

Farmer's Column.



Give fools their gold & knives their power. Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall; Who sows a field or trains a sower, Or plants a tree, is more than all.

Selecting Seed Corn.

The time and manner of selecting seed corn is doubtless well known to most farmers, as it should be, but it is not practiced to the extent that the importance of good seed demands.

Last spring much time and money were expended by farmers to procure good seed corn, and then very often they did not get it. Much of what was represented as good had no vitality at all, and never germinated, while some made but a feeble stand, thus jeopardizing the crop.

1. Pick the ears that set nearest to the ground. 2. Those ears having a short foot stalk.

3. From stalks having the most ears. Generally but one ear on a stalk is proper for seed, and that usually the second ear.

4. Never take from a stalk having but one ear, if stalks can be found having two or more ears.

5. Always take ears that filled out full to the end, and that run beyond the husk, if such can be had.

6. Lay up four or five times as much as will probably be wanted.

7. When you come to plant, before shelling, break every ear and see if the pith of the cob is dried up and hollow, for if it is not, the corn is not fully ripe.

Direction of Rows of Wheat. An old wheat raiser, who is generally successful, said in conversation the other day that in his experience he found it best to drill his wheat east and west instead of north and south.

The August Century talks to the young shots as follows: "In shooting at an incoming bird, let him be out of sight and just below the rib of your gun at the moment of firing.

Raising Hogs. An old farmer says it costs nearly double as much per pound to raise a hog weighing 500, as it does one that only weighs 200 pounds.

Village preacher: "Haint I done gone tole yo', Eph, dat it's wicked to catch fish on de Lord's day?" Ephraim (who haint had a bite all day): "Who's cotchin fish? Yo' cawn't cure me."

"I am running on the broad gauge road," said the conductor, as he pocketed seventy-five cents out of a dollar fare.

The Lime-Kiln Club.

THE PURTIEST MEMBER DISPLAYS HIS BLUE SILK HANDKERCHIEF FOR THE LAST TIME.

"If Clarence de Melville Bungas am present wid us to-night, I should like to spoke wid him," said Brother Gardner as the meeting opened.

Brother Bungas was on the back row with a looking-glass in his hand and a new brand of hair-oil on his hair.

"Brudder Bungas," resumed the old man, "I reckon you am de purtiest member of de Lime-Kiln Club. You puts ile on yer ha'r, wax on yer moustache, an' de perfume on yer clothes reminds me of de wild roses of Varginny. Yes, you am de purtiest an' sweetest one of de lot."

"Yes, sah," replied the brother while his face betrayed the fact that he was tickled half to death.

"But--by de way, Brudder Bungas, what an your present business?" "I'ze out of a job just now, sah."

"When you work how much do you airn?" "As high as seven dollars a week, sah."

"Jist so. Am dat suit o' clothes all paid fur?" "No, sah."

"An' you am how many weeks behind on yer board?" "Not ober six, sah."

"An' you owe dis lodge \$3 dues?" "Yes, Sah."

"An' you owe members here as much as \$30 fur borrowed money."

"I'ze borrowed some, sah."

"Bruder Bungas, I'ze had some 'perience wid purty men, an' I nubber seed one yit who wasn't a fraud on de word manhood. When a man sets out to be purty all de hoss sense leaves his head. No man can labor and be purty too."

"Hee beats his board, his tailor, his shoemaker, an' all his friends. He looks killin', an' sm'-'s like a cologne factory, but he doan't pay up. Ebery smile beats somebody outer twenty-five cents, an' ebery giggle cost somebody half a dollar. I'ze had my eye on you for some time."

"Yes, sah."

"Six months ago you had steady work, good pay, respectable clothes an' was outer debt. You sot out to be purty, an' to-day you wouldn't sell fur 'nuff to pay yer debts. You smell awful nice, but you air a \$25 board bill. Your ha'r curls beautiful, but de tailor am whistling fur his money fur dat suit. Your form am elegant, but you has borrowed money until no one will lend you anoder cent. You smile like a buttercup an' raise yer hat like a Chesterfield, but yer bites ain't paid fur."

"I'ze gwine to squar' up, sah."

"Maybe you is, Brudder Bungas, but am too late, so air dis club am con earned. Secretary!"

"Yes, sah."

"Scratch de name of Brudder Clarence de Melville Bungas off de roll!" "Janitor!"

"Yes, sah."

"Escort dis passon to de alley heah! He am too purty to remain heah wid us. He am gwine out awin' us fur dues, an' a small, nubber mind."

There was no need to post the janitor. Every one could picture him as he cleared a space to swing his right leg, and if anybody doubted that Clarence de Melville Bungas was 'lifted' into the alley he had only to listen to the labored breathing of the janitor as he returned to his seat.

Young Gunners. The August Century talks to the young shots as follows:

"In shooting at an incoming bird, let him be out of sight and just below the rib of your gun at the moment of firing. At a bird going over head, wait till he passed well over, then shoot under him. At straightaway shots hold a little high, so that you just catch a glimpse of the bird over your barrel."

"In shooting at cross shots, it should be understood that the velocity of an ounce of No. 8 shot, driven with three drams of powder, is near to 900 feet per second. In that second a Bob White, if under full headway, will go 83 feet, if we estimate the velocity of his flight so low as only a mile a minute.

If he is flying directly across your line of sight and thirty yards off, the shot will take one-tenth of a second the bird has gone over eight and eight tenths feet. So, if we should fire a snap shot directly at cross-flying birds, thirty yards distant, the centre of the cloud of shot would fall about nine feet ahead of him.

To some sportsmen, nine feet may seem a great distance to hold ahead of a cross-flying bird thirty yards away, but not to those who have noticed attentively the relations of the line of their aim to the position of the bird at the very moment they hear the report of the gun. Also estimations of distances in the air beside a small and quickly moving object are very unreliable, and often when the sportsman thinks he has fired only one foot ahead of a bird he has really held ahead three feet.

Let some one suspend horizontally in the air an unfamiliar object that must be distant from fence rails and other things whose dimensions you know, and then guess its length. You will, after a few trials, be satisfied that the estimation of actual lengths at thirty yards is very loose guess work."

"Augustus," she said, "why is there so much confusion in that store?" "I know not, dearest," he stammered, "unless it is caused by that bustle in the window."

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When a poor widow finds a load of wood left gratuitously at her door, she can conclude that she has struck a tender chord somewhere.

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THOMAS M. BUDD, Cheltenham, Prince George's Co., Md., writes June 26, 1883: "The Orchilla Guano I used on my wheat last fall will increase the yield fully fourfold, and the clover and the grass are looking excellent. I shall use it again this fall. Orchilla has given me great satisfaction all over this neighborhood. All who bought last year will use it again."

R. F. TURTON, Cheltenham, Prince George's Co., Md., writes June 25, 1883: "I used Orchilla Guano on a portion of my wheat crop last fall, on very thin corn land, at the rate of 400 pounds to the acre. I have a very fair crop of wheat, and an excellent stand of grass. I will use it again this fall."

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CHARLES M. KING, Damascus, Montgomery Co., Md., July 24, 1883, says: "I have been using Orchilla Guano for a number of years. I formerly used a good deal of A. A. Mexican, and when that could no longer be had genuine, I was induced to try Orchilla. I soon found it had remarkable virtue, and have used it ever since, when I could get it. Its effects show plainly on my farm. Last year it made me twenty-seven bushels of wheat where I only had twelve before, and on that field now stands clover over three feet high! It made me fourteen barrels of corn to the acre last year, where I could only raise seven or eight before. I tried some this spring, by sowing it in February, as is recommended, and letting it lie till ready to plough and put in corn, and where I put it, any one can see the corn is greener and stronger. I am satisfied Orchilla is a valuable improver of the soil, and now that I can get it at Mt. Airy, at low freight, I will use more of it than ever. It is sometimes slow, but it is sure."

HENRY SCHWARTZ, Wholesale Toy Dealer, 211 W. Baltimore street, Baltimore, writes July 13, 1883: "During the last three years I have given Orchilla Guano a fair trial on my farm, near Govanstown, Baltimore county. First, I used it on corn, putting 300 pounds to the acre. I raised the finest kind of a crop, when the corn crop generally was a failure. The next spring (1882) I sowed the same field with oats, without any more fertilizer, and raised 42 bushels of oats to the acre, weighing 33 pounds per bushel. Last fall the field was put in wheat, with another application of Orchilla, at the rate of 250 pounds to the acre. I do not think a finer field of wheat could be found anywhere. I am sorry I cannot state the yield per acre, as I have not yet threshed, but it will be heavy. My experience justifies my opinion that Orchilla Guano merits the highest commendation as a fertilizer."

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