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Humus and How to Get It.

We had a letter the other day from a reader who wished to tell other readers how to raise corn. His prescription was short and simple: Put corn stalks or green pine boughs in a furrow, bed on this furrow and plant the corn.

Now, this man had really found out one important fact—that his soil sadly needs humus; but he had not found out how to get that humus. Imagine a man putting pine boughs or corn stalks along all the rows in a twenty acre field, and thinking that he was doing profitable work! It is just such wasteful and laborious "fiddling" about and "making believe" at farming that ails the South to-day. What that man wants to do is to sow his corn land in cow peas or soy beans, or peanuts or even sweet potatoes on it, sow it in crimson clover, plow the clover under and thereby add more humus and more nitrogen to his soil in two years than he would get in a life time of monkeying with corn stalks and pine boughs.

Those corn stalks have a considerable feeding value if properly handled, and the manure they would make would be worth more than the stalks bedded in the rows as he describes. Yet he evidently thought his plan good for the soil. We must count the cost of our labor in counting the cost of a crop.

We have been doing so much unprofitable labor which we might have avoided that it is hard for us to get out of the habit. We must get out, however, and get down to genuine farming.

If your soil needs humus—as most Southern soils do—get it by growing of leguminous crops and the feeding of live stock; don't go to playing about, filling furrows with corn stalks and making beds over them, doing a lot of needless work and merely returning to the soil a small part of what has been taken from it. The hope of the farmer lies not in a few quack methods and spectacular discoveries, but in the old fundamentals of genuine, all-round "good farming."—Southern Farm Gazette.

A Well Known Stranger.

I am neither divine nor human; spirit nor matter; alive nor dead. I am long and short, crooked and straight, wide and narrow, in fact, I appear in almost every conceivable shape, sometimes dense, and both deep and high. Sometimes I move slowly, sometimes rapidly; appear to walk, run and fly—but do not—I simply glide. You cannot hurt me, nor make me afraid. You often see me, but seldom mention this fact; though I am not a ghost. I cannot think, speak or cry. I am something or nothing—which? Or am I only S-H-A-D-O-W? H. M. RAGAN.

When one remembers that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, that there are seven wrong positions each type may be put in, and therefore 70,000 chances in a column to make errors, besides millions of chance transpositions, he will not be too critical. In the sentence, "To be or not to be," by transposition alone it is possible to make 6,226,022,800 errors. So you see the perils that beset the printer.—Mineral Wells Index.

Some newspapers advocate that all reading matter should be set with lines spaced at the end like type written work. This would make much easier work for the printer, and the plan might be welcomed by them. This article is set in the manner spoken of, and in our opinion it looks like punk. It is positively the last time anything of the kind will appear in this paper.—Exchange.

Cattle Tick Lessens Yield of Beef and Milk.

A cattle tick that has reached the engorged stage weighs about 5 grains, and about 1500 such ticks weigh a pound. As cattle in tick regions often carry many thousands of these blood-sucking parasites, and as each tick during the period of its attachment to an animal draws considerably more than its own weight in blood, it can be seen that these ticks constitute an enormous drain on the cattle which they infest. This accounts for the fact that under such conditions it is impossible to fatten cattle even on rich pasture and with an abundance of good feed. A large part of the nourishment that should go toward producing beef and milk is consumed by the ticks. In addition to the loss of blood and nourishment there is the never ceasing irritation caused by the ticks, so that the existence of the infested cattle is beset with continuous suffering, and this of course also tends to keep them in poor condition.

The shrinkage in the milk production of a cow harboring many ticks will average one quart a day, and the loss occasioned thereby at 3 cents a quart for the \$75,000 ticky dairy cattle out of more than 4,000,000 below the quarantine line would amount to \$26,250 a day. Counting 300 milking day for each cow to the year would make the loss from this cause \$7,875,000 per annum.

Full information as to how to get rid of the ticks, including directions for the preparation of dips and sprays, the arrangement of pastures, etc., may be obtained free upon application to the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Hurls Herself in Front of Locomotive of Which Son Was Engineer.

Mrs. S. E. Weems, a member of one of the most prominent families in Rapides parish, became despondent over the failure of crops on her plantation and attempted suicide in Alexandria between 4 and 5 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 22 by throwing herself in front of a moving train of the La. Ry. & Nav. Co. The pilot of the engine struck her and threw her from the track, with only slight injuries to the side of her head. She was taken to the sanitarium, where her wound was dressed. The lady has been despondent for several days and attempted suicide on Saturday night by taking what she supposed was laudanum, but which proved to be something less harmful. It was with difficulty that her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Twilley, kept her in her room, but she succeeded in getting out at the hours named and making her way to the railroad several blocks distant. She said after the accident that she had hoped to have been killed by the engine, of which her son was engineer. Her son, Eugene Weems, is a prominent engineer and resides in Shreveport.

What Became of the Girl.

A girl en route to New York and wearing a peach basket hat, pushed into the lunch room at the Atlanta Union Station to get a bite to eat. The peach basket affair got too near the cigar lighter, and there was a conflagration, the entire orchard and part of the flower garden being destroyed, while the balance of the hat was soaked with water.—Shreveport Journal.

A Good Picture.

It takes a red nose man with a greasy vest, a soiled collar, a cheap cigar, and with his feet on another chair to put the proper emphasis on the words: "These women reformers make me weary."—Little Rock Times.

Standard Oil Company Dissolved.

The Standard Oil Company dissolved, with its billions of dollars, its thousands of miles of railroads, its acres of refineries, its army of employes, its seventy corporate branches, its subsidized newspapers, politicians, clergymen, lawyers, and press agents—this seems incredible in these days when more than half the people of the land believe that money is all-powerful.

Yet this is what the United States Circuit Court orders in a decree entered at St. Louis on Saturday.

An appeal will immediately be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the tremendous power of the gigantic corporation broken or sustained.

The decision is perhaps the most momentous in the history of industrial development in the United States. The case grew out of a federal injunction filed against John D. Rockefeller, H. W. Rogers, H. M. Flagler, John D. Archbold, and others, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and about seventy other corporations controlled by it to check this tremendous combination in its restraint of trade, the throttling of competitors, and the control of prices.

So vast has this corporation become that it now controls 75 per cent of the purchasing, refining, selling and transportation of petroleum and its products in the United States. Its branches reach out over the whole world, slowly killing its competitors and fastening its hold upon the fuel supply of the people.

The Standard Oil Company has become the popular symbol of monopoly, the gigantic octopus with its searching tentacles in every man's pocket. It has been more cursed and hated than any great corporation. To many it has seemed more powerful than the government itself.

This decision is a victory for the common people and for the people's government. It proves that the federal courts have vitality and that our anti-trust law still has a few teeth left. For the first time the vitals of the protean monster are exposed, though the final word yet remains to be pronounced by the Supreme Court.—New Orleans Item, Nov. 21.

Notes From Verda.

This week all seems quiet, and the general health is good.

Rev. Mr. Draper, a Millennium Dawn preacher, has been preaching in the school house. He is a fine preacher, indeed, and we are glad they let him have the house, but sorry they would not let the blind man have it, who was also a fine talker. However, he secured the Methodist church O. K.

The people around Verda most all have fine patches of oats, turkeys and collards.

People up this way continue to marry. Mr. John Carmane and Miss Carrie Honeycutt, and also Mr. W. P. McIlwain Miss Ella Pinder, were married Sunday, Elder J. R. Miller officiating. They are all nice young people, and have our best wishes.

Numbers of people are buying land and moving into Verda, in order to send to our high school, which is said to be very fine now, and will probably add to it an industrial department.

Mr. Charlie Williams has been ceasing his house, and has the brick to build brick pillars under it.

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A magazine writer says that poverty is a blessing in disguise. Well the disguise is so perfect that but few of us are able to see through it.—Little Rock Times.

Kills Her Foe of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up, I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For indigestion, loss of appetite, kidney trouble, lame back, female complaints, its un-equalled. Only 50c at all druggists.

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I call attention to the notices on the gates of my premises: Hunting positively forbidden. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. M. FERRIER. Nov. 12, 1909. 4t*

Notice to Trespassers.

All persons are hereby notified not to hunt or otherwise trespass on my property. Parties violating this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This Oct. 27, 1909. o30-3t J. H. McNEELY.

Information Wanted.

It is desired to know who marks stock with a plain split in each ear, and brands with E. M. Persons interested will find it to their advantage by leaving or sending this information to n13-4t THE COLFAX CHRONICLE.

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The Chronicle having put in a larger engine has a 1 1/2 horse power Fairbanks Gasoline Engine for sale, complete, with battery, muffler and pipe, which will be sold at greatly reduced figures for cash. Apply to CHRONICLE PRINTING CO., LTD., Colfax, La.

Estray Notice.

I have taken up one red and white spotted heifer, about 1 1/2 years old, no mark, no brand, taken up at my place about 12 months ago. Unless owner comes forward, proves property and pays all charges within ten days I will proceed to advertise and sell same according to law. J. R. GRAY, Givens, La.

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