

Farmers' Column.



Give tools their good knives their power. Let fortune's bubble rise and fall. Who sows a field or trains a steed. Or plants a tree, is more than a slave.

Summer Seeding to Grass.

The most successful seeding to grass may be done in July and August, after the grain crops are taken off. The present season has been a bad one for the seed sown last fall. The hard winter destroyed the timothy, and the late spring has interfered greatly with the seeding of the clover. As a rule, it may be said that summer seeding is more successful than fall and spring seeding, but the ground must be thoroughly well prepared. The whole secret lies in this preparation. The stubble is well plowed, not more than four inches deep, and immediately harrowed in a thorough manner. There are several new implements which do this work in the best manner, pulverizing the soil, leveling the surface and then smoothing it, as to the land in the most perfect condition for the seed. After all this has been done, and the furrow marks obliterated, the seed is sown and the surface immediately rolled. If this is done in July, nothing more is required. If it is left later, it will be desirable to sow turnip seed, at the rate of one pound per acre with the grass seed. This affords protection for the young grass and clover in the fall and winter. We have found it a good plan to leave the turnips on the ground and not gather them. They will be killed by the frost, and the leaves falling down, furnish protection to the grass during the winter, and in the early spring, when so much damage is usually done by the alternate thaws and frosts. The grass will usually furnish one cutting the same season, but it should not be pastured, as the surface is not yet firm enough, nor the plants sufficiently well rooted to stand such a tax.—American Agriculturist for July.

The Most Profitable Horses.

Farmers make a mistake when they slight the advantages to be derived from keeping good horses, and from breeding a pair or two of colts every year. A three-year-old colt can be reared as cheaply as usually done, but while ordinary prices for a young three-year-old colt are forty dollars, a young colt is worth seventy-five dollars, at the very least, when a year old, and one hundred and fifty dollars when three years old. If, however, a good thoroughbred sire is used, at the cost of fifty dollars, the colt at three years may easily be worth three hundred dollars. Roadsters in the North, and saddle horses in the South (both are really roadsters), are the most desirable animals to rear. The thoroughbred blood is like the steel one puts into a machine; it gives strength, durability, firmness, lightness, elasticity and vigor into the cold blood. The bone is harder, and more solid, and lighter; the sinews are much stronger and more elastic; the muscles are firmer, and have greater tenacity; the lungs are more capacious; the weight is reduced, and with more strength and vivacity of motion, and lighter, we have swiftness and ease of movement.

Building up a Hay-Stack.

The great point to be secured in stacking hay is to keep the center the highest. If this be done, the water cannot penetrate into the stack, but will find its way to the outside under the most unfavorable circumstances. If on the other hand, the center is hollow, the water must drain into the center, and so ruin the stack. An excellent way to build a stack is to set a tall sapling firmly in the ground, with a foundation of rails around it; then begin at the center, and place the hay about the pole, gradually spreading until the edge of the base is reached. Continue building up the stack, the highest in the center, so as to tread the hay firmly there. As the stack settles, the outside sinks more than the center, and helps to make the stack better. The top of the stack is finished by fastening a covering of hay to the pole, with hay bands wound firmly around it. A stack so made will not leak, and even clover hay may be safely stacked in this manner, because the water must make its way to the outside by the force of gravity, and escape there by dropping to the ground clear of the stack.

Pasture Near Barns.

There is advantage, in more than one respect, in having a pasture near the barn. One happens, as in the case of the writer's farm, to have that the regular pasture fields were well on to a mile from the house, and to turn the cattle back again to remain overnight, to be brought up again in the morning, take time and labor, or to leave them in the stalls or yard at night, keeps them from the enjoyment of pasturing in the coolest part of the day. After having their evening ration of cut feed, they can easily be turned into the adjoining pasture, and in the morning quickly be brought up again for the morning grain. We assume that farmers feed morning, noon and night to the hard-working farm team. This night pasture should not enter into the regular rotation with other fields; but should be made a permanent pasture, kept in good condition.

The best time to plow under a weed to benefit, the land is while it is very small. We have some kinds of cultivated plants which, by growing up and returning to the soil, add to its fertility, but a weed would hardly deserve that bad name if it would do this. Weeds are robbers. What they contain is almost exclusively from the soil, from what belongs to the crops among which they grow.

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