

FIELD, FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cut the dead wood out of the raspberry vines. It will pay to keep the pigs well fed and happy this summer.

Grass is not the proper food for current and gooseberry bushes.

Almost 1,000 rural free mail delivery routes have been established up to this date.

Don't empty meat bins where hogs get at it, it may kill some of the best pigs.

More and more we are beginning to understand the wonderful value of the corn plant.

Hogs with lop ears are not so nervous as those with upright ears. They make better mothers, as a rule.

Fresh lime whitewash can well be used promiscuously around house, coop and stable these days.

If such hogs were beautified with green and white paint the country would be beautiful. It is that color that is so.

A frequent cause of digestive derangements with swine is the consumption of soap and soap powders with house slop.

Ten years ago the United States had no export trade in horses. Now the receipts from that business are \$5,000,000 a year and growing.

A bunch of cherries containing 543 cherries was recently picked in Astoria, Or.

Teach the colt to be obedient by being kind to him. Brute force never made the difference that brings the highest price in the market.

Canadian breeders everywhere report a grand business being done in eggs for hatching. The business is on the boom in Ontario at present.

The official experiment station at Storrs, Conn., has lately issued two valuable bulletins. They are No. 29, a study of dairy cows, and No. 21, on the feeding of cream, and will be sent free to any one interested.

The receipts of Egyptian onions so far this season were 600 bags, as against 5,800 bags for the same time last year.

It is gratifying to realize the growth of interest in forestry in the United States. It argues well for our future, and for those to come.

The pig must be warm and dry. If possible give him a sleeping room where he can make his nest separate from the feeding room. Then it will be understood and he will take pains to keep it clean.

Mr. Homebound—Are you doing any gardening this spring? Mr. Wilkinson—I have made a beginning. I planted a cut under a peach tree yesterday evening.

Plant garden truck seed in succession, so as to make a continuous supply. Radishes, green peas and corn, and other good crops may be enjoyed all summer in this way.

The following is suggested as a test for the rotting of garden truck seed. Let the mucus from the nose and throat of a long-eared mouse on top spreads or dissolves, the disease is not glandular. If it remains undissolved and sinks, you may assume that it is glandular.

Somebody has a awful account to render someone, somewhere, for allowing the surplus wheat grown in India last year to be shipped to England for sale, while millions of the people in the continent of India were starving to death for the want of it.

At the Iowa station last year five shallow cultivations of corn, 1 1/2 to 2 inches deep, produced 74 bushels of corn to the acre, while the same number of deep cultivations, 4 to 5 inches, produced 65 bushels. These results were in different sections of the same field.

The Lake Erie grape belt crop, along the southern shore of Lake Erie, between the outlet and Twenty-five miles west of Buffalo and Sandusky, is estimated at 15,000,000 to 150,000,000 pounds.

Some California grape fruit this week averaged 7 1/2 cents, while one fancy stock sold as high as \$1.25, while one lot of nearly 500 tons ran from \$3 to \$1.50. The fruit was very fine.

It is reported that the United States Fruit company, which owns 65 ships under charter, sixty steamers engaged in the fruit trade, will in future insure its own vessels against loss of cargo, and will refund the money which otherwise would be paid to the insurance companies for premiums.

A bovine mutual insurance company has been formed in Minneapolis by which over 200 farmers are prepared to send in \$25 each, payable to their owners. The company was formed by the directors of the city to protect themselves against loss of cows condemned to death by the state board of health. All cows giving milk are eligible at a premium of 10 cents each.

We want bantams because they will lay. We want chickens because they will lay. We want geese because they will lay. We want ducks because they will lay. We want turkeys because they will lay. We want guinea fow because they will lay. We want pheasants because they will lay. We want quail because they will lay. We want partridges because they will lay. We want snipe because they will lay. We want woodcock because they will lay. We want ptarmigan because they will lay. We want grouse because they will lay. We want all the birds that lay because they will lay.

Ladies Home Journal. A story is going the rounds that a brood mare died in Texas, and was cut open to ascertain the cause of death. When it was found that she was carrying two foals, one a horse colt and the other a mule. As the equine was at the moment in the act of giving birth, the potency of the jack was thoroughly demonstrated, if the story is true.

HOLLAND AND TULIPS. The ancestral hills of the tulips, which give our flowers a lovely, tender, graceful form and superb color, once came near overturning the little kingdom of Holland. The national fad for tulips reached the stage of madness, and nearly ruined the business of the country in consequence. Everybody was frenzied with the fever to speculate in tulips, and as much as \$3,000 was paid for a single bulb—the equivalent of many times that sum today.

GRAFTING. The season for grafting is here. Scions should have been secured earlier. All worthless varieties should be worked over to something better. As grafting necessitates the removal of considerable if not all of the top, and leaves the trunks and other branches unprotected with foliage and exposed to the hot sun until a new top is formed, it is economy to cover the trunk with whitewash, and a little glue dissolved in it will cause it to stick longer.

A TASTE OF PROSPERITY. Two years ago such wire as we use for fencing was \$1.70 per hundred, in Minneapolis it is quoted at \$1.65, and the wheat is about the same price, and the

INFLUENCES THAT HAVE MODIFIED THE CONFIDENCE IN THE STOCK MARKET.

VALUES LIKELY TO GO LOWER

Satisfactory Reports of Railroad Earnings Continue to Be Made, But Buying Element Needs Some Stimulus.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Labor troubles and gold exports have partially modified the confidence shown in the stock market during the past few weeks.

It is useless to deny that the threatening attitude of labor is viewed with considerable concern by both industrial and railroad managers. Wages in the lower grades of labor, where business has been exceptionally good, have in many instances been advanced, and the new industrial combinations have often been enabled to show exceptional profits.

It is not forgotten, however, that these advances have been granted because of phenomenal conditions which cannot be expected to continue very much longer, and when they cease wages must be reduced.

Manufacturing has already been so heavily enhanced in other directions that any reduction in the cost of finished products, which must surely come as soon as the pressure of demand abates, will compel the manufacturer to resist any further rise in wages, and may in fact oblige him to find means of lessening the labor cost.

It is quite possible, therefore, that labor will be pushed so far as to injure its own interests. Most American manufacturers are rapidly increasing their production for foreign markets, and about 25 per cent of our exports now consist of manufactured products.

It is not to be expected, however, that the great corporations lately, and we shall immediately be shut out of many foreign markets. The goods which have been lost and surplus products now exported will be thrown upon the home market, and the general price level will be lowered.

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