

Farm and Garden

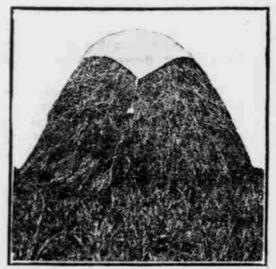
COVERING ALFALFA HAY.

Practice Found to Yield Good Results in the Ohio Fields.

The Ohio agricultural experiment station in a circular on "Alfalfa in Ohio" says that harvesting methods have not been found to vary in general from those found best in growing red clover for hay.

There is one advantage in harvesting alfalfa often that may in part offset the less favorable weather conditions, and that is, owing to its being thin upon the ground, it dries more quickly.

The experience of growers is that alfalfa hay will stand more rain than red clover without injury. Hay that



Photograph by Ohio agricultural experiment station.

ALFALFA HAY IN BOSS COUNTY, O., CURING UNDER CLOTH COVERS WHICH ARE FIVE YEARS OLD, COSTING 12 CENTS EACH FOR FORTY INCH SQUARE COVERS.

has remained on the field during rainy weather and is later removed solely to prevent injury to the following crop has been greedily eaten in so many instances by stock grazing upon good pasture that those who have had such an experience no longer throw away weathered alfalfa hay.

One Champlain county grower has concluded that the loss of moisture that takes place in the heavy alfalfa in the forenoon is more rapid in uncut hay than in that cut in the early morning, while it is full of the moisture accumulated during the night.

Handling the Bull. I have lately learned of a novel plan to care for a bad bull at pasture which is so simple that every farmer should know it, says a correspondent of Hoard's Dairyman.

If the farmer would take just one-half day off and help the women folks arrange some flower beds and trim the shrubbery about the yard the home surroundings would be more attractive and inviting to the farm boys and girls.

With the Feathered Folk. For colds or any head ailments of poultry take even parts of vaseline and turpentine with which to rub the head and throat, using a small swab.

Place a shallow pan with a little kerosene in it where the hens have to walk through it in entering their night quarters, and mites are not apt to give trouble.

One good general rule to follow in feeding for eggs is to feed lightly in the morning in order to get the hens exercising from the start. Let them go to bed at night with full crops.

A poultryman with experience of twenty years says there is no feed on earth that is so good for young chickens or old fowls as sour milk, clabbered milk or cheese curd made from sour milk.

A corn ration will put on fat just as fast in summer as in winter. For this reason the flock of laying hens should be fed sparingly of corn and should be made to dig and scratch for the small grain they get.

Ducks require more bulky food than turkeys or chickens; hence steamed clover hay, green food, turnips, potatoes and the like should be given them. Even bran is preferable to heavier foods, and always there should be a rough of cracked oyster shells accessible to them.

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HUMOROUS QUIPS

The Poor Pedestrian's Plaint.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road. Where the motorcars go by. Let me laugh when the bicycle man flies up and hits the sky.

Let me sit in a chair in the cool of the porch. As the traffic cop goes by. Let me rock with mirth when the dust flies up.

Let me stand in the court by the side of the judge. And laugh at the chauffeur's woe. Let me realize that the motorcar has made the cyclist go.

Unclasped. Mother was dandling baby on her knee and muttering the usual fondly foolish remarks.

Shut Out the Alps. They were on a trip in Switzerland and had that day braved all dangers and ascended one of the highest points in the Alps.

True Art. Mr.—I wonder what that painting represents? The youth and maiden seem to be in such a tender mood.

Fully Explained. "What is the Republican party?" inquired the man who has applied for naturalization.

A Philosophic Fisherman. First Angler—Look! This fish was broken hook in its mouth!

A Summer Trip. "Back again, eh?" "Back again. Had a pleasant vacation."

The House Divided. "They haven't separated, have they?" "Oh, no. They get along fine. It's just because you never notice them out together."

The Lion of St. Mark's. "And did you stay long in Venice?" "Only two days, but I saw everything worth seeing, don't you know?"

Changed the Plan. Father—William, did you stay away from school yesterday to go fishing?

Heard on a Piazza. She—They say mosquitoes avoid yellow, so it's a good plan to wear yellow clothes.

Ancient Foss. "I saw a funny sight at the fishing grounds today?" "What was it?"

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