Farmers' Column.

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

Amber Cane for Syrup.

The prospect for a more general effort to secure the supply of sugar from home crops, instead of sending our millions of money abroad for the same should induce the farmers of this country to plant a lot of the seed for that purpose, which, if not prepared for the sugar making at present, will well repay in the product of syrup without fail. One who is familiar with the subject publishes the following instructions for the management of the crop:

Commence with the selection of a suitable ground, which should be ordinary dry plow land, such as would bring a good crop of corn. If to be manured with fresh barnyard manure it should be put on the land in the fall, and plowed in, and plowed again in the spring. Wood ashes, guano and phosphates are better manures used in the hill or broadcast, and in the hills also, if the planter can treat his land so liberally.

Planting.—Which should be done as early in the spring as is safe from frost, by harrowing the ground level and marking each way 3½ feet, and planting on top of the ground covering only a half inch of fresh earth, and pressing it on the seeds with the back of the hoe or fork.

Cultivation.—Should commence as soon as the cane is up enough to follow the rows, either with hoes in line of the hills, to kill all weed seed which will start to grow at the same time; or with horse and cultivator, leaving the line of rows as narrow as possible and following with the hoe in a few days, thinning to not more than four canes in a hill, so as to secure large canes with a large white pith, which contains all the juice necessary in making syrup. All the succeeding steps in cultivation are the same as for corn.—Plow often and well, keeping the weeds cultivated down, and after July the cane will take care of itself until the time for cutting, which should be done when the seeds are passing from the milk into the matured kernal. Cane should never be cut until it is in the milk.

Stripping is most conveniently done done while the cane is standing, by taking a light piece of lath about two feet long and passing between the rows striking down the stalks, leaving the severed leaves between the rows to be cared for, for fodder after the cane is cut.

Cutting Cane.—Can easily and rapidly be accomplished by providing yourself with a jack, similar to a sawbuck, in which to lay the cane as it is cut, and binding with two bands of its own leaves or straw, making the bundles not more than eight inches in diameter, as it is very heavy. Leave the seed on until bound, when it can be topped as it is taken to the mill, which should be as soon as possible after the cutting, within ten days.

Yield per Acre.—Like corn and other crops, it varies widely under the care, management and soil upon which it is raised. An ordinary good crop should produce from 120 to 250 gallons per acre, of syrup. Cane grown on sod and bog meadow land yields a dark colored syrup.

HARLAN P. HALL.

Advantages of Soiling.

Soiling is the practice of growing crops to be cut and fed green and fresh to cattle in stables and yards. The advantages are several. The supply of feed and water can be regulated precisely; the cows do not exhaust themselves in wandering over the pasture in the hot sun; they are not worried by flies if provided with shades in the yards; the fodder or grass is not wasted by trampling, or soiled by droppings; an acre of ground can be made to keep a cow the entire year with considerable economy of land and labor. The manure is all saved; the quantity and quality of milk are the same all through the season; the labor of controlling the cows is lessened; the fields do not require inside fences, and the cost of these and the land which they would occupy are saved. Against all these advantages must be set off the labor of carrying the crops to the cows which is a very small item. Soiling cannot be practiced profitably everywhere, but on high priced land it is the only system by which the products can be increased proportionately to the value of the land, and an equitable profit gained.

Cold weather is approaching; tighten up the poultry houses so that the fowls will be as comfortable as possible during the winter. Lay in a good supply of oyster shells or burnt bone or bone dust, so that the hens may have some good shell producing food.—Give the house a thorough whitewashing. See that the perches are strong and firmly held up. Fix the nests; put in clean straw, and dust a little sulphur in them.

Health Alphabet.

The Ladies' Sanitary Association, of London, gives the following simple rules for health, which we find copied in the *Sanitarian*:

A—s soon as you are up shake blanket and sheet.

B—etter be without shoes than sit with wet feet.

C—hildren, if healthy, are active, not still.

D—amp beds and damp clothes will both make you ill.

E—at slowly, and always chew your food well.

F—reshen the air in the house where you dwell.

G—arments must never be made tight.

H—omes should be healty, airy and light.

I—f you wish to be well, as you do I've no doubt.

J—ust open the windows before you go out.

K—eep the room always tidy and clean.

L—et dust on the furniture never be seen.

M—uch illness is caused by the want of pure air.

N—ow, to open the windows be ever your care.

O—ld rags and old rubbish should never be kept.

P—eople should see that their floors are well-swept.

Q—uick movements in children are healthy and right.

R—emember the young cannot thrive without light.

S—ee that the cistern is clear to the brim.

T—ake care that your dress is all tidy and trim.

U—se your nose to find if there be a bad drain.

V—ery sad are the fevers that come in its train.

W—alk as much as you can without feeling fatigue.

X—erxes could walk full many a league.

Y—our health is your wealth, which your wisdom must keep

Z—eal will help a good cause, and the good you will reap.

A Jewel of a Servant.

A gentleman in Austin has a new servant, and the other day he undertook to teach him in regard to certain creditors who invariably hounded him the first of each month with aggravating bills.

'Now,' said he to his servant, 'if a man should call for me to-day, you tell him I am not at home.'

'Yis, sor,' replied the man.

'Fearing a misunderstanding in some way, he again said:—

'Now, Pat, what will you tell the man when he calls?'

'Tell him I am not home, sor.'

'No, no, blockhead, tell him that I, myself, am not at home.'

'All right, sor.'

'Now, what will you say to him?'

'I, myself, am not at home.'

'Pshaw! Tell him your boss is not in. Understand that monkey? Now, what will you say?'

'Your boss is not in. Understand that donkey?'

'Fool! That's not right. Say to him, 'I am out.' Can you do that?'

'Yis, sor.'

'Well, let's hear you.'

'I am out.'

'Thunderation! Can't you understand? Tell him your master is out. Now, what will you say?'

'Your master is out.'

'No, you don't say anything of the kind, you ignoramus. Tell the man that I have left the house.'

'Certainly, I'll tell him that I have left the house, but he won't belave me when he sees me in the house.'

'Pshaw! Can't you simply say I have gone out for a walk?'

'Thin he'll think I am a lying, sor.'

'How so?'

'Why, whin I tell him I have gone out for a walk—'

'Great Potipher? You are the stupidest fool I ever knew. See, here, I don't want to see any of the people that will call to-day, and I want them to understand that there's no use of them calling as they won't find me at home. Can you give them an ambiguous answer in your own words?'

'Is it an imbiguous answer? I should say I could, if you jist lave it to me?'

'Well, what will you say?'

'I'll say, when they ax me if you are in: 'Yes, the boss is in, but he has committed bigamy and gone off on a wedin' tour wid a widdy woman, an' if they don't arrest him for the ambiggity rez 'Ill niver see the color ov his hair again.' That'll fetch em.'—*Texas Siftings.*

Is 'Damn' an Oath?

'Damn,' as a noun substantative, is an old regular word, used frequently in English writers down to the first of the seventeenth century. We do not see why so ponderous a word has been dropped by lexicographers. In some places, as if we speak of how original sin lies heavy on us, it seems a most appropriate word. 'We inherit, with Adam's nature, the damn cleaving to it!' This use of the word came down to our American grandfathers, and lasted even till the time when the 'continental currency' was a 'dead loss.'—So come the expression: 'Not worth a continental;' 'Not worth a continental damn,' or 'dead loss.' And, for short: 'Not worth a damn'—or bit of paper that was a dead loss! It is not to the credit of our American lexicographers that they have not recognized this origin of a phrase peculiarly American, and that, if 'slang' at first having a basis in fact, like a countless number of other words, has been enrolled as a factor in our accepted language—as 'gerrymandering, has been. The people did better than their writers of primers, grammers and dictionaries.—They kept the old words. Damn means a loss—(in American parlance, as above, a worthless scrip.) Damnable, for its general meaning, signifies 'worthy of severe censure.' Only when used in a theological connection does it imply what Puritans suppose. It, most certainly, is not 'swearing!' And, except by the imposition of Puritan signification, it is not cursing! And yet we remember hearing people using a phrase whose history they know not, say 'I do not care a cuss'—meaning a curse.—*Freeman's Journal.*

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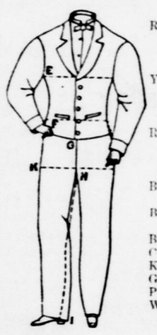

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