# FARM AND GARDEN.

INFORMATION OF PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE TO RURAL READERS.

Observations on Cutting Seed Potatoes Made in a Bulletin Issued by the Virginia Experiment Station—Interesting Method of Cutting the Tuber Illustrated.

It is true that while medium or large sized potatoes usually give an increased yield over smaller tubers or small cuttings, and also show a gain of a few days in edible maturity, but they also show a very decidedly larger yield of small or unmerchantable tubers, and increase the cost of seed many fold, varying of course with the size of tuber used. This may be illustrated by assuming that seed cut to "two eye" pieces requires 8 to 10 bushels to plant an acre if the pieces are placed 10 to 12 inches apart in the row, and the rows 2½ to 3 feet apart. Whole seed planted in hills 32 to 36 inches apart will require 16 to 20 bushels to plant an acre. Thorough tillage pointed in growing potatoes is to place the plants so as to divide the entire ground, having them just far enough apart to secure good individual development of tubers. This can be best accomplished by small cuttings planted closely—say, rows 2½ feet apart and planted 10 inches apart in rows. With Early Ohio, Early Hebron, Sunrise and several other varieties so planted nearly the entire yield will be of marketable size.

The often practiced method of cutting the tubers in two lengthwise or crosswise in halves and then cutting these pieces into smaller pieces is objectionable. There is no one exclusively best proper method of cutting seed, and we believe that growers who make trial this method will assent to the above statement.

The method of cutting which we allude to is to take the tuber in the left

ROTATING THE TUBER AND CUTTING THE EYES

hand, holding the stem end downward and toward the operator. Turn it so as to bring the lowest eyes toward you, then with a sharp thin knife cut them out, making a curving downward stroke extending to the center and beyond the tuber. Turn tuber slightly to bring other eyes toward the operator and repeat the operation. The eyes of a potato are arranged nearly in line regularly around a spirally ascending axis, and by turning the potato slightly after each operation they can be cut away in compact pieces so as to give each one a nearly equal proportion of the tuber. This, of course, cannot be done at the seed end and when the operator has removed the eyes as close as practicable to the seed end a good practice is to cut it down through the center.

This method of rotating the tuber and cutting the eyes easily successively is shown in the cut. There are over the illustration represents the piece cut to one eye, but the system of cutting is the equally well with the two eyed cuttings, and, for ordinary seed, the tubers quoted from advices about that size. If the seed is cut in advance of planting to save time in the rush of work, the pieces should be thoroughly dusted with plaster to prevent evaporation.

### Our Farm Animals.

According to the annual report from the agricultural department at Washington the number of horses on farms is 14,066,798, with an average price at all ages at $97. The number of mules is 2,386,362, having an average value of $77.88. The number of milch cows is 16,019,535, an increase of 65,705 from last year. The average value per head is $21.62. There is a tendency to increase of dairying in the south, especially in the mountain region. Other cattle aggregate 36,875,648, including those on ranches. The highest value is $26.64, in Connecticut; the lowest $8.49, in Arkansas. The number of sheep is 42,471,136. The average value is $2.51, an increase of more than 10 per cent. All other kinds of farm animals have declined slightly in price. A tendency to increase of numbers is seen in most of the states. The aggregate number of swine is 50,236,116, showing a decline of nearly 2 per cent. The average value is $4.19, a decrease of 39 cents per head.

### Advice About Fertilizers.

Manuring crops in the hill is simply to concentrate the fertilizer in a small space. Such a plan will answer if there is an insufficiency of the material used, but as the roots of plants spread over a large area in search of food it is better to broadcast all manures and fertilizers, thus not only giving greater feeding capacity to the roots, but also permitting of a more intimate incorporation of the ingredients with the soil during cultivation of the crop. The Philadelphia Record, authority for the foregoing, further says: Mix plenty of land plaster with your manure. Plaster absorbs gases, arrests the escape of ammonia, and is of itself an excellent fertilizer. For grass crops and as a special fertilizer for clover it is marvelled. It is also cheap compared with its real value. Used in the hills with corn, plaster assists in attracting both moisture and ammonia from the air and gives the young plants a good start.

### Mistakes in Pruning Trees.

Nothing is the shape of ornamental trees has a more awkward appearance than one of long legged form trimmed up with a bare stem as high as a man's head or a housetop, especially if it is an evergreen. Standing alone, they should be perfect specimens feathered all the way down to the ground, or if the trees are old, large and stately in growth, possessing the magnificence of broad spreading oaks or magnificent elms, the foliage and the wide branches which sustain it should approach so near the ground that the huge stem would be barely visible.—Country Gentleman.

### Points in Bee Keeping.

A Massachusetts apiarian in a paper read before a Massachusetts farmers' meeting told how to raise a safty colony of bees. He said:

A very good cure for a safty colony is to take all the brood away and give full sheets of foundation. When all swarming is over with, look the section cases over and jump the filled boxes to the outside, and bring those just started on to the center. In a few days more a new set can be placed under the filled cases on the strongest colonies. These slow along fillings up had better be kept in one case and new boxes added by rows in the center, and gradually tapered down until the close of the clover season.

As soon as the clover season has passed, all the honey remaining on the hives should come off and the brood frames be examined. Wherever honey is found in any quantity it should be uncapped, extracted and the empty combs returned to the hives whence they came. We have found that it does not pay to leave honey in the hives after clover falls. It is better to extract it and feed it back when necessary, as the bees will do just as well, if not better, without it, for they will make their own living during pleasant weather. If left on the hive

PREVENTING A HORSE FROM TEARING ITS BLANKET.

not interfere with the animal eating, but does with its head of tearing its blanket. The circle should extend four inches below the neck. The idea is a good one.

### Things Sold and Done.

A palace poultry car has been put on a western railroad for the shipment of live poultry to the eastern markets. The car holds about five thousand chickens. The claims for this car are that there is less likelihood of suffocation, and that with the improved system of feeding them it has shrinkage in weight and the advantage of holding the poultry for the market.

Farm Journal calls the Cheviots the best breed of mountain sheep.

California Fruit Grower says: Never forget that a thrifty, symmetrical tree is much more desirable for planting in an orchard than the overgrown stock.

### AN IMPROVED SHEEP RACK.

An Illustrated Description That will Enable Any One to Make It.

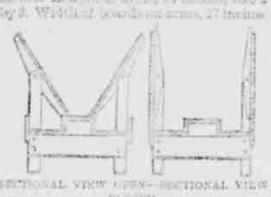
Following is a description of a sheep feeding rack, which was voted a good one at an Ohio Farmers' Institute, and which was recently described in the Farm Farmer, to which we are indebted for the accompanying cuts.

It is so constructed that when closed one can pass through the yard and do

END VIEW OF SHEEP RACK.

without the grain in the troughs containing a few of the shortest chaff crowding after you, but must and pull filling the grain, as they will do when poured into an old fashioned V shaped trough. After the grain is placed in the troughs the strings which are long enough to reach down, and the sheep all pass to their grain at once. Little one settled in equal portions. The strings, which thus slope downward from the top rails, prevent the hay from any opening at the bottom.

There are no shoulders about to wear the wool from the neck and shoulders, no chance for sheep to work their heads out, nor for the sheep to push the hay. A small door hung at each end of the rack makes it handy to scrape the dust out of the troughs. This feeding rack was formerly held by a patent, and farm rights sold at $5 to $20; but the patent expired some years ago, and this now free to be made and used by any one. The illustration shows how it is made. Height of posts, 31 inches, sized by 3 inches. Length of arms, 20 inches, size 2 by 3. Width of boards on arms, 27 inches



SECTIONAL VIEW OPEN—SECTIONAL VIEW CLOSED.

Width of frame, 36 inches. Width of trough, 10 inches. Width of walk, 10 inches. Depth of trough, 4 inches. Distance from short end of arm to center of bolt, 13 inches. The bolt should be one inch from top of posts. Width of board on sides, 7 inches.

### Early Potatoes.

When potatoes are wanted for early market, a correspondent writing in The Republic says:

Great care should be taken to select a piece of land that is well drained, sunny and readily prepared in a good tilth. Fertilizers need a deep preparation and a thorough cultivation in order to receive a vigorous growth. Get a good early variety. Early Sunrise and Charles Downing are both good early varieties.

Get seed of good quality. Good seed is necessary in order to secure a vigorous, thrifty plant. It is much easier to keep vigorous, thrifty plants growing than to induce a weak, sickly plant to grow well.

Prepare the soil well and then work out the rows, running the plow deep. Take a forkful of fresh manure from the horse stable and put where each hill of potatoes is to be planted; put on this about two inches of rich, fine soil and then drop the seed on this and cover three or four inches deep, at least, pressing the soil down well upon the seed. Keep the soil in a good tilth so as to secure vigorous growth. Thin out as soon as the plants make their appearance above ground, leaving not more than three good vines to each hill. The benefit of the manure is that it keeps the soil somewhat warmer and also affords good drainage—two items in securing an early germination and start to grow. In this way a supply can be obtained earlier than by almost any other way of outdoor planting.

### Potash for Wheat.

In the experiments made by Sir John B. Lawes and Dr. Gilbert at Rothamsted the results than forty years, potash seems to have had no effect as a fertilizer for wheat, except when combined with both phosphoric acid and nitrogen. In the experiments now in progress at the Ohio Experiment station potash seems to have no effect on wheat, whether used alone or in any combination. At the experiment station of Kentucky potash is produced a very marked increase of crop when used on corn, hemp, tobacco and pasture; but it has again it fails to increase the yield of wheat, whether used alone or in combination. The Ohio and Kentucky experiments are as yet in their infancy, and it is probable that as the soil becomes more worn even wheat will show some benefit from applications of potash; but the present indications are that this substance is seldom needed in fertilizers intended for this crop. It may be that the clover following the wheat will make good use of the potash, but this is a point which has still to be determined by experiment.

As a general rule it will be found a good plan to introduce new blood into the flock every year, either by getting new breeders or a setting of eggs from a reliable breeder.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## Marion No. 1, Land.

Long, Mrs Matilda, 90 acres, adjoining F Ellis, taxes 87, 88, 89 & 90.
Hodge, Dr Henry, 2 acres, adjoining A J Chittenden, taxes 89.
Oakley, Wm, 120 acres, adjoining G W Travis, taxes 89.
Memphis Lead Mining Co, 200 acres, adjoining A E Brown, taxes 88.
Gentry, Frank P, 7 acres, adjoining Mrs K Nunn, taxes 89 and 90.
Chandler, Thos M, 80 acres, adjoining Mrs S Conger, taxes 89 and 90.
Cumberland Land & Iron Co, 113 acres, adj W Iron, taxes 88, 89 & 90.
Dare, James M, 31 acres, adjoing M Herring, taxes 89 and 90.
Duvall, Geo W, 17 acres, adjoining M N Crayne, taxes 89.
Griffith, John R, 145 acres, adjoing T Parkhurk, taxes 89, 90.
Marion Mill Co, 1 mill near Marion, assessed at $2,000, taxes 89 & 90.

## Dycusburg No. 2, Land.

Adams, Mrs Lear A, 100 acres, adj Jas Matthews, taxes 87, 88, 89 & 90.
Brasher, W T or Wm J, 98 acres, adj J T Matthews, taxes 87 & 88.
Barklow, Jas W, state tax, 40 acres, adj H H Ashridge, taxes 87.
Clark, Mrs R S, 2 acres, adjoining J W Mabry, taxes 88.
Clark, Wm, 9 acres, adjoining J W Mabry, taxes 88.
Crouch, Thos A, 1 lot in Dycusburg, taxes 88 and state tax for 89.
Cottrell, Henry C, 1 lot in Dycusburg taxes 88 and 89.
Davenport, Charles L, 103 acres, adjoining M J Tabb, taxes 88.
Marmo, Hilan L, 20 acres, adj F M Grimm, taxes 88 & state tax for 87.
Ray, Bell, 120 acres, adjoining J C Farley, taxes 88.
Pickering, Permelia, 2 lots in Dycusburg, taxes 87 and 88.
Taber, James, 34 acres, adjoining J E Stevenson, taxes 89.
Boaz, Albert, 1 lot in Dycusburg, taxes 89.
Groves, Wm B, 110 acres, adjoining M H Smith, taxes 89 and 90.

## Union No. 3, Land.

Brown heirs, 75 acres, adjoining R. B. Brown, taxes for 89.
Boaz, Eugenia, 45 acres, adjoining J. C. Matthews, taxes for 89.
Davidson, Wm. A., 2 acres, adjoining J. H. Brewster, tax for 89.
Hudson & Durham, 155 acres, adjoining A. G. Butler, taxes for 89.

## Hurricane No. 4, Land.

Green, Grant, jr, 260 acres, adjoining D. Stone, taxes for 88, 89, 90.
Gossage, Sarah, 14 acres, adjoining E. Bell, taxes for 88 and 89.
Gates, Joseph, 2 acres, adjoining S. Humphreys, taxes for 88 and 89, and state taxes for 87.
Riley, Mrs. Susan, 75 acres, adjoining T H Croft, taxes for 89.

## Fords Ferry No. 5, Land.

Wyatt, Thos M, 120 acres, adjoining J. T. Fowler, taxes for 87.
Rudy, Albert M, one lot in Weston, taxes for 87 and 88.
Barker, Burrell, eight lots in Fordsferry, taxes for 89.
Whitmer, Nathan A, one lot in Weston, taxes for 89, and F M Whitmer taxes for 90.
Yakey, Levi, heirs, one lot in Fordsferry, taxes for 89.

## Bell's Mines No. 6, Land.

Gore, Lula, 100 acres, adjoining M Brantley, taxes for 87.
Brightman, C V, 20 acres, adjoining A A Brightman, taxes for 88.
Cole, Mrs Malinda, 75 acres, adjoining L B Cole, taxes for 88.
Dye, John B, 1 acre, adjoining B B Thurmond, taxes for 88 and 89.
Boswell, Geo. W, 100 acres, adjoining Chapel Nunn, taxes for 89.
Wheatcraft heirs, 40 acres, adjoining Mrs. S E Simpson, taxes for 89, 90.
Young, Thos M, 75 acres, adjoining J T Black, taxes for 89 and 90.
Brightman, Carrie, 98 acres, adjoining S O Nunn, taxes for 90.

## Piney No. 7. Land.

Little, Annie E, 65 acres, adjoining J Martin, taxes for 87.
Davis, Wm. B, one lot in Shady Grove, taxes for 89.
Orr, John W, 140 acres, adjoining G A Snow, taxes for 89 and 90.
Spence, John, 50 acres, adjoining W W Tyler, taxes for 89.
Woodsides, P H, 40 acres, adjoining J L woodsides, taxes for 89 and 90
Williams, David E, 100 acres, near John Brannan, taxes for 89 and 90.
Dodds, Robert G, 72 acres, adjoining J M. Simpson, taxes for 89 and 90


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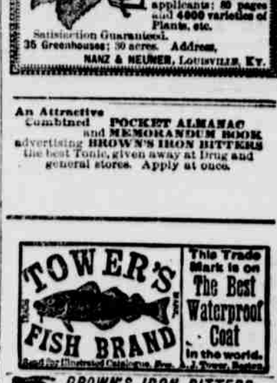


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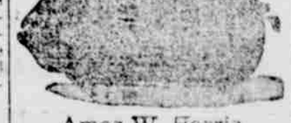

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| | Mail | Express |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Henderson | 7.05 a m | 3.10 p m |
| Ar Louisville | 1.05 p m | 9.05 p m |

GOING WEST

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| Lv Louisville | 8.05 a m | 6.25 p m |
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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

| | No. 1. | No. 3. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Evansville | 9.00 a.m. | 3.15 p.m |
| Ar Henderson | 10.53 a.m. | 4.09 p.m |
| Ar Corydon | 10.20 a.m. | 4.36 p.m |
| Ar Morganfield | 11.55 a.m. | 5.60 p.m |
| Ar DeKoven | 12.34 p.m. | 5.47 p.m |
| Ar Sturgis | 12.47 p.m. | 6.01 p.m |
| Ar Marion | 1.40 p.m. | 6.55 p.m |
| Ar Princeton | 2.45 p.m. | 8.00 p.m |

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

| | No. 2. | No. 4. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv Princeton | 6.30 a.m. | 5.50 p.m |
| Ar Marion | 7.28 a.m. | 6.55 p.m |
| Ar Sturgis | 8.30 a.m. | 7.47 p.m |
| Ar DeKoven | 8.43 a.m. | 8.00 p.m |
| Ar Morganfield | 9.22 a.m. | 8.40 p.m |
| Ar Corydon | 9.58 a.m. | 9.13 p.m |
| Ar Henderson | 10.25 a.m. | 9.40 p.m |
| Ar Evansville | 11.15 a.m. | 10.30 p.m |

UNIONTOWN BRANCH.

SOUTH BOUND.

Leave Morganfield—No. 11, 11.55 a.m.; No. 13, 3.00 p.m., No. 16, 8.40 p.m.

Arrive Uniontown—No. 11, 12.25 p.m.; No. 13, 3.30 p.m., No. 15, 9.10 p.m.

NORTH BOUND.

Leave Uniontown—No. 12, 8.50 a.m.; No. 14, 1.30 p.m., No. 16, 4.05 p.m.

Arrive Morganfield—No. 12, 9.20 a.m.; No. 14, 2.00 p.m.; No. 16, 5.05 p.m.

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