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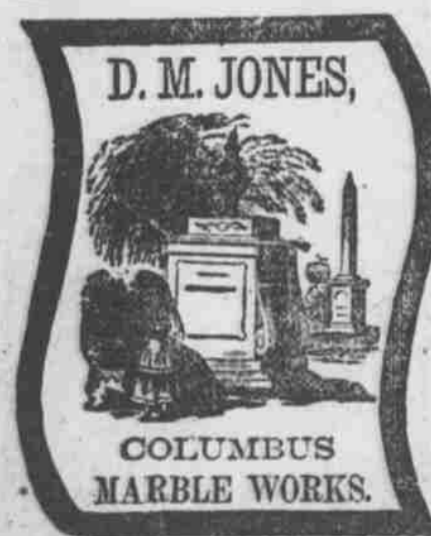
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Farm or Town.

A young subscriber who is starting out for himself and has rented about twenty acres of land asks us two questions: what to put on this land to get the best results, or whether we would advise a young man to stay on the farm or get a job by the month in the city.

Answering the first question, if the land is good corn land, he would probably make quite as much clear money by putting this twenty acres of land in corn as he would in any other way, certainly if his lease is for but one year. This will give him time to do a good deal of work for other people, for no doubt he will be in demand when not busy with his corn. If he had a lease for a term of years and the land needed building up, that would be a different matter.

Now as to whether the young man should stick to the farm or go to town, that depends on the young man. If he has a taste for farming, and is willing to study and observe and get information from all possible sources, and then put it in practice, we would say he had better stay on the farm. If he is not this kind of a young man, then he had better go to town and engage in some business for which he has a decided taste.

The probability is, however, that when the young man goes to town, unless he is qualified for some business or profession, or has a strong aptitude for some special work, he will get about enough pay as a street car conductor or motorman, or a hand about a livery stable, or by working on the streets, to pay his expenses, and sometimes barely that. Or he might get a job in a store; first to sweep out and straighten up. By and by he might run errands, might be a shipping clerk, and after a while have an opportunity to sell things. He might possibly get to be a bookkeeper, with the hope that in time he might become a partner in the business. This sometimes occurs; but very seldom unless he or his friends have money to put in the business, which is not at all likely with a young man who goes to town with nothing but his bare hands. He might get to run errands in a bank, might in time become a bookkeeper or teller, with the hope of finally becoming cashier. Suppose he did all this. The probability of his becoming cashier or having any other important position would be remote; for in the city bank there are many other young fellows with the same ambition, and usually it is the man who has capital to put in the bank, or who has influential friends and can bring custom, who gets the coveted position, and there he may stay for life. He might get into a department store, sell ribbons and laces to your ladies, and learn to smile and look sweet and dress well; but the chances are that he will only make a living and not much more. Young men have come to town with only their bare hands, and have succeeded beyond their expectations; but the majority of them, like the majority of people reared in the city, live from hand to mouth, and thousands of them regret that they did not stay on the farm. If he should marry, which we suppose this young man, like most young men, intends to do, he can probably make a bare living for his wife and possible family.

The case is different where the

young man has a decided aptitude for some particular form of skilled labor. Everything depends on the man himself, and we can not give more definite advice. The man who has it in him, and will work hard and keep his eyes open and learn all he can, will succeed in almost any line for which he is naturally adapted. A man is not apt to make a pronounced success in any line for which he does not have a particular liking.—Wallace's Farmer.

That Small Grain Field.

How about that land in small grain which recently has been harvested? Is it going to lie idle all the rest of the summer? If a good stand of clover or grass has been secured we have no suggestions to make other than advising against too close pasturing late in the season. This year, however, there are not many small grain fields with a sufficiently good stand of clover or grass to pay to keep. Shall these fields be allowed to bake in the sun, losing the most of the scant moisture which is already in the soil?

The thing to do where no grass stand has been secured with the small grain is to follow the binder with a disk, putting on a dirt mulch which will preserve moisture. Repeat the disking at least as often as every ten days or two weeks. Not only does prompt disking save moisture, but it also destroys many insect pests, such as Hessian fly, straw worms, etc.

If there is considerable moisture in the ground and the work is pushed along rapidly cowpeas, soy beans sorghum or millet may be sown on this ground, especially in the southern half of the corn belt. These crops are especially desirable if there is a shortage of hay. If none of these catch crops is wanted the ground may be kept bare until about the middle of August when either clover and timothy or alfalfa might be sown. Or it may fit in better with conditions on some farms to wait till September and seed to either rye or winter wheat. But no matter what crop is used the binder should be followed at the earliest possible date with a disk and a complete dust mulch placed on the ground until some crop is put in. Several hundred tons of water per acre may often be saved by frequent disking. Wallace's Farmer.

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Notice the Sweet Clover.

Over almost our entire territory this is a dry time, very dry. The oats are very short, clover about half the usual length, timothy much shorter than usual and thinner, blue grass pastures dry and the plant apparently dead, but really just waiting for rain. As you go along the road notice now the sweet clover. It is not as rank as it usually is, but stands dry weather better than any other grass crop grows except possibly alfalfa. In fact, it

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furnishes evidence that with the sole exception of alfalfa it is the most drought resistant of all our grass and forage crops. It is not fair to compare it with corn, for the testing time of corn is yet to come when it reaches the same stage as the clover and other grasses have reached.

We have always advocated sweet clover as a forage crop in sections of less than a twenty-inch rainfall, not as a hay crop—for it is too coarse for hay—but as a pasture crop, and as a hay crop where no other source of forage is available. It does not make good hay; but if cut early, as soon as it begins to bloom, it makes a fair quality of hay and in addition produces a second crop.

One objection to sweet clover, which is generally regarded by farmers as a weed, is that unless it is pastured close, it develops a flavor which cattle do not relish. They do relish it, however, after they are accustomed to it and enough of them kept on it to keep it from going to seed.

This at least ought to convince our readers that it is not a weed, but a plant that may under certain conditions become a very valuable addition to our ordinary forage crops. We look to see it a preferred forage crop west of the 98th meridian on soils where for some reason alfalfa cannot be grown. It is not to be compared with alfalfa where alfalfa thrives.

It is not only drought resistant, but is a nitrogen gatherer like alfalfa and the clovers; and we are not sure but what the best way of reclaiming lands so worn out that they will not produce clover will be to reseed them with sweet clover, either the white or the yellow variety, whichever may be preferred.

We are not carrying on a campaign in favor of sweet clover, but simply want our readers to note the sweet clover as they go along the road to church or to town; to note especially its capacity for drought resistance, and then inquire whether it may not be possible for them to utilize it on their worn out fields, thus adding nitrogen and vegetable matter, and putting the soil in better physical condition.—Wallace's Farmer.

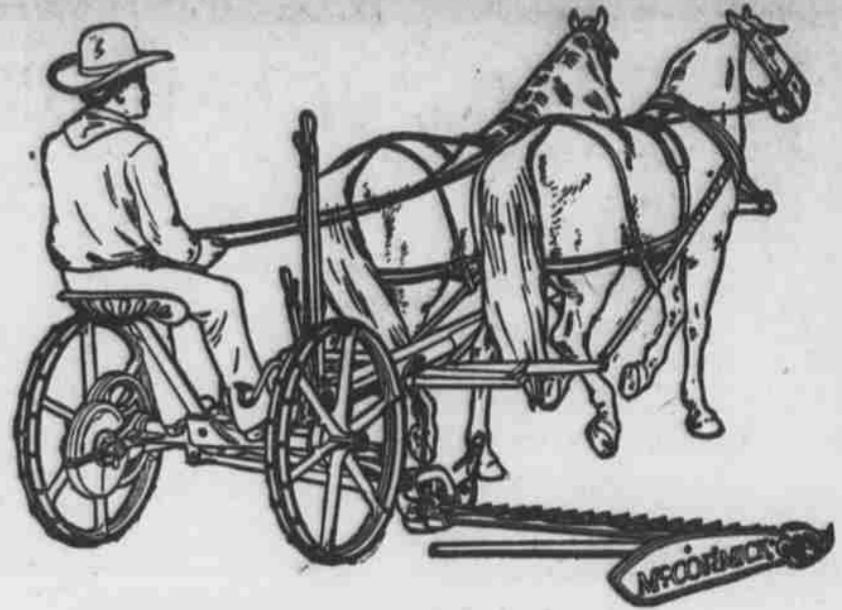
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