

FARMERS' COLUMN. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

How to Have Early Tomatoes. A. D. Compton, of Hawley, Pennsylvania writes to the American Institute Farm Club as follows: "Do not forget to tell your agricultural friends that tomatoes on heavy soil may be obtained from four to five weeks earlier than those on light soil by setting the plants on the top of sharp hills. The hills should be fifteen inches high and three feet diameter base. Water the plants only when first set, and dust the plant and whole hill frequently with plaster. The tomato, coming from a hot and dry country, will endure a drought that would prove fatal to less hardy plants. What it needs most is heat, and this is secured by planting on steep hills on which the sun's rays strike more obliquely than on flat surfaces. Land should not be over rich for the tomato, very fertile soils producing too great a growth of vines. The vines should be pinched in, and the blossoms removed after the first setting has attained the size of marbles. But in any case the vines should be permitted to fall directly on the ground that the fruit may have the full benefit of the sun and the warmth reflected from the earth. By saving the seed, the farmer can have for seed for several successive years, a variety may be obtained that for earliness will be far superior to the original stock."

Good Points on a Cow. 1. A cow in her prime at from four to six years, and the best paying time is just after the third or fourth year of her second or third calf. 2. Prominent and fullness of milk veins run down the neck, and the animal toward the udder, and are easily perceptible to the eye, or can be readily found by the pressure of the hand. If the animal is covered with fat, the skin should be soft and mellow, not hard, rough, and "staring." 3. Symmetry, fullness, and softness of the udder. It should be broad, well spread out, projecting behind the legs, and also reaching forward under the belly. There should be a softness and thinness to the touch, and an absence of fleshiness and thickness. 4. Perfect number and condition of teats. If one teat is wanting, about a fourth less milk will be the result. A cow's udder is not, as some suppose, a barrel with four taps, but is divided into four different compartments, called "milk glands," each with its own tap or teat. It is most important that the full number of teats be present and in working order, but it is desirable that they be well placed, not crowded together, but pretty far and uniformly apart; rather long and tapering; all pointing out and downward, equal in size and even in appearance. 5. Docility and quietness of disposition. These are indicated by large, mild and clear eyes, and an air of contentment generally. A cow that is quiet and contented feeds at ease, chews her cud with entire satisfaction, and will secrete and yield more milk than any restless and turbulent animal, having similar milking characteristics in other respects.

The Potato. From planting to cooking, and in all processes between and including, potatoes are unquestionably the most abused things cultivated in our country, and in the long catalogue of errors peculiar to this excellent esculent, one of the most outrageous is neglected to harvest them as soon as they are ripe. No other crop is fully maltreated in this way. When any grain crop is fully ripe, the farmer secures it at once, lest it wastes and decays. But potatoes being out of sight, are out of mind, until a convenient season. When the farmer can find nothing else to do, he digs them, and then perhaps, complains of them for being a "loud cracker." Any other crop would be as laid off if treated in a similar manner. Potatoes are not unfrequently left in the ground several weeks after being ripe, as though they were dead stones and undecomposed, instead of living, perishable organisms, subject to all the conditions, transmissions, and diseases that pertain to all vital structures.

Points of a Good Fowl. For general use a hen should be a good layer, setter and mother. She must be a good feeder, too, bright, clear eyed, quick in her motion, but not heavy, and with those points she will pay to keep. Besides she should be large, well feathered, with small short legs, with a small head, broad shoulders, and a deep body. The cock should be thicker in the leg, broader across the shoulders, fully a third heavier. He should have a deep, lean strut, be first out in the morning, first to go roost, inclined to take on flesh easily, generous in picking out fits for the hen, and not quarrel some. We do not associate large eyes with great hardiness. They are a great beauty, but indicate a high feverishness, being with perfection feather and other points, they are desirable in fancy fowls. In very large breeds, quick growth is desirable while early maturity is not. Each of the different breeds has its characteristic points, and the fowl should, in addition to the above general marks, show them distinctly.

Early Tobacco Plants. It is well known to all Tobacco growers that early plants are a great desideratum, and that the best way to obtain early plants can easily do so by the following method: The ground should be tilled in the usual manner, and brush it if desirable; then along the north edge of the bed erect a close plank wall twelve feet high, extending the entire length of the bed. Let the smooth surface face the south and give it a complete coat of whitewash. Support it well to prevent its being blown down. The reason is obvious and philosophical. In a hot protection against North wind. The Plant Bed receives the reflected heat of the sun, which heat, returned to the ground and the whitewashed wall, adds on top to the direct heat. By the above simple method plants can be brought forward at least two weeks earlier than the usual method, and every intelligent planter knows the advantage of an early crop. In, by having early plants you are ready to receive the first heavy frost of the tobacco season, and they occur an event generally anxiously looked for by the planter. And, it is well known that the early crop are always the best; and 3rd, the planter is richly rewarded, as such tobacco almost invariably commands the highest market price.

All you have to do to raise oats is to plough the land deep, then manure it well, then sprinkle the oats all over the ground, one in a place, then worry up the ground with a drag all over, then set up nites to keep the chickens and woodchucks out of them, then kradle them together with a kradle, then rake them together with a rake, then bind them together with a band, then stack them up with a stack, then thresh them with a threshing machine, then clean them with a mill, then sharpen both ends of them with a knife, then stow them away in a granary, then spend wet days and Sundays tramping for rats and mice. It ain't nothing but fun to raise oats. Try it. -Josh Zitting.

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