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.

To Break up Sitting Hens.

Do not drench them in water, nor put them in a barrel with an inch or two of water in the bottom, nor tie them up by one leg to a tree, nor any of those cruel practices, which our fathers in their ignorance used, to quench the natural instinct. But take them from the nest, put them in a large coop in the open air, under a shade tree, if the weather is warm, and feed them largely with everything, including baked beans, that you give to your laying hens. In many cases the fowl commences to sit when she is in good condition to keep on laying eggs, if we can but get the notion out of her head that she must be a clucking mother.

She needs perhaps the material for egg-shells, which may be easily supplied. Furthermore, she should not be put in a small coop, where she will sit down and not obtain exercise; better put her in a pen having no floor, but loose earth, where she may scratch for a living. Activity will tend to forgetfulness of the sitting fever or desire to sit. It is well to provide also for social activity, and to this end a cock may be introduced to a pen where sitting hens are kept. He will talk in his own language, scratch with the would-be sitters, and soon eggs will be found when you may be sure that the time has come for more freedom.—*Poultry Yard.*

Sowing Seed.

The time will soon be here when seed sowing will take place on farms and in gardens; and as there is a good deal of economy involved in the precise date of sowing, we will take occasion to mention that one of the most successful sowers we have known allows his garden ground to get rather dry before putting in the seed. He then stretches a line where the seeds are to go, sows the seed on the surface, and then walks sideways along the line, pressing the seed with the flat of his foot. He says that he has never had a seed to miss, and sows them very thinly just where every plant is to grow. By this method there is not only no waste of seed, but no time lost thinning out. There is no raking in of the seed, the whole being as simple as possible. In the portion of the garden adapted to flowers, the women of the family take it in hand. Their flowers always grow, and a paper of seed of each is as much as is necessary for the whole garden. These seeds are in the same manner sown directly on the surface, and then the ground is patted down with the trowel and the flowers make their appearance in about half of the ordinary time. Now this is all reasonable enough when we come to think about it. Seeds like to be near the sun and air, as well as near the moisture too, and all that is necessary to make it so is to press them firmly in the ground as before mentioned. Of course it must be understood that the seed need not to be tramped, the mere pressing is sufficient to cover a little with the soil, which should be very fine. The hint appears to be valuable, and there is next to no trouble in trying it.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

How Much Seed Shall I Sow?

That depends on the size and vitality of the seeds, the number of seeds to the bushel, the condition of land, whether distributed evenly, and the nature of the season which is to follow. No fixed rule will relieve the farmer from thinking for himself and employing all the good judgment at his command. In the opinion of the writer, it would be better, in most cases if farmers used less seed to the acre and took more pains to get all the land in better condition. Suppose we sow twelve quarts of timothy seed and four pounds of red clover to the acre. This will make 18,944,000 seeds of timothy and 6,024,000 seeds of clover, a total of 24,968,000 seeds, or about 4 seeds to the square inch. Using finer seed in mixtures, as prescribed by some of the English dealers, they often sow from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 seeds to the acre, or not far from eight to sixteen seeds to each square inch. In either case, there can be room for only a small proportion of the plants should all the seeds grow and thrive Much caution must be used in applying the fixed rules laid down in books or the fixed rules laid down by men who seldom consult the books.—*By Prof. W. J. Beal,* Michigan Agricultural College.

Getting out of the Ruts.

There is some foundation for the reputation farmers have of running their business in ruts. Routine is a good thing in its place, but divergence has its advantages. All improvements are made by those who get out of the beaten track, and try new crops, new fertilizers, new stock and tools, and new methods. Every farmer should study the new things set forth in the agricultural papers, and at the farmers' clubs, and other agricultural gatherings. He will find chaff among the wheat no doubt, but the sifting process cultivates a habit of thinking, and adds to his knowledge every year. It is important to have half an acre or more devoted to experiments in fertilizers, in new vegetables and fruits, in draining and subsoiling, in shallow and deep manuring. A hint in your paper is one thing; a test in the soil, under your own supervision, is quite another. It is barren upon the printed page; but when committed to the soil, it may fructify and bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold.—*American Agriculturist for April.*

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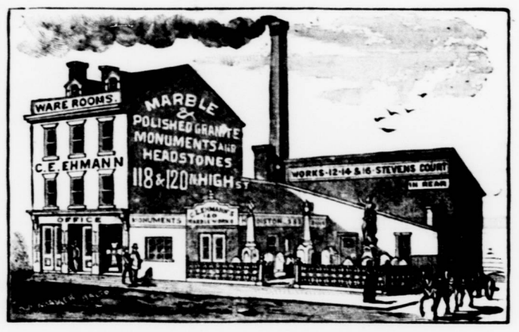

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