

Reasonable Hints for the Farm.

CLOVER AND GRASS SEED.—There is no better crop to sow than barley, the Agriculturalist tells us. Six quarts of clover and four of timothy is the quantity per acre. Sow before the land is rolled. We have frequently sown a peck of clover seed per acre with oats with success in every case, but never used more than two and one-half bushels of oats for seed. With this thin seeding the clover is not smothered, and in good ground the oats will be heavy enough. Grass and clover may be sown alone upon fine mellow soil, and if the ground is rich, may yield a cutting of hay in June or July. Orchard grass succeeds well in this way. A broom's broadcast sower will sow four acres with grass, clover, etc. in an hour.

BARLEY.—A warm, dry, rich loam is the best barley soil, but a clay soil, if well mellowed and dry, will bring a good crop. Sow two bushels per acre, with the drill, as fast as the land is plowed and harrowed, but if broadcast, use half a bushel more of seed, and harrow. Roll after sowing in either case, or when the barley is two inches high. Either the two-rowed or six-rowed may be sown; the first is the heavier, and the latter higher priced in the market.

OATS.—Soils that are moist, or newly plowed sod, should be sown to oats in preference to barley. Sow two and one-half bushels of seed as early as possible. No crop needs a more frequent cutting of seed than oats if heavy grain is desired. New seed should be brought from a cold climate; that from Canada, New Brunswick, or Scotland, is to be preferred.

FODDER CROPS.—Barley and vetches, or oats and peas, may be sown in succession every ten or fourteen days up to May, for cutting green. For the dairy there are no more valuable crops; two and one-half bushels of barley or oats, and one and one-half of vetches or peas, may be sown with the drill or plowed in with a three-inch furrow. It is difficult to cover peas with the harrow. If allowed to ripen, the cured straw and grain makes excellent winter feed, when cut into chaff, for horses, cows, sheep, or hogs.

HARROWING WINTER WHEAT.—There is no harrow so well adapted to this useful work as the Thomas harrow. The wheat is greatly benefited, and the grass and clover seed sown is more likely to catch.

ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS.—We must use no more artificial fertilizers, or farming cannot pay as it ought to do. As farms become worth more, more working capital is required, and the chief need of this is to provide good fertilizers. The value of fertilizers is now well understood. They must be applied early and with the seed. For barley, oats, clover, and grass, apply one hundred and fifty pounds of superphosphate of lime, and one hundred of nitrate of soda, per acre. Sow them, finely powdered, broadcast—half each way, to get an even spread—as soon as the seed is covered. The first rain will carry them into the soil. Let those who doubt, experiment upon one acre.

PLASTER.—Sow one bushel per acre upon young clover or oats, as soon as the growth is started. Seymour's broadcast sower, costing about seventy dollars, will sow a bushel or less upon an acre with perfect regularity; it also sows all other fine fertilizers broadcast. It always pays to use plaster at ten dollars a ton, or forty cents a bushel.

PASTURES.—Harrow old pastures with a sharp-toothed, heavy harrow, scatter some fresh seed and two hundred pounds of fine bone-flour per acre over them, or give them a dressing of fine, well-rotted yard manure. A few bushels of lime and one of salt will be useful.

POTATOES.—Early potatoes should be planted as soon as the oats and barley are in. Cover not less than four inches deep, and harrow the ground as soon as the smallest weed appears. Harrow again, if the Thomas harrow is used, after they are up; the plants will be torn up or injured. Look out for the Colorado potato beetle; hand-pick unless they are in too great force; as a last resort, dust Paris green mixed with twenty parts of flour from a flour dredger upon the vines, keeping the wind always to the back so as to blow the dust from you; or a tablespoonful stirred in a pailful of water, applied with a sprinkler. Take them as soon as the first one is seen, and give them no chance to multiply.

The Effects of Poison.

A man named Walker, living in Brooklyn, suffered from a nervous disease, and was recommended by his physician to take a drug. He did so, and noted the effect as follows:

At ten minutes past four in the afternoon took fifty minims Squibb's fluid extract of opium; at twenty minutes to five, effects—very decided dizziness, relaxation of muscles and limbs; fifty minims more then taken, difficulty of walking immediately, and want of power to control movements; forced to lie down, but no mitigation of spasms; limbs and legs weak; unable to hold up head; speech thickening some; pain and heaviness in top and back part of head; pulse fifty-six; at quarter past five took fifty drops; some nausea, some tremor at base of collar-bone and in muscles across the chest, no diminution of spasms about the eyes, nor of photophobia (dilatation of light); at twenty-five minutes past five, drowsiness, inclined to sleep; at twenty minutes to six, eyes difficult to open, speech difficult, fullness in throat, prostration nearly complete, diplopia (double sight) vastly increased; at ten minutes past six, nausea, twitchings on right side, unable to articulate, eyes closed, fullness almost to suffocation in the throat, pulse about sixty.

At this part of the narrative Mr. Walker cried out frantically for water, and his wife ran for some coffee. (He had returned her husband was dead. He had died of paralysis of the spinal cord.

A religious monthly of Chicago is edited by a mixed staff of presbyters—Independent, a Congregationalist, an Episcopalian, a Methodist and a Baptist.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Interesting Items from Home and Abroad.

Dr. Henry Foster, Prince-Bishop of Breslau, has been appointed to resign his bishopric because he promulgated the Papal encyclical against the encyclical of the Vatican. In reply to a query of General Angur's, the commander of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, states that Mexicans have burned ranches and robbed and killed inhabitants near Corpus Christi, and that he has sent all his mounted force in pursuit. The Paris Unifere publishes a Papal encyclical renewing the excommunication pronounced against the old Catholics of Switzerland, and concurring the authorities for protecting them. For the year ending December 31, 1874, the excess of exports over imports was \$45,969,497, while for the corresponding period of 1873 the excess exceeded the imports by only \$2,822,273. While Col. S. C. Holland, of Columbus, Ga., and Lieut. of Mobile and New York, was talking to W. L. Cash, captain of police, a difficulty arose, and Cash shot Holland through the head. The latter died in five minutes. Cash was arrested. Wm. Flanagan, of Harlem, N. Y., while intoxicated, clubbed his wife to death. Two grocers were fined \$50 each in New York, for selling adulterated milk. W. G. Greaves and Dr. E. B. Sparhan, on trial at Brockville, Ontario, for murder in procuring the abortion of Miss Sophie E. Bernham on December 28 last, have been committed to be hanged on June 23. Greaves was the girl's seducer, and accompanied her to Dr. Sparhan's office. P. T. Barnum, the showman, has received the Republican nomination for Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.

There are serious differences between Don Carlos and the Carlist chief of the province of Navarre. The Paris Bien Public says the Emperor of Brazil proposes to abdicate in favor of his daughter, the Countess d'Eu, and make his home in the United States. The trial of the Guikwar of Baroda, on the charge of attempting to poison the British resident at his court, resulted in the disagreement of the commission before which the case was tried. Resolutions ordering three separate and distinct inquiries into the canal frauds were passed by the Canal board, the Senate and the Assembly of New York State. The Governor of Texas has appealed to the President for aid to suppress the outrages perpetrated by Mexicans on the Texas border, and the Secretary of War has telegraphed the commanding officer of the Department of Texas to use every effort to prevent further raids. James H. Ingersoll, sentenced November 28, 1873, to five years' imprisonment for forgery in the second degree, has been pardoned by Governor Tilden, of New York. Ingersoll was connected with the Tammany ring.

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The Winter Death Rate.

Everywhere, from Shreveport, La., to Stockholm, in Northern Europe, a sudden increase in the death rate marks the continuance, and follows in the wake of the winter of 1874-5. Dr. Elisha Harris, registrar of vital statistics for New York city, in speaking of the past winter in cities from which he receives weekly returns of deaths, said: "The mortality has been fearful in every section on account of the great changes from the normal state of the weather. The only other winter which at all compares with it is that of 1835-36. The past season has been especially heavy in deaths from pneumonia and other pulmonary diseases. The weather has been very cold, and also saturated with moisture at all times. When the thermometer did not indicate any specially low temperature, the skin and mucous membranes of the lungs, throat and other passages suffered on account of the humidity of the atmosphere. In New York city the total percentage of deaths will be from twelve to fifteen per cent. additional, and in the special classes of diseases most fatal the ratio has been doubled. Fever cases have been very rare. Typhoid has been almost a matter of chance. In diphtheria the mortality has assumed the virulence of an epidemic. Our reports from Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Liverpool, Dublin, Vienna, and Hamburg all show that this particular class of disease have been specially fatal there. Paris has been more fortunate, owing to the admirable sanitary regulations in force there. The greatest percentage of fatal cases outside of those of children are of persons over sixty years of age and who have been hard drinkers. I do not mean drunkards alone, but those who have been in the habit of taking strong liquors, and they are not poor people alone. In these persons the mucous membrane of the throat is weakened and cannot resist the double attack of a cold atmosphere heavily laden with moisture. The effects of this winter have not stopped yet, by any means. I should estimate that about as many as have already succumbed will date their death sickness from colds contracted during the recent cold spell. For the next fifteen years consumption will carry off persons whose lungs were first affected during this winter.

number of Spanish soldiers slain by the *novada* since the Cuban war began is twenty-fold that which has fallen by native steel and lead. Governor Porter, of Tennessee, has pardoned ex-State Senator McKenna, who was only a few weeks ago sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for marrying his former wife grand-daughter. Many of the volunteers arriving in Cuba from Spain are *Castles prisoners*, after being captured, prefer Cuba to home prisons. A destructive fire with loss of life occurred at Buffalo, N. Y. McCarty, recently arrested in Texas charged with counterfeiting, has been the means of sending over two hundred persons to the penitentiary for disposing of his bogus money. United States Minister Woodburne is trying to get the French people interested in the Centennial, but has had hard work of it, as Frenchmen do not take to exhibitions to any great extent. Since the issue of General Cabrera's manifesto to the Carlist 244 officers have left the region of Don Carlos and entered France. Of these nine were generals. A terrible case of fanaticism is now undergoing investigation in Cuba. A mother believing she was acting by the orders of the spirits, tore out the eyes of her son, and afterward attempted to tear out her own. She died openly, as a solemn sacrifice, in the presence of the other women of the family, who prayed in a loud voice while it was going on. All the parties have been arrested, and are now on trial. A discussion between two miners on the labor question at Padville (Pa.) resulted in a fight, in which one of them named Patrick Slavin was killed. In the Cincinnati charter election the Democrats were successful by majorities ranging from 1,000 to 6,000. At the Annapolis (Md.) election a riot took place, at which a number of persons were badly hurt. P. T. Barnum, the showman, was elected mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., at the late election. The supposed yellow fever at Key West is believed by physicians to have been another disease. The new Canadian postal law takes effect from the 1st of May instead of the 1st of August as originally anticipated. The steam boiler of the Delano iron works, Syracuse (N. Y.), exploded, killing one man and seriously injuring several others. At a meeting of the stockholders of the American Steamship Company at Philadelphia the annual report was read, showing that the receipts for the past year had exceeded the ordinary expenses by \$147,900. James H. Ingersoll, sentenced November 28, 1873, to five years' imprisonment for forgery in the second degree, has been pardoned by Governor Tilden, of New York. Ingersoll was connected with the Tammany ring.

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