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A HANDY SCRAPER.

A very handy scraper—in some sections dubbed "Mormon"—is made by using a plank 2 by 12 inches and about eight feet long.

COTTONSEED MEAL AS A STOCK RATION.

Bulletin No. 131 issued by the South Carolina experiment station in 1909 takes up quite fully the feeding of cottonseed meal as a concentrate with corn silage, and the results of experiments conducted indicate that the combination makes a very effective one.

PRUNING SHADE TREES.

A reader of these notes living at Muscatine, Ia., writes inquiring what he can do to help the looks of some old and rather scraggly appearing box elders—wants to know if pruning will help them and when it is best to do it.

A FELLOW'S CREDIT.

There is probably no respect in which the young man who is trying to get ahead in a business way should exercise greater care than in the protection of his credit.

While the ordinary four or six sided corn cultivator cannot be entirely dispensed with in handling the corn crop, more scientific cultivation of the soil as well as a more thorough killing of weeds can be effected with the knife or surface cultivator.

Prices are never too high for what a fellow has to sell and never too low to suit for those articles or products he may have to buy.

If the flock of poultry do not have a range which will enable them to get all the green food they need it is well to sow a bed of lettuce, turnips or rape for them so that this lack may be supplied during the summer months.

The beginner in the poultry business often makes the mistake of trying to raise too many chicks and keep too many fowls in the quarters which are available.

The cheapest as well as safest fly killer is a teaspoonful of formalin added to half a pint of water, the solution being put in any convenient shallow dish.

Every gardener and fruit grower, even though operating on a small scale, should equip himself with a small hand sprayer, of which there are several good makes on the market.

One of the largest recorded yields of potatoes is 972 bushels per acre, credited to a grower in the state of Wyoming. This showing will be the better understood when it is remembered that the average annual yield for the whole country is just about one-tenth this amount.

If the currant and gooseberry bushes are troubled with the leaf eating worm which so often plays havoc with them the trouble may be remedied by sprinkling the bushes with a solution made by mixing one teaspoonful of paris green in ten or twelve quarts of water and applying with a common sprinkler or hand sprayer.

The dairyman who is wide awake and keeping up with the procession has already eliminated the loafers from his herd of cows by means of the Babcock tester, while those run down with disease has got rid of by applying the tuberculin test.

A Holstein cow, Princess Carlotta, owned by the Missouri experiment station, gave last year 18,405 pounds of milk, which, with the 618 pounds of butter fat made therefrom, contained more human food than is represented by the complete carcasses of four steers weighing 1,250 each.

Now and then one unwittingly of necessity moves into a house that is already inhabited with the notorious bedbug, the bane and object of loathing of every cleanly housewife.

A handy trellis on which to train raspberries, dewberry and logan berry vines consists of three wires properly supported by posts and cross-pieces.

Another Woman Cured. Glenwood, Iowa. About three years ago I had falling and other female troubles, and I was nothing but skin and bones. I was so sick I could not do my own work.

The English sparrow, the blue jay, the blackbird and crow are essentially marauders so far as other birds are concerned, destroying their nests, breaking their eggs and often killing their young; hence whenever any of this tribe of disturbers make preparations for nests about the premises they should be put to rout.

The western mountain quail, while closely resembling in size and habit his eastern cousin, possesses an individuality quite his own. Instead of a whistle which says "Bobwhite" the western quail has a call which has been interpreted to mean "Sit right here," and the quaint little call is given in a very sharp and authoritative manner.

"Potato Culture on Irrigated Farms of the West" is the caption of a valuable bulletin (farmers' bulletin No. 386) which has lately been put out by the department at Washington.

A coat of tar and feathers and a free ride on a three cornered rail would be too good for the chap we heard of the other day who succeeded in getting the owner of a little ten acre property near where the writer lives interested in a deal for the purchase of his place.

The only kind of settlement which does a new country any good is that resulting from a representation of the advantages of the section in their true light, as misrepresentation always reacts. Those interested in the permanent progress and welfare of their locality should do all in their power to see to it that the newcomer is not swindled or hoodwinked.

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