

Farmers' Column.



Give fools their gold & knives their power...

Early Plowing for Fall Wheat.

The first object gained by early plowing, is time for the proper preparation of the seed bed.

Another object gained by early plowing is the destruction of weeds.

Early plowing admits of a better application of manure.

Early plowing admits of atmospheric fertilization.

The Grape Vine in August.

While grape vines have more enemies than almost any other fruit-bearing plant, they are, with the exception of the little understood 'rot,' easily managed if taken in time.

What the Judge Said.

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There is nothing better (probably nothing so good) for mixing with the poultry droppings as road dust gathered in season and stored in a dry place for time of need.

How many poultry houses there are in which due provision is made for comfort during cold weather but none whatever for hot, but in which, instead, the air is close, almost stifling, during the heated season, and from which a fowl will instinctively take leave, if it has any resort to which it can go for roosting.

Mr. and Mrs. Spoonendyke.

'I see a Frenchman has got a patent for canned energy,' observed Mrs. Spoonendyke, as she picked up a lot of out steel beads on a needle and began sewing them on medallions for dress trimmings.

'Got a what?' interrogated Mr. Spoonendyke, who was blackening his boots.

'Yes. He says he can put strength up in bundles, and set it anywhere, so they can run ships and things without steam. He sent ever so much over to Scotland.'

'What circus bill have you been reading now?' queried Spoonendyke, glaring at his wife.

'It's so,' she replied, 'I saw it in the Eagle. He does it up like preserves and it is just as fresh and strong when they open it as it was at first.'

'Who put it up? What are you talking about?'

'A Frenchman. He gets a lot of strength and fixes it with electricity, and you can buy it any where. I'm going to get some and take it. It'll be just as good as going into the country, and maybe it'll heal my headaches. I suppose the government will buy a lot of it for tramps.'

'You gone crazy again?' demanded Mr. Spoonendyke.

'What d'ye mean by putting strength in boxes? Think energy is some kind of dog gasted fish?' Spoonendyke can put main strength up in bottles like a messy shrimp? If you are going to read, why don't you read straight?'

'Why, I did. He had some kind of machine, and he makes energy so it will last, and then he solder it up in the house. I am going to have some and do the washing.'

'Does it strengthen up the mind of a dog gasted idiot?' blurted Mr. Spoonendyke. 'Can it make a messy woman talk sense?'

'The paper don't say; but if it is all they claim for, it will be a great help in house-cleaning and moving the step-ladder around when you want to hang pictures. And then it saves boiling beef tea. Oh, you ought to read about it. They say it is the greatest invention of the age.'

'D'ye mean to tell me that they're selling muscle by the keg? Want me to understand that some frog-eater is keeping industry on draught? Think I'm an ass?'

'That's what the Eagle says,' rejoined Mrs. Spoonendyke, with a woman's implicit reliance on anything in print. 'And they can make it in any quantity, cheap, so we can have all we want. I wish you'd get some right off, and we'll try it on the Friday's sweeping.'

'Quit!' howled Mr. Spoonendyke. 'Stop making an idiot asylum of your self! S'pose you can make me believe house-cleaning comes in jugs? S'pose you want me to think that your dog gasted stuff will pay the rent and run the business! Energy, by the pint! Strength by the yard! Got that rip sewed up in my pants?'

'Yes, dear,' murmured Mrs. Spoonendyke, meekly, and Spoonendyke, having arrayed himself, plunged out of the house and made for the ferry-boat.

'Hello, Spoonendyke!' saluted his friend Speckle, 'see that thing in the paper about the Frenchman who is boxing up energy?'

'Yes, certainly,' replied Mr. Spoonendyke, 'and I've been all the morning trying to explain it to my wife, but these woman can't understand such things. How's stocks?'

'What the Judge Said. An old Indiana lawyer named Judge Complete, who had been used to having his own way in court, once arose and began an argument for the purpose of retaining a new and young United States District Judge.

'You needn't pursue this line of argument any further. You know that is not the law.' The startled old counsellor could hardly believe his own ears. 'What did you say, sir?' he asked, sharply. 'I said,' repeated the young Judge, 'that you need go no further on that line of argument; that you were not stating the law as it is. Well, sir; well, sir,' said the old gentleman, taking off his eyeglasses nervously, 'perhaps your Honor knows the law better than I do; and then, in a more insolent tone, "your long experience no doubt enables you to speak." Mr. Clerk, said the new District Judge, "enter up a fine of \$25 against Judge Complete for contempt of court; and Judge Complete, routed for the first time in many years, sat down in a daze. The young Judge is now known as Postmaster-General Gresham.'

Clocks disagree more frequently than doctors. Queer—A railroad train cannot get on unless it gets off.

A runaway wife is like a cold in the hand—easier to catch than to stop.

Because a twenty-inch Krupp gun gets dirty when fired, can it be called a fouling piece?

The belle and the hunter are alike in one thing—they both use powder before the ball, and the object of both is to bring down the game.

Oh, no, the lawyers do not talk for effect; he simply talks for effects—the effects of his client—and he usually succeeds in getting them.

One asked his friend why he married so little a wife? 'Why,' said he, 'I thought you had known that of all evils we should choose the least.'

Bill (standing idly in Market place). 'Arry, do you want a job? 'Arry (eagerly). 'Aye, what is it? Bill. 'Why, go and find me one, to be sure. 'Arry.—Gaz.

'Is old Mrs. Spriggs an octogenarian ma?' asked the high school girl of her mother last night. 'O la no, child,' was the reply, 'she's Presbyterian of the bluest kink.'

'Yes,' said the injured husband, 'I would have gone for the man who eloped with my wife, with a revolver, only I couldn't bear the shame of exposing my poor marksmanship.'

When Brown failed to catch a young lady who slapped his hands at Copenhagen, Fog remarked that it was quite a marine master. 'A smack lot, you know,' he explained in answer to the interrogating glances leveled at him from all sides.

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