

Farmers' Column.

From the Rural Carolinian. A FEW HINTS ON PLANTING TREES.

It seems a very simple thing to plant a tree, and almost every farmer thinks he knows how to do it, but it is seldom well done.

1. Plant young trees, both in your orchards and gardens. They cost less in actual price, in freight, and in planting than older trees.

2. Be careful, where a choice is allowed you, in your choice of soils. A sandy soil is leachy, contains no moisture, and is liable to drought.

3. Let the land be well drained. Never plant where there is the remotest chance for water to settle and stand near the surface.

4. When you are ready to plant, hitch up two teams. Let the first plough to the depth of one foot, a strip six feet or more wide.

5. Mix with the earth, before it is returned to the hole and is placed around the roots of the tree, a good compost of ashes, well-rotted stable manure, and chip manure mixed together.

6. If any of the roots are mutilated or bruised, pare them off with a sharp knife to prevent decay; cut them back on the under side until you reach the sound wood.

7. Mulching is almost indispensable. The earth should rise like a small mound toward the trunk of the tree, and over this should be a mulch two inches deep of hay, half-decomposed manure, sawdust, or tan-bark.

A Remedy for Cut-Worms and Wire-Worms.

Conversing with an old farmer a few years ago on this subject, he told me that he was in the habit of soaking his seed corn in strong brine—meat pickle would answer—and that corn thus treated was never injured by worms.

tell once of some peach trees he once had in his yard, which were badly injured by the borer.

PEACH RAISING.

From a report of the committee of one of the New Jersey Agricultural Societies, who visited Delaware, are gathered the following in relation to the requisites of peach culture:

1. To prepare thoroughly, clear and enrich the soil for planting. 2. To give plenty of room, or plant 25 or 30 feet apart.

3. Not to shorten in the branches. 4. To do a great deal of work among the trees—plowing, harrowing, cultivating and allowing no grass or weeds.

INTELLIGENCE OF COWS.

The London Milk Journal says:—That cows have memory, language, signs, and the means of enjoying pleasant associations, combining for aggressive purposes, has been recognized, but scarcely to the extent the subject merits.

VALUE OF ACORNS.

Perhaps it may not be generally known, says a California paper, that acorns command a good price—twenty dollars per ton—in Stockton, and quite a profitable business has been done by several parties gathering acorns and disposing of them at that price.

An ingenious Yankee was before the Postmaster General, the other day, with a postage stamp that had on its adhesive side a paste of choice candy.

To Southern Teachers and Parents

A CARD FROM GEN. GORDON.

My excuse for addressing you must be the great importance of the subject to which I would call attention—that of the proper education of our children, and the proper development of their self-respect and character.

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