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.

Selecting the Seed.

Farmers are apt to neglect and consider unimportant the selection of seed for sowing or planting. But it is highly important. Poor seed will produce poor crops, and weed seed will grow if everything else is parched with drought or drowned with water All labor is lost if the seed is no good. If only three stalks grow when four should and might, then it is a loss of 25 per cent. Order seed in time to test it. Sow a little in boxes of earth kept warm by the kitchen fire, and see what proportion grows. It may be taken as a criterion of its whole. Test every kind of seed sown or planted. Especially, do so with corn. Exchange seed with some one whose soil differs from yours; it is often beneficial. Buy seed of reliable dealers. Be particularly careful with timothy and clover. Weed seeds are scattered abroad, and often farms are infested with weeds whose seeds were imported in the timothy or clover of the stores. Farmers must realize that success depends on getting the best products, not the most if they are thereby of inferior quality, and the first thing is to get good reliable seed. It is better to pay five dollars a bushel for good seed than to have foul seed given you.

THE BEAN AND PEA WEEVILS.

It is by no means an uncommon thing to find seed beans and peas literally alive about this time of year. The inhabitant of the bean is known entomologically as Bruchus fabæ, and of the pea as Bruchus pisi. They are near relations, but while a single bean may contain anywhere from one to a dozen weevils, the pea has scarcely ever more than a single occupant. However, their mode of existence and the injury they do are very similar; hence we will let the description of the bean weevil answer for both.

The beetle deposits her eggs on the outside of the bean pod while it is young and tender. When the grub hatches out, it begins to eat its way into the young bean, and lives upon it, or rather in it. They eat a hole almost through the bean up to the hull, thus preparing for the future escape of the weevil. Reaching the pupa state, the insect remains dormant until spring, when it makes it exit, though not always until after the bean is planted. Thus it is that we often find the white surface of the beans in bag or box covered with the little blackish weevils.

Does the weevil injure the seed beans and peas? Not necessarily, unless so much of the bean or pea has been eaten as to deprive the young plant of the requisite nourishment. But as this is apt to be the case, even if the germ itself is not destroyed, the young plant is likely to be weak and spindling in growth. We know of no really effectual remedy for the weevil, only for neighbors to unite and guard against planting any weevil eaten beans or peas. The insects are very lively, and pay no attention to the space between neighboring gardens; they get there.—AGRICOLA *in N. Y. Independent.*

The Care of Chickens.

Many young chickens are lost every season for lack of sufficient protection from inclement weather. A hastily constructed coop is provided without other object, apparently, than to confine the mother hen. Common forms of coops, such as the "tent" and the "barrel" coops, are placed on the ground regardless, of distance to a grass plot, and sticks are driven up in front to form the slats that keep the hen inside and provide means of ingress and egress to the chicks. The sun or the rain, as the weather chances to send, beats down on these coops to the serious injury and oftentimes loss of the brood.

A shed, say six feet square, is reared against a wall or other support with a southern exposure, and the coop put under it. The coop made on a plan very common in France, and recommended by Wright as one of the best arrangements for both the mother hen and the chicks, consists of two compartments separated by a partition of bars, one compartment being closed in front, the other fronted with bars like the inside partition. Each set of bars has a sliding one to serve as a door, and the whole coop is tight and sound. It has no bottom, but is placed directly on loose, dry earth an inch or so deep. Each half of the coop is about two feet six inches square, and is lighted from the top by a small pane of glass.

The advantage of such a coop and shed is obvious; except in very extreme weather no further shelter is required, even at night. During the day the hen is confined in the outer compartment, and at night she is placed in the inner one. With this, as with every chicken-coop, there should be a grass plot in front of the shed, the floor of which ought to be kept covered with loose, dry dust or earth. Under such a shed the chickens will thrive well. It is, of course, needful to lift the coop every day or two long enough to remove the tainted earth underneath and make a fresh floor of fresh earth.

In many yards it is not practicable to have these protecting sheds. In such cases the coops ought to be well-boarded and have their roofs covered with felt or canvass. A grass run is exceedingly conducive to the health and vigor of the chicks. It is also essential to have perfect cleanliness and fresh water every day.—*N. Y. World.*

Might I give counsel to any young hearer, I would say to him: Try to frequent the company of your betters. In books and life, that is the most wholesome society; learn to admire rightly; the great pleasure of life is that. Note what great men admired; they admired great things; narrow spirits admire basely, and worship meanly.—*Thackeray.*

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THE OLD RELIABLE WALL PAPER and Window Shade Store of Baltimore city, is now prepared to show Spring Styles of Wall Paper and send samples to any part of the country when application is made. Will send the best workmen to put up the same when required. Will sell Wall Paper and Window Shades at factory prices. Call on or send to him for beautiful lines.

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☞ Has no branch House or any connection the any other house in the city. 3 7 1y.

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CABINET MAKER AND UNDERTAKER,
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WOULD inform the public that having replenished his stock he is prepared to furnish anything in the Undertaking line, from the plainest COFFINS to the most costly and legant CASKETS at prices not to be surpassed either in the city or country. And respectfully solicits a share of the patronage of the public.

He will attend personally on all funerals if not physically prevented from doing so.

R. L. Murdock & Son,
Fashionable Tailors,
Near Port Tobacco Station.

JUST received the fashions for Spring and Summer, they are now prepared to make suits in the most fashionable style.—Scouring Repairing, Cleaning, Binding. Coats turned at the shortest notice and cheap. One of them can be found in Port Tobacco every Tuesday and Saturday, prepared to take measures and receive materials. Work delivered in Port Tobacco if desired. Thankful for past favors, we solicit the same patronage and satisfaction guaranteed.

WILLIAM ROBEY.
CONSTABLE.

HAVING been appointed Constable in the Sixth Election District of Charles county and having given a sufficient bond, I am prepared to engage in the collection of claims and attend to all other business pertaining to the office. Prompt returns made upon all claims put in my hands for collection

WILLIAM ROBEY,
sept. 25-6m. Pomfret P. O.