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The ROCKY MOUNTAIN HUSBANDMAN is designed to be, as the name indicates, a husbandman in every sense of the term...

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Agricultural.

How cheerily the fire glows on the hearth of the farmer's home.

SEVERAL of our best farmers are letting their small fruit gardens go through the winter without mulching.

WHETHER there is a market or not, the farmer can live and live well, for he grows the luxuries as well as the substantial of the land.

FOR the past five years the farmers have been the most prosperous class in Montana. Now stock growing, which is a branch of agriculture, is in the lead.

WHETHER one desires to mulch his orchard or not, he will find it very advantageous to spread a few inches of stable fresh manure over it at this season of the year.

As farm produce comes down, farmers will have to study the art of cheaper production. This may be accomplished with better teams and implements, fewer hands, and more and better work.

In small gardens where plowing is not practicable spading serves the same purpose. In either case, the ground should be left rough as turned over, and not raked or leveled off until spring.

A FROST-PROOF vegetable house is described as made with walls fifteen inches thick, double boarded, the space between the boards being filled with sawdust.

WHILE it is true that all kinds of fruit and vegetables will keep better in a cellar with the temperature as near freezing as may be without injury, it is also desirable that there be proper protection afforded to prevent the entrance of frost when there is a season of protracted and severe cold.

ONIONS, if kept dry, are not injured by moderate cold, provided they are not handled while frost is in them. When large quantities are to be stored, they may be put in barrels, headed up, and covered with hay or straw.

In one of our reports during the past summer to the Commissioner of Agriculture the condition of the sorghum crop was stated as being good, a return to that effect having been received from one of our county correspondents.

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It is believed that wild gooseberries may be transplanted into our gardens and cultivated with good results. As a rule, farmers have made more failures in the effort to get a start with gooseberry sets furnished from the East than with any other kind of plants.

CORN is now a very successful crop for Montana, yet there are localities where it will pay moderately well. It is an excellent thing to grow for fodder for milk cows.

WHILE on a visit to Holland & Murphy's ranch recently, we noticed that they had prepared their currant, gooseberry and raspberry shrubs for winter by hilling the earth up around them a foot or more and throwing over the branches a light covering of straw.

The most palatable Montana apples we have eaten were grown upon a tree called the Harris Seedling, upon the splendid farm of Thomas Harris, in Missoula county.

A few years ago we advised the raising of artichokes for hogs, citing the success of a Missoula county farmer in proof of its practicability.

THERE is no longer any necessity of Montana farmers depending upon supplying their tables with canned fruits. Each and every one can have a small fruit orchard at home and put up enough to last the entire season.

HOT-BED soil for early spring use must be secured and protected before severe winter weather sets in, else when hot-bed making time comes it may be frozen so hard as to make digging impossible.

A NORWEGIAN botanist, Professor Schuberger, states that most plants in high latitudes produce larger and heavier seeds than in regions nearer the equator.

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Territory ships many hundred thousand pounds of bacon, ham and lard from the States every year. This our farmers can produce at a profit, and it will afford a wide field for operation.

BEFORE another issue of this paper shall reach our readers the new year will be here. Now, we want to urge every farmer who reads the HUSBANDMAN to keep a correct expense account for the coming year.

THE writer has often heard farmers express the belief that the native raspberry, which grows spontaneously upon the mountain sides in our Territory, could be cultivated and made to grow and bear more luxuriantly, but not until the past season has he had the opportunity of witnessing the result of an experimental trial.

IT is a matter of surprise to us to see so many of our farmers ready at the first approach of adversity to cry out against the country and declare their readiness to sell out.

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without interfering with his neighbors, or with other crops that require less moisture, but the irrigating system is the only one that has yet been introduced to do this.

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The Poultry Yard.

GIVE the boys and girls a show to make pocket money by preparing each a colony of chickens to care for.

FERD chickens plenty of grain and put fresh vegetables within their reach. Let them have access to open water, and warm feed once a day, or at least twice or three times a week.

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cause poultry and eggs are a luxury in Montana, and because it would cost no more to produce them than it would pork or beef. But grain has always found such ready sale that farmers have preferred to haul it to market rather than take chances on feeding it to birds of any description.

IT is very easy explained why eggs are always worth from 50 to 75 cents per dozen in our markets in winter. It is all owing to the inferior quality of our poultry houses.

The Household.

Cream of Barley Soup.—A teaspoonful of barley well washed; three pints of chicken stock; an onion, and a small piece each of mace and cinnamon.

Potato Border.—A very good border for curry or friacas is made as follows: Take six potatoes, three eggs, one tablespoonful of butter, one of salt, half a cupful of boiling milk.

Cranberry Pudding.—Cranberry pudding is made by pouring boiling water on a pint of dried bread crumbs; melt a tablespoonful of butter and stir in.

To cook Lima beans in perfection, they should boil or simmer gently in a covered vessel for half an hour; then remove the cover, and let the water boil and evaporate until but little is left.