



AGRICULTURAL.

Encourage Manufacturers.

It is only in the school of experience that the masses of the people come to a realization of facts as they exist. There are but few who learn, except in this comparatively dear school. Farmers, from the nature of their occupation, will, as a rule, admit of no guide except this. Aggregate fact, bearing upon their business, constitute the basis upon which they build. With them all utilized labor is money. There is no lack upon their part of introducing improved machinery for this purpose. By its introduction, the farmer is enabled to triple his capability of production. This would all be well enough, and his prospects would be assured, if the consumption of his products could be proportionally increased. There are other things for farmers to consider, as well as the best methods of increasing the productive capacity of their lands.

A Pot that Resists the Colorado Beetle.

A. Jackson, of Frederick county, Md., communicates the following interesting facts to the Baltimore American Farmer, which he says can be attested by the sworn testimony of two of his laborers. About five years ago he received from New Jersey a peculiar kind of red potato, under the name of Siberian Red. It proved to be a very prolific bearer, and of a most-tender size, very mealy and wholesome for the table, though some purple streaks would occasionally run through the tubers. Last summer he planted them in hills four feet apart, between young grape vines which stood eight feet by eight feet, and raised on one acre a little better than one hundred bushels of magnificent potatoes. He fertilized the hills by mixing lime with ten per cent. of salt, and mixing old cow manure with about ten per cent. of said lime and salt compound. He used a good shovelful of it in every hill, and embodied it with the ground (clay soil) by digging. The result he says, was astonishing. When the potato bugs (which had then appeared in myriads) had eaten off a vine, presently two or more vines would shoot up, keeping on growing until the November frosts killed them. Most curious of all, they bore here and there small potatoes (not seed balls) on the vines. One remarkable hill yielded forty-five average-sized potatoes. All his other kind, Early Rose, Peachblow, Early Goodrich, though treated in the same manner, were an utter failure.

Hard Times.

The American people are to-day in a condition, and that condition is anything but enviable. They are, in a financial sense, sick—and very sick—and unless they get relief, and that soon, many of us must at no distant day go "where the woodbine twineeth," and be numbered among the failures of the nineteenth century, and it will at last be said of us that we were thriftless, and anything but benefactors to our race. The questions naturally arise in the mind of every reflecting man, What is the remedy? And where is the balm to be found which will heal all of our financial ills? We do not want a palliative merely, but a permanent, substantial remedy; one which can be relied on as well in adversity as in prosperity. It is the opinion of your humble doct that the trouble lies in a great measure at our own doors individually, and if we ever get our heads above water again, there must be in individual as well as a general effort. The reformation must begin at home, right around our own firesides, in teaching our own children good, sound, moral, useful lessons in all things which would be useful to them in after life, and better fit them to fight the hard battles of the future, and in setting our own houses to rights generally; improve the ordinary department, and thereby we will make our sanitary condition better; and then thoroughly renovate our farms, from every panel and fence corner throughout its entire length and breadth exterminating every useless briar and shrub, and setting every foot not otherwise used in grass or clover, according to its adaptation. To enable us all to accomplish these very desirable ends, it will be necessary for a large majority of us to take the following once a day, to be taken on retiring to bed at night: Equal parts of yeast powders, which will make us rise early; an equal portion of capsicum, which will stimulate us to action; the same amount of "loco-motion solution," well shaken, and with equal portions of industry, energy, economy, faithfulness, sobriety, virtue, honesty, truth, temperance, and last but not least, a double portion of common sense, the great lever which is indispensable at all times to put the machinery in motion, and run it without friction and too great waste of grease.

Leaping Without Looking.

Some of the agricultural and "secular" papers make their columns lively with advice to all good husbandmen to engage in various enterprises "with millions in them," and thousands of farmers, one after another, a perennial crop, are acting on the suggestions. The strawberry speculation is perhaps widest spread, and stacks of plants are set each year without ever bearing fruit enough to pay for what they cost. Fancy poultry is tempting, and high priced eggs are bought, and may be a few chickens are hatched, but in the end it is discovered that no hen will lay two eggs a day. The bees are recommended, especially for women, and a good deal of stinging is done, but the honey is not abundant, and year after year the complaint is made that "this is the worst season for bees we ever had." Some undertake to raise mushrooms without knowing a mushroom when they see it; others, reading that ducks are sent to the London market by the ton, get eggs and go to hatching, while others still, plant grapes by the acre, or dwarf peas by the thousand, and in most cases the conclusion reached is, that corn is a good crop, that potatoes always sell, and that nothing is much better than

English exchange, its equivalent. Everybody wants everything from Europe, and it all has to be paid for in gold, except the little raw material which we have left over after our home demands are supplied, which is a small portion of cotton, wheat and tobacco, whose high premium on gold. Can't these evils be remedied? We answer emphatically, they can; and they must be before we are a prosperous people. These things cannot be accomplished in a day, by a spasmodic effort, with a leap in the dark, but we must open our eyes, inform ourselves as to the situation and surroundings, and then act like sane men, with a firm and steady resolve that God being our helper we will do better for ourselves and children.

Another evil at this time, is the tendency of running to extremes and denouncing all of our old systems and advocating nothing unless it is new. Space will only allow me to drop some reflections on one of these at this time, and simply give my views of the subject, and ask that some one who may join issue with me show up the other side of the question. And this is what is known as the conventional interest law. Now, I cannot see how a law can injure any one that is mutual and imperative, pro or con, unless it is so agreed and reduced to writing. It differs from other contracts, in that, that it may be in writing, while the courts will enforce ninety per cent. of all other contracts, though they may be verbal. Every citizen of this proud commonwealth should be allowed to pay for the use of any and all commodities, money included, whatever it is worth to him. You have your money just as I have my horse, house or farm. Money is like all other articles of commerce, governed by the law of supply and demand. There have been periods in the past twelve years here that it could not be loaned at any price, but at this time the supply is so meager that it cannot even be had at Mel's ruinous conventional rates, and men are actually offering more than 10 per cent., and in the next breath, cry out against the law, and say it must be repealed. Borrowers paid more interest under the old law than they do under the present, for under that law whenever money became scarce it varied from 10 to 13 per cent., and it was paid in advance, and a note was taken drawing twelve months for the principal. At the end of that time the lender would come on and remind him that he was to pay 10 per cent. on that last money, and he must pay him another year's interest, and he would take a new note for another year. So it was compounded every year. Under the present system I give my note, bearing 10 per cent. There is no dodging to do, and as it is secure, my creditor being full handed, gives me all the time I need at simple interest. If I choose to pay any reasonable per cent. for money rather than have my property sold for one-half, or as is often the case, one-fourth of its real value, I ought in candor, without a doubt, be allowed to do so under the sanction of the law. Low rates of interest have a tendency to demoralize the money market, drive conscientious men out of the field, which diminishes the competition, and offer a premium to note-holders, moneyed corporations, and all kind of money sharks and sharpers to fleece the people at their will. They also favor banking monopolies, whose terms of loaning money does not suit a farmer or anybody else, their rates being from one to two per cent. a month, and ninety days is the extreme limit of time. At the end of that time you must pay up or go to protest, or in some extreme cases, if your paper is gilt-edged, they will, by your giving a new note, give what they call an extension for ninety days more at these rates, and these are the best any bank gives, and you would at the end of the year have paid from 20 to 30 per cent., it being compounded every ninety days; nor will they take any collateral as any individual money lender will do.

Household Hints.

To CLEAN KID GLOVES.—A good way to clean black kid gloves is to take a teaspoonful of salad oil, drop a few drops of ink in it, and rub it over the gloves with the tip of a feather; then let them dry in the sun. To PREVENT THE RUSTING.—Rub fresh lard over every part of the dish, and then put it in a hot oven and heat it thoroughly. Thus treated, any tinware may be used in water constantly, and remain bright and free from rust indefinitely. LIGHT LYE TEA CAKES.—One pint of sweet milk, two eggs, a tablespoonful of brown sugar and a large pinch of salt. Add enough rice flour to make it as stiff as common griddle cake batter. Bake half an hour in "green" pans. Serve hot or cold as desired. CHICKEN CHEESE.—Did you, reader, ever eat any? We like it. Boil

two chickens till tender; take out all the bones and chop the meat fine; season to taste with salt, pepper and butter; pour in enough flour they are boiled in to make moist. Mold it in any shape you choose, and, when cold, turn out and cut into slices. It is an excellent travelling lunch. A BROOM HOLDER.—A good broom holder may be had by laying the broom down with the brush flat, and boring a hole through the top of the handle with a three-eighths bit. It will not cost a cent, and the broom can hang on any common nail. To CLEAN CHAIR BOTTOMS.—Turn the chair bottom upward, and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane work well, so that it is well soaked; should it be dirty, use soap; let it dry in the air, and it will be as tight and firm as new, provided none of the canes are broken.—Hesperus Rural. CHEAT MOUSE TRAP.—Take the bowl of a clean, clay pipe and fill it with cheese; put it under the edge of a glass tumbler in such a manner that a slight touch will cause the tumbler to slip off—the bait and mouse of course, underneath. This arrangement will catch more mice than any trap I ever saw, at the cost of one cent.—Rural New Yorker. To BREAK GLASS AT WILL.—An easy method of breaking glass in any required form is by making a small notch, by means of a file, on the edge of a piece of glass; then make the end of a tobacco pipe, or a rod of iron about the same size, red hot in the fire, and draw the hot iron to the notch, and draw it slowly along the surface of the glass, in any direction you please; a crack will be made in the glass and a crack in the direction of the iron. Round glass bottles and flasks may be cut in the worsted thread dipped in spirits of turpentine, and setting it on fire when fastened to the glass. PRESERVING STRAWBERRIES.—Gather and handle the fruit carefully, taking them in the early part of the season, as they are the finest and most perfect berries. Stem, weigh, and place on dishes. To one pound of fruit allow one and a half pound of the best white sugar; sprinkle over them half or more of the sugar, and let stand some hours, or over night if gathered late. Put on fire in close bell-mettle or porcelain kettle, with remainder of sugar. Boil and skim about twenty minutes, or until syrup thickens, and first looks transparent, using, during the process, a "silver" spoon, and avoid mashing. Seal up immediately in air-tight cans; if glass, wrap in paper to exclude the light.—N. Y. Observer.

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