

The Farmer's Corner.

Agricultural Items.

At a late meeting of the Fruit Growers' Society of Western New York, held at Rochester, the influence of salt upon fruit trees was discussed. George Ellwanger said he had applied salt to pear and plum trees, and found it produced a wonderful effect; would apply six or eight barrels to the acre; would use as much as a peck for a large tree, as large as a large apple tree; uses it in February; puts enough on to make the ground white. Charles Downing thought salt good for all vegetation, but it would do no good to kill insects. W. P. Townsend had used salt for many years, with the best results, for quince trees. Dr. Sylvester said there was a limit to the use of salt; it must not be used in excessive quantities.

A writer in the Mark Lane Express gives an interesting account of steam plowing on a large English farm, where 500 acres per year has been plowed by steam power, at an expense less than the same work could be done with horses. Steam culture is evidently progressing in England, but its progress is not copied, and the difficulties in the way of entire success appear hard to overcome.

The Massachusetts Plowman recommends the grain sown when a field is to be sowed down, be it barley, wheat or oats, to be washed, which will cleanse it from foul or light seed, and that red-top hay seed be mixed with the grain when it is sown. The hay seed will stick to the grain; it can thus be sown evenly in the strongest breeze, and at once going over the field.

Hogs.—It is conceded that hogs fatten much more rapidly on the same food in warm weather, or if provided with a warm, clean pen or a sleeping place in the straw-yard. Pure water, in abundance, is essential unless fed on moist food. It is generally agreed now, that cooking or stewing food for hogs pays a good return for the cost and trouble.

To DESTROY TURNIP FLIES.—Take fourteen pounds of sulphur, one bushel of fresh lime, and two bushels of road scrapings; mix these together, and let the mixture remain a few days before applying it. This quantity will do for one acre, and should be applied when the dew is on the leaves. A few applications will suffice.

Winnebago county, Illinois, raised the past year, 57,000 gallons of sorghum syrup from 513 acres of land, an average of 111 gallons per acre. The average cost of manufacturing is given at 13c. per gallon. We believe the syrup is worth 60 or 70 cts per gallon.

An English farmer, a small grazier, lately sold his stock of wool embracing the clip of 26 years. He had been waiting for a high price, and of course got it in these times.

Dr. Dodd says of pneumonia in cattle, "My experience is, that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred too much reliance is placed in medicinal agents."

A writer in the Prairie Farmer thinks salt is bad for pigs, and cites several instances from the effect of food in which salt or brine had been mixed.

The State of Maine imports \$200,000 worth of cheese, annually, for the use of the people of that State.

Peanuts and English walnuts are being raised quite successfully in California.

There is a good story which may have been heard in more than one Yankee hay-field the past summer. We heard it one day while on a visit in the country. We went out to a "pitch," but had felled, and wilted down under a haycock, and lay flushed and fanning the glow and sweat from our features in a comfortable position, when one of the jolly hay makers related the anecdote of an old man who was always bragging how folks used to work in his young days, and challenged his two sons together to pitch on a load of hay as fast as he could load it.

The challenge was accepted, and the hay wagon driven round, and the trial commenced. For some time the old man held his own creditably, calling out, tauntingly, "more hay! more hay!"

"Thicker and faster it came," whole cocks at a time, cloud after cloud overwhelming him.

The old man was nearly covered; still he kept crying, "More hay! more hay!" until, struggling to keep on the top of the disordered and ill-arranged heap, it began first to roll and then to slide, and at last off it went from the wagon, and the old man with it.

"What are you down here for?" cried the boys.

"I came down after hay," said the old man, stoutly.

Which was the literal fact; he had come after the wagon load, which had to be pitched off again rather more deliberately.

The Malayan Islanders eat alone. They retire into the most hinder parts of their houses, and they draw down the cloths that stop up blinds to their windows, that they may eat unobserved. On the contrary, the Islanders of the Philippines are remarkably sociable. Whenever one of them finds himself without a companion to partake of his meal he runs till he meets with one, and here or there his appetite may be, he ventures not to satisfy it without a guest. The tables of the rich Chinese shine with a beautiful variety, and are covered with silk carpets very elegantly worked. They do not eat upon plates, knives and forks; every guest has two little ivory or ebony sticks, which he handles very dextrously. A Kam-schikan kneels before his guest; he cuts an enormous slice from a sea-calf; he crams it entire into the mouth of his friend, furiously crying out "Tans!" there! and cutting away what hangs about his lips, snatches and devours it with avidity.

A German writer compares the different stages in the lives of women to milk, butter and cheese. "A girl," he says, "is like milk, a woman like butter, and an old woman like cheese—all three may be excellent in their kind."

Care of Dairy Stock.

Much of the profit of a dairy cow depends on a plentiful supply at all times of nutritious food. The variety in the quantity of milk they yield, is principally owing to the difference in the nutritive quality of the food they receive. Cows, it is well known, receiving food poor in alimental matter, fall away in milk. Add to the nutritive properties of their food, and they immediately increase their flow. The quantity of milk, then, does not depend on giving a particular kind of food, but on giving a quantity equal to the support of the natural waste of the body, and a remainder to be converted into milk. Farmers err very much when they undertake to keep more cattle than they have means to sustain in the best condition, especially in winter. The result is, their cows come out of the stable in the spring weak and feeble, and struggle through half the summer before they are in a condition to yield milk in quantity more than equal to paying expenses. Dairy cows should at all times be in good condition. They should receive their food at regular intervals; their milk should be drawn at stated hours, and by quiet, gentle milkers; and they should be treated at all times with the greatest kindness. In short, every means in the power of the dairy farmer should be used to insure their tranquility.

Harsh treatment also exerts a very injurious action on the milk, rendering it less buttery, and more liable to acidity. Respiration is a species of combustion. At every breath, we inhale oxygen of the atmosphere, which unites with and consumes the fatty matter of the food. When cows are worried or driven too rapidly, they breathe more frequently, inhale more oxygen, and more of the buttery portion of their food is consumed, leaving less to be converted into milk. Warmth is a substitute, to a certain extent, for food. Hence the importance, in cold weather, of tight buildings, avoiding cold draughts, with proper attention, however, to effective ventilation, pure air acts as injuriously on the animal frame as impure or insufficient food. Cows, when warm and comfortable will consume proportionately less food, and it is well known to all experienced dairymen, that their cows yield more milk in warm pleasant days, or when they have the run of warm well sheltered pasture, than on cold rainy days, or when they run in cold bleak pastures. When cold, they inhale more oxygen; the result is a combustion of more of the carbon or oily part of the food, and less remains to supply the lacteal vessels with rich milk.

Who calls his father "The old man?" Here he is. You would know him at a glance. He is so afraid that he will be classed a boy, that he must tell of his old man, which signifies that he has charge of affairs now, and the father is a secondary personage. If there is anything I thoroughly despise, it is to hear parents disrespectfully spoken of; but I never heard of a boy speaking of his father in such terms without a strong desire to laugh at the comical picture before me. "Great I" is sitting down, he throws his head back, and talks of what he advised the old man to do. And when he tries so hard to look self-possessed, as if he had always been a man himself, that he overdoes the matter entirely. I can but think of a baby rooster in its first attempt at a cock-a-doodle-doing. If young men, and would be young men, knew how perfectly disgusting, as well as ridiculous and disrespectful they appear in calling their fathers the old man, they would discontinue the shameful practice. And they would find that when they respected others, they themselves would be respected.

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Miscellaneous Items.

There is the greatest coward about snakes up in Calhoun, that lives in America. He came from the East last spring, and bought a farm, and for the first six months in the country, he hardly slept two hours a night. He had a fine patch of oats on his farm, but he was afraid to cradle it. One day he concluded he'd take a look to see if there were many snakes in the patch; so he got his old horse, and after leading him through the gap, and laying up the fence to keep the logs out, he took an old scythe in his hand to fight with in case of an attack, mounted the horse and struck out into the oats, holding up both legs as high as possible. He hadn't gone far when he saw a winal rig big snake slipping along the oats after him. Away he went round and round the patch, and away went the snake, right along with him; sometimes on one side, and sometimes on the other; sometimes behind and sometimes before. He couldn't get out of the lot because the fence was up, and as the snake kept constantly with him, there was no chance but to leave the old horse, and try to keep out of its way. He went it that way till every stalk of his oats was trampled down, and until the horse was just about dead, when he discovered that he had been running from the shadow of his scythe snake!

Upon one occasion Queen Victoria was in the sulks with her royal spouse, and like a sensible fellow, Prince Albert, to avoid his good Queen's black looks, had betaken himself to the seclusion of his library, and locked himself in. "Ere long there was a knock at his door. 'Who's there?' inquired the prince. 'The Queen of England,' was responded. 'I am engaged,' the prince answered. Off went the offended Queen, but only again to return and summon her lord. 'Who's there?' The answer was this time modified to 'The Queen.' 'I cannot be seen by the Queen.' Again the increased lady retired. After a considerable lapse of time, the prince again heard a tap at his door, and with some irritation demanded, 'Who's there?' 'Your wife,' was the gentle response. Prince Albert immediately replied 'To my wife I am always accessible,' and the door was immediately thrown open to receive his regal spouse.

Dean Swift said, with much truth, "It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into. The best argument will be thrown away upon a fool." There is a village in Michigan where the church-bell is rung every day at twelve o'clock, for the people to take their quinine, as they have the chills and fever all around.

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