

For the Farmer.

To Prevent Rust in Wheat.
We indebted to Mr. R. G. Carmichael, Commission Merchant of this city, for the following valuable information with reference to the preparation of seed wheat. The process has been fully tested by farmers in England and Ireland, with entire success. — *Chicago Times.*

To Prevent Smut in Wheat.—Dissolve half a pound of Sulphate of Copper in three quarts of boiling water. After the mixture has cooled, sprinkle it over two bushels of wheat, stirring it through until the whole be wet. Put it in a heap, turning it occasionally for an hour, when it will be ready for sowing. Should wet weather or any other cause prevent it being sown immediately, spread it thinly on a dry floor, giving it an occasional turning, and it will not suffer injury for weeks.

The above was received from a very intelligent as well as extensive farmer and miller, who says, in regard to it: "Where this has been carefully carried out, it has been found effectual in preventing smut in wheat. Of course, no man should sow smutty wheat, but even smutty wheat will produce grain perfectly free from smut, if it be carefully dressed as above. The reason that Sulphate of Copper produces this result, is that smut being a fungus, which, when the balls are broken, attaches itself to the ends of the wheat and grows in its place. The solution kills the fungus, but it is not powerful enough to hurt the wheat. Care should be taken to prevent any animal eating grain dressed with this preparation, as it is poisonous."

PRESERVING SEED.—As the season has arrived when the various kinds of seeds are coming to maturity, the collecting and preserving of which is an important branch of agriculture, it is of the greatest importance to have sound and genuine seed, and we must not expect a good harvest without it. Imperfect and unripe seeds will sometimes vegetate and grow, but they will not produce healthy and vigorous plants. Many experiments have been made which go to show, conclusively, the superiority of full-grown and well-ripened seed. Every farmer and gardener should raise his own seed, and then he will be certain that he sows that which is genuine. He should devote a small portion of his garden expressly to the raising of seeds, and much care and attention should be paid to this department of the garden. We all know how extremely perplexing it is to have seed fall of vegetating, or prove to be different from what it was planted for. In collecting and preserving seeds, only those that are full-grown should be kept for use, and they should be well dried before they are put away, and should be kept in a dry place. If seeds are kept in a damp place, or are put up moist, they are more sure to spoil before spring. Much more might be said on the subject, but I will close for the present.

ASHES AND LIME.—W. H. Ross, of Sussex County, Del., has made some careful experiments as to the comparative value of ashes and lime on long worked land, as well as the most profitable amount to be applied: "The results are, that from 50 to 100 bushels of ashes produced better than any other quantity, and but little difference between 50 and 100 bushels of lime. In five years, chiefly by use of lime and ashes, his farm has doubled its products. His experience is, that a mixture of 100 loads of mould from the woods, 50 bushels of lime and 100 of ashes, invariably increased his corn crop 20 bushels per acre, and wheat in the same ratio; and he is sure that its effects are perceptible for 20 years. The soil on which these experiments were made was chiefly a sandy loam; on clay soil it was found most beneficial."

TOMATOES IN A NEW FASHION.—As the tomato season will soon be here, the following method of preparing them for the table, says the Harrisburg Union, we are assured by one who has made the experiment, is superior to anything yet discovered for the preparation of that excellent article: "Take good ripe tomatoes, cut them in slices, and sprinkle over finely pulverized white sugar, then add claret wine sufficient to cover them. Tomatoes are sometimes prepared in this way with diluted vinegar, but the claret wine imparts to them a richer and more pleasant flavor more nearly resembling the strawberry than anything else."

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.—We find the following "Cure for Hog Cholera," in a late number of the Shelbyville True Union, without credit. The remedy is a simple one, at least, and it can do no harm to try it:

Cure for Hog Cholera.—When you find your stock of hogs attacked by the disease, turn them all—the sick and well—into a perfectly dry lot. Keep them there without water three weeks, when you will find the sick hogs recovered, and the disease eradicated. This plan has been frequently tried in Georgia, with unvarying success.

CURE FOR RINGBONE.—The following may be relied on: Equal preparation of the oil of spike, British oil, and turpentine, mixed with an infusion of liquid vitriol sufficient for fermentation—to be applied immediately—and re-mixed and applied every other morning for three successive times—after which, soft oil of some kind should be used to suspend the cauterizing effect.—*Porter's Spirit.*

TO DRY PLUMS.—Split ripe plums, take the stones from them, and lay them on plates or sieves to dry in a warm oven or hot sun; take them in at sunset, and do not put them out again until the sun will be on them; that they may be done evenly. When perfectly dry, pack them in jars or boxes lined with paper, or keep them in bags; hang them in an airy place.

HOW TO PICKLE PLUMS.—For seven pounds of plums, take four and a half of sugar, one quart of vinegar, four ounces of cinnamon, two ounces of cloves—put the spices in a bag—scald the sugar, spice and the vinegar together—then pour over the plums—cover tight—let them stand on the stove and keep hot—but not boil—for four hours.

The Fun of the Thing.

OFF IN THE CHILLY NIGHT.
Oh in the chills night,
When bed-clothes seem too scanty,
Food memory brings the light
Of days when we had plenty;
Each linen sheet,
So white and neat,
The quilts that I preferred;
The blankets white,
Now thin and slight,
The comfort old and faded;
Thus in the chills night,
When bed-clothes seem too scanty,
Food memory brings the light
Of days when we had plenty.

The Peddler's Bargain.
One day a tin-peddler, with an assortment of knick-knacks, arrived at a village in Maine, and called at one of the houses to sell his wares. After disposing of a few articles to the lady of the house, who seemed to live in the midst of children, she declared her utter inability to buy more, for the want of money.
"But, marm, ain't you got any rag?"
"None to sell."
"Well," said he, "you seem to have plenty of children. Will you sell me one for tin-ware?"
"What will you give?"
"Ten dollars for one of 'em."
"In good tin-ware?"
"Oh, yes, marm, the best."
She then handed one of the urelins to the peddler, who, surprised that the offer was accepted, yet convinced that the mother would not part with the boy, placed him in the cart, and supplied the woman with tins until the ten dollars was made up.
The man, feeling certain that the mother would rather raise the money than part with the child, seated himself by the boy's side, who was much pleased at the idea of having a ride. The peddler kept his eye on the house, expecting to see the woman hasten to redeem the little one, and rode off at a slow pace. After proceeding some distance, he began to repent of his bargain, and turned back.
The woman had just finished ornamenting her dresser with the tin-ware, when the peddler returned.
"Well, I think the boy is too small. I guess you had better take him back, and let me have the wares."
"No, sir, the bargain was fair, and you shall keep him. You may go just as soon as you please."
Surprised at this, the peddler exclaimed: "Why, marm, how can you think of parting with your boy, so very young, to a stranger?"
"Oh, sir, we would like to sell off all our town papers at the price of ten dollars per head!"
The boy was dropped at the door, the whip cracked, the tin rattled, the peddler measured the ground rapidly, and he never forgot his "paper speculation."

TAKING IT HARD.—A young lady, says a friend, married recently, and the mother of her husband being in very poor health, she was taken immediately home by her liege lord, to nurse and take care of the "old folks." In the course of a few months, the mother was removed by death. The dutiful and sympathizing daughter-in-law thus expressed her grief at this event, to a company of her neighbors, who called in to take tea with her, on an afternoon soon after her sad bereavement: "Oh, dear!" said she, "how much I miss my poor, dear mother! Why, it seems to me I can see her now, just as she used to sit at the breakfast-table, reaching out her fork for the best potato!"
A Dutchman turned to a negro boy, and asked him: "Dosh, dush you tinks a nigger his got any souls?"
"O, yes!" said the boy; "I reckon dey's got souls."
"Vell, Dosh, dush you tinks you could be 'lowed to go to Himmel?"
"Yes, sir, I specks so; I 'lows to git in."
"Cot tam—vat's dat you saish—vorbouts you tinks dey'd put a fellow like you in Himmel?"
"I dunno, sir," said the boy; "but I reckon I'll git in atwixt de white folks and de Dutch!"

A fellow whose countenance was ugly enough to scare the old one, was giving some extra flourishes in a public house, when he was observed by a Yankee, who, walking up, asked him if he didn't fall into a brook when he was young.
"What do you mean, you impertinent scoundrel?"
"Why, I didn't mean nothing; only you've got such a tarnation crooked mouth, I thought as how you might have fallen in the brook, when you was a boy, and your mother hung you up by the mouth to dry."

A ROGUE.—A man who cheats in short measure, is a measureless rogue. Unless he gives short measure in wheat, then he is a rogue in grain.
Or whiskey, then he is a rogue in spirit.
If he gives a bad title to land, he is a rogue in deed.
And if he cheats whenever he can, he is in-deed, in spirit, and in grain a measureless scoundrel.

A LABEL.—One of the most impudent old blockheads that we ever had the misfortune to meet, says the Boston Post, sent us the following libel:
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