, one is always boss and usually keeps his meeker comrades from roosting with the rest of the flock. Roosting alone, even though the place may not be exposed badly, they do not get the advantage of the body heat from the other birds and their combs freeze more quickly. Likewise, a few fowls roosting in a big space are not able to conserve their heat and suffer accordingly on cold nights. We have found, however, that even with open front houses, if the roosts are placed at the rear of the house, with a droppings board beneath, and the roof fairly low, and are kept well filled with birds, there is little danger from combs freezing.

Vaseline is recommended after the damage is done. If the bird is found with comb still frozen it should be thawed out very slowly, using cold water or snow. Apply the water with a cloth or the snow direct. When thawed out anoint with vaseline. Often the wattles will swell up like a couple of eggs and in this case they can be lanced to let out the collected serum and relieve the birds.

SUDAN GRASS GIVES PROMISING RESULTS AS A MARYLAND FORAGE CROP.

NICHOLAS SCHMITZ,
Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

It has long been an acknowledged fact that Johnson grass would be a very valuable hay plant in the South if it were not for its persistent aggression as an obnoxious weed after once introduced in a field. This fact has led the Office of Forage Crop Investigations and others of the Department of Agriculture at Washington to search for a type of Johnson grass that would not after once introduced persist as a weed. As a result, seed was obtained in 1909 from Mr. R. Hewison, Director of Agriculture and Land of the Sudan Government at Khartum. The seed was planted and the crop from the beginning showed its value. In fact, it seemed to be just what agriculturists had been looking for. The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station has tested it at College Park and elsewhere in the State. In every case it has proven itself to be worthy of favorable consideration as a hay plant on every farm when conditions warrant.

CUTTING SUDAN GRASS.

Sudan Grass is not a Johnson Grass. It does not have persistent underground root stalks as is the case with Johnson Grass. Sudan Grass is killed above and below ground by the first frost in the fall, and does not persist in the soil by voluntary seeding as is the case with many of our most obnoxious annual weeds, such as foxtail, crab grass, etc. In appearance and habit of growth Sudan grass resembles both Johnson grass and the cultivated sorghums. It no doubt, however, is more closely related to the cultivated sorghums than to Johnson grass.

Sudan grass should not replace clover, alfalfa or even timothy, where these can be grown profitably, because, owing to quick growth and heavy yield, it is very exhausting on the land, while on the other hand clover and alfalfa add to the fertility. Hence, on farms growing clover, alfalfa or timothy abundantly in normal seasons, Sudan grass should not be given a consideration, excepting in the light of a catch hay crop in years of short production—something to be used for helping out in years the regular hay crop is short.

Did you ever see a woman who had built up a flock of snowy Wyandottes or Leghorns? If she was proud of what her chickens did for her before they were pure breds, she is doubly so when they are. Hardly any more promising field for an independent income is open to a woman who knows how to handle chickens than that of getting pure-bred stock and building up a trade for breeding stock. Poultry Week, January 18-23, 1915, at the Agricultural College, is the time for her to get acquainted with the best breeds, methods of breeding and how to handle pure-bred stock to advantage. There is no industry in which a trained mind and a skilled hand work together better than in the breeding and raising of poultry.

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Leave Washington, Seventh street wharf, (weather permitting), 4 p. m., every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for the following river Landings and Baltimore:

Washington, Alexandria, 4:45 p. m. Glymont, Liverpool Point, Riverside, Bushwood, Lancaster. Cobrums, Stones, Leonardtown, 5 a. m., Abells, Piney Point, Cintra, Lodge, 10 a. m., Mundy Point, Kinsale, 12 noon; Coan, Bundick's, Lakes, Walnut Point, Cowart's, Lewisetta, Miller's, 4 p. m., Grason's, 5 p. m., Broome's, Porto Bello, 6 p. m., Baltimore.

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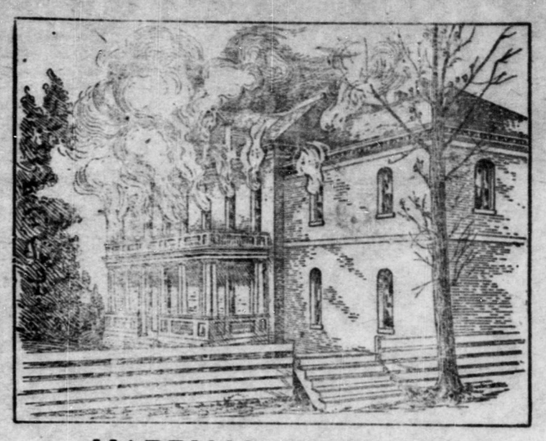

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Returning steamer will leave Benedict, (weather permitting,) Wednesday, 5 a. m. stopping at all the above points. Solomon's, 9:30 a. m., Millstone, 10 a. m., Governor's Run, 12 noon, Plum Point, 1 p. m., Fair Haven, 2 p. m., arriving in Baltimore about 8 p. m.

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 4 Light street, (weather permitting,) Thursday, at 2 p. m., for the following points: Fair Haven, Plum Point, Dare's, Governors Run, Cove Point, Millstone, Solomon's, Spencer's, St. Cuthbert's, St. Leonard's, Soller's, Sotterley, Parker's, Forrest's, Williams, Duke's, Trent Hall, Holland Point, Benedict.

Returning, steamer will leave Benedict, (weather permitting,) Friday, 12 noon, stopping at all the above points Soloman's, 5:30 p. m., Millstone, 6 p. m., Cove Point, Governor's Run, 8 p. m., Dare's 8:20 p. m., Plum Point, 9 p. m., Fair Haven, 10 p. m., Baltimore, next morning.

Leave Baltimore, Pier 4, Light St., (weather permitting,) Saturday, 2 p. m., for the following points:

Fair Haven, Plum Point, Dare's, Governor's Run, Cove Point, Millstone, Solomon's, Spencer's, St. Cuthbert's, St. Leonard's, Sollers, Sotterley Parker's, Forrest's Williams, Duke's, Trent Hall, Holland Point, Benedict, Lietch's, Truman's Point, Deep Landing, Holland's Cliff's, Magruder's Ferry, Lower Marlboro, White's Landing, Ferry Landing, Nottingham's.

Steamer will go to Lyon's Creek, Monday morning.

Returning, steamer will leave Lyon Creek, (weather permitting,) Monday 7:30 a. m., stopping at all the above landings. Nottingham, 8:30 a. m., Lower Marlboro, 10 a. m., Benedict, 12 noon, Solomon's, 5:30 p. m., Millstone, 6 p. m., Cove Point, Governor's Run, 8:30 p. m., Dare's, 8:20 p. m., Plum Point, Fair Haven, 10 p. m., arriving Baltimore next morning.

Freight received in Baltimore, Pier 3 Light street, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, until 1:30 p. m.

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