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.

The Treatment of Sod in the Fall.

In the ordinary rotation of the farm, sod land is usually plowed for corn. Opinions differ in regard to the advantage, or otherwise, of the fall plowing of sod. The truth of the matter is, that like all other farm work, this depends very much upon circumstances. One of these is the manner in which the plowing is done. If the dry, bare sod is plowed under roughly, and so left until spring, when it is cross-plowed, and the sod cut up into small pieces, and turned this way and that and for the greater part reversed, the work had certainly been better let alone. This way of treating sod, too common, we are sorry to say, is a mischevious one, and leaves the land in a wretched plight for corn planting. The better way is to spread what manure is ready for the land and leave it until November, and then turn the whole under with an even and regular lap furrow. If this is well done it leaves the soil in the very best condition for spring work. The furrow slices lie with the manure between them, while the manure is not buried under the sod, but both standing, in part, on edge, allow the air to permeate through the crevices and cause thorough decomposition. The crests of the ridges break down by the action of frosts, and the land is gradually consolidated by settlement, through the winter. When the harrow is passed over the land in the spring, the fine manure, and the soil, and the decayed sod are thoroughly mixed on the surface, leaving a mass of plant food below, as deep as the land had been plowed. The roots of the young corn plants find food wherever they penetrate the soil, and an abundance of it within reach to carry them to the end of the growing season. In the culture of every crop, very much depends upon the preparation of the soil, but this is most especially true as regards corn, which occupies the ground for only three months. How necessary then it is to provide a store of food for this crop, of the right kind, in the right place, and in sufficient quantity to supply its urgent necessities. One of the most effective ways of making this requisite provision, is to make the most of the sod by treating it at this season in the manner here described.

Sheep Better than Cattle.

There are two sides to all disputed questions, and both must be examined if we would ascertain the truth. As to which are more profitable—sheep or cattle—location, soil and other considerations must be taken into account in determining. A. Hyde, in the *Country Gentleman*, gives some advantages, the shepherd possesses over the herdsman, as follows:

"In the first place, a stock of sheep costs less than one of cattle. A farm which will carry twenty cows will carry about eight times as many sheep, and to stock a farm with 20 cows and corresponding fixtures will require an outlay of $1,000. An equivalent number of sheep (say 150) can be purchased for about half this sum. A flock of sheep demands less care than an herd of cows. The latter must be milked daily, and butter and cheese making is constant and laborious. Then sheep will live and thrive where cows would make poor returns. Almost everything that grows, down on the Canada thistle, suffices sheep for food. Pastures are greatly benefited by being cropped by sheep. They not only keep down the weeds, but have more fertilizing materials in their droppings than have cows. In the milk of the latter much phosphate of lime and ether saline, as well as nitrogenous matter, is removed, but sheep carry nothing off but their wool. A flock of sheep also multiplies more rapidly than an herd of cows. Sheep also fatten much more easily than cattle, and when slaughtered furnish not only meat but wool."

Good Vinegar.

To make good cider vinegar with certainty, let the cider stand in the barrel out of doors, as is usual, till it is what farmers call "hard" enough to still. Then take a cask that has recently had vinegar in it, and transfer the cider to that cask. If there is a little of the old vinegar remaining in the barrel it will be all the better. Again let the cider remain out of doors, only stopping the bung hole with a wisp of straw. In eight or ten days the cider ought to show plainly the vinegar taste and condition. It may then be put into the barn, but not yet in the cellar. But if the cider is still slow in turning, put into the barrel a pound or two of brown sugar or a quart of molasses. If there is any life in the cider it will certainly turn now, and will be fit for use in a short time. The longer it is kept the better it will become. Cider put away in a cellar or cool place does not readily turn to vinegar. A demijohn of cider, unstopped, with a little sugar, will make a supply for immediate use.

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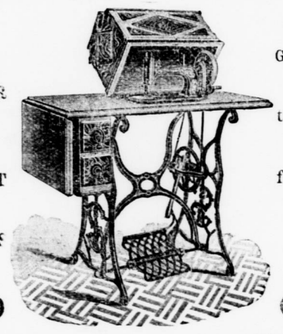
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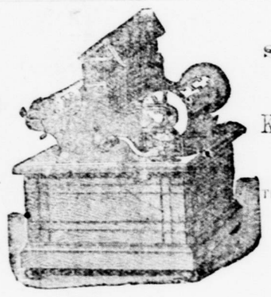
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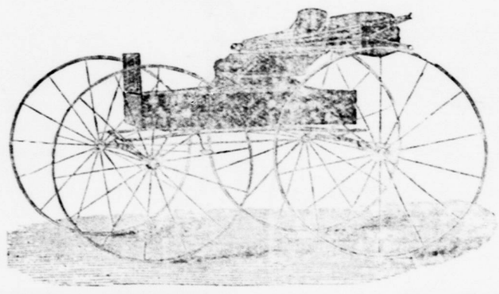
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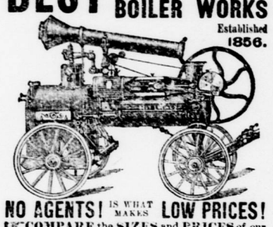
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