

SOUTHERN FARM NOTES.

TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE PLANTER, STOCKMAN AND TRUCK GROWER.

Grasses and Forage Plants.

Bulletin 93 of the South Carolina Station is on "Grasses and Forage Plants." H. Benton, the author, says what he has written is based upon experiments and close observation for twelve years. Among the forage crops treated are cowpeas, which Home and Farm has, for many years, done so much to bring to profitable cultivation.

The writer says: The cowpea is unquestionably the best summer growing legume for the South. It is perfectly adapted to our soils and climate.

There are a very large number of named varieties of cowpeas, and new ones are constantly appearing, due to variations in habit of growth, color of leaf, stem, pod and the color and size of the seed; or its physiological characteristics. The most important variety recently developed is the Iron, which is wilt resisting on our commonly called "pea sick lands." As soon as some variety has attained sufficient local adaptation, a name is given to it, and sooner or later the supposed new variety is placed upon the market. In this way one variety may be cultivated in a dozen different localities under as many names, or a dozen different varieties may bear the same name. We have at present thirty-one so-called varieties growing. I have no doubt but that when they are carefully compared and notes completed, that the so-called varieties will be reduced at least twenty-five per cent.

Almost any land will grow cowpeas, but like other economic plants the richer the land the larger the crop, when grown for hay; frequently rich lands fail to produce anything like a fair crop of peas. Many of our sandy and silty soils are so-called "pea sick," on which all varieties except the Iron are attacked by a fungus. Drainage seems to have no effect on the appearance of the disease, as damage from wilt is as great on well drained high soils as on low soils which are not well drained. Comparatively little wilt is known on our Southern soils, which contain an abundance of clay. The past season is the first time I have noticed the wilt appearing in the Piedmont region. Then it did not attack the well established varieties, only some recent crosses which had not become well established. The wilt is at present much less severe on loam and clay soils, and so far as my observation goes, is largely confined to the coast and lower pine belt regions. In many localities the plants wilt so badly that it is unprofitable to attempt to grow any other variety than the Iron. This variety is a compact, vigorous grower of medium size, somewhat trailing in its habits, but less so than the Unknown. The foliage is dark green, possessing a peculiar bluish luster that distinguishes this variety from others. It is of the clay type. It holds its leaves under adverse conditions of drought and disease better than any other varieties. It remains green up to frost, even if plants contain many ripe pods.

The cowpea has various uses in Southern agriculture. It is used extensively as a catch crop on truck or grain lands; is used as a full season crop for the purpose of improving the soil; for hay and for the seed. The seed of some varieties is used to supply the table. The inferior varieties are used extensively for stock food.

The preparation of soil for cowpeas depends upon the season at which they are planted. If planted early in the spring and it is desired that they should occupy the land the entire summer, the soil should be well prepared and fertilized with 200 or 400 pounds of acid phosphates and 100 to 200 pounds kainit per acre. If planted in corn, they may be planted in the siding furrows late in the season, and cultivated in the operation of cultivating the middles; or they may be sown broadcast before the last cultivation and worked in. If sown after grain, the most economical method is to sow the peas on the stubble and cross disc them in. I have harvested as good crops of hay after the latter method as when the land was plowed.

The amount of seed to plant depends upon the use to which they are to be put. If for seed, they should be planted in rows about three feet apart and seven to twelve peas planted every eighteen inches; this will take about one-half bushel seed per acre. If planted as a catch crop, or for hay, it is generally better to plant them broadcast at the rate of one to two bushels per acre.

Cowpeas make excellent silage, but are somewhat difficult to haul and pass through a silage cutter in the green state, owing to their usual tangled condition. I have seen as bright and free of mould silage produced from peas as from any other plant.

The chief use of cowpeas in the South is for the purpose of soil improvement and for hay. The yield of hay depends upon the fertility of the soil on which it is grown, varying from one-half to three tons cured hay per acre. When grown for hay, it is gen-

erally better to sow a few sorghum or corn seed with the peas so the stalks will support the pea vines, rendering them easier to cut with mowers. There are many methods used in curing peas and close observation for twelve years. The two most commonly used are: First, setting up poles, nailed across pieces on the vines around them and throwing the vines around them while green; second, letting the vines wilt thoroughly after being cut, raking into windrows, then throwing into small, loose cocks, and as they dry, throw them into larger cocks. Both methods have their advantages. The former will save the hay in almost any season, but it is rather expensive. The latter is less expensive, but will not save the hay in rainy seasons. The length of time the vines are allowed to remain in the swath, windrows, cocks, etc., and the method of curing, are problems that must be determined by the climatic conditions at the time. The rule is to allow them to remain in the swath as short a time as possible consistent with good curing. An order that the leaves may fall off as little as possible.

Acclimation of Corn.

Other things being equal, it is not wise generally to import corn from a distance, especially a different latitude, because it will not, as a general rule, yield satisfactory returns until it has become thoroughly acclimated, which usually requires from two to three or more years. We have had many striking instances of this fact in our tests of varieties of corn brought from the Northwestern States. None of these varieties have done very well with us, although they are the most prolific ones in the Northwest. This is the reason that it is urged in another part of this series of articles that the history of all seed corn purchased be ascertained from the dealer. Neither is it prudent to buy seed corn that was grown in the extreme South, for it, being accustomed to a longer growing period than we have in North Carolina, will be liable to be caught by frost, and thereby give a diminished yield of immature grain, especially if it fall comes early. The small yield of the Northwestern corn, on the other hand, being accustomed to a shorter growing period than we have is forced to maturity at an earlier period than is conducive to the largest yields in our climate.

In our experiments we have gotten the higher yields of shelled corn per acre from the white than from the yellow varieties of corn. This greater yield may be due to the fact that the Southern people, being partial as a general rule, to white corns, have improved them more than they have the yellow varieties. From the standpoint of chemical composition, the yellow corns are no richer in feeding value than the white corns, which fact is contrary to a common belief prevalent in this and other States. The only difference in the two is that there is coloring matter present in the kernels of the yellow corn which is not found in the kernels of white varieties of corn.—By C. B. Williams and B. W. Kilgore, of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

How to Handle Ducklings.

Feed after thirty-six hours boiled eggs chopped fine for first two or three feeds. Allow no water until first feed. About third day feed bran and corn meal mixed in crumbly state with sweet milk with a little meat meal; to this add a good portion of clean sand, mixing thoroughly. After the first week the above ration can be improved on by adding cut green clover, onion tops, lettuce, or in fact, anything green that would be palatable. Never allow the old duck to "carry" the duckling, as she would run their legs off or drown them in no time. Put her in a coop for a day or two and she will be ready to go back to the flock.

After the ducks are two or three days old it is a good plan to make a little run in some quiet spot near the house where they can be watched, placing a box in the run arranged so they can hover under it.

Cultivating Sugar Cane.

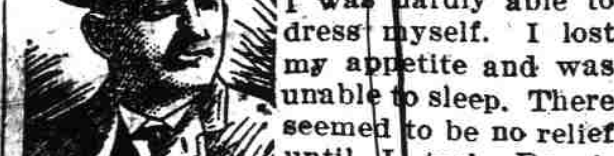
The sugar cane has no main root, but like all grasses possesses a great number of fine rootlets; these spread to a great distance and to a considerable depth in suitable soil. The results would be of considerable interest and value if planters would make a series of observations on the range of the roots of the sugar cane. In good soil the majority of the rootlets reach a depth of about two feet; a smaller number extending even to four or five feet; in moderately well tilled soil the roots grow downwards until they reach the layer of soil but little disturbed by cultivation, and then spread laterally, so that the depth to which the roots descend in a stiff soil depends on the depth of the tillage.

ALL BROKEN DOWN:

No Sleep—No Appetite—Just a Continual Backache.

Joseph McCauley, of 144 Sholto street, Chicago, Sacher of Tecumseh Lodge, says: "Two years ago my health was completely broken down. My back ached and was so lame that at times I was hardly able to dress myself. I lost my appetite and was unable to sleep. There seemed to be no relief until I took Doan's Kidney Pills. Four boxes of this remedy effected a complete and permanent cure. If suffering humanity knew the value of Doan's Kidney Pills they would use nothing else, as it is the only positive cure I know."

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"No tongue can tell how I suffered for five years with a terribly painful, itching and bleeding eczema, my body and face being covered with sores. Never in my life did I experience such awful suffering, and I longed for death, which I felt was near. I had tried doctors and medicines without success, but my mother insisted that I try Cuticura. I felt better after the first bath with Cuticura Soap, and one application of Cuticura Ointment, and was soon entirely well. (Signed) Mrs. A. Etson, Bellevue, Mich."

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A Few Instances.

"Has it ever happened in your professional experience that an innocent man was sent to prison?" was asked of a Boston criminal lawyer. "It has," was the prompt reply. "I was just figuring on that yesterday. Of the 400 criminal cases I have defended about fifty of my clients were convicted and sent up." "And they were innocent?" "They must have been. When I have appealed a case to the last court, wept while addressing the jury, talked of the man's dear old mother and as good as proved an alibi in his case the jury must have rendered a verdict of guilty simply through ignorance or stupidity."

Had a Derelict in Tow.

Admiral Evans one day noticed two sailors in earnest confab. One of them was imparting information to his companion of a very agreeable nature, judging from his beaming countenance.

The admiral, in relating the incident, says the manner of the speaker amused him very much. As he passed by the mate raised his voice, with the unmistakable intention of being overheard, saying to his companion: "I mean to give up this seafaring life when my time is out. I am going to marry a rich widow woman, the derelict of a butcher."

HONEST CONFESION.

A Doctor's Talk on Food.

There are no fairer set of men on earth than the doctors, and when they find they have been in error they are usually apt to make honest and manly confession of the fact.

A case in point is that of an eminent practitioner, one of the good old school, who lives in Texas. His plain, unvarnished tale needs no dressing up:

"I had always had an intense predilection, which I can now see was unwarrantable and unreasonable, against all much advertised foods. Hence, never read a line of the many 'ads' of Grape-Nuts, nor tested the food till last winter.

"While in Corpus Christi for my health, and visiting my youngest son, who has four of the roughest, healthiest little boys I ever saw, I ate my first dish of Grape-Nuts food for supper with my little grandsons. I became exceedingly fond of it and have eaten a package of it every week since, and find it a delicious, refreshing and strengthening food, leaving no ill effects whatever, causing no eructations (with which I was formerly much troubled), no sense of fullness, nausea, no distress of stomach in any way.

"There is no other food that agrees with me so well, or sits so lightly or pleasantly upon my stomach as this does. I am stronger and more active since I began the use of Grape-Nuts than I have been for ten years, and am no longer troubled with nausea and indigestion." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

Book-keepers are merely figureheads in the business.

The motto of some men is, "Give me liberty or give me debt."

A man's most distant relatives are those who have the most money.

Most women would rather patch up a quarrel than darn their stockings.

Many a good name has been given the tar and feather degree by idle gossip.

If a man is unable to keep his word he can find plenty more in the dictionary.

When money talks to the most of us it is the other end of a long-distance phone.

When a married man laughs in his sleep his wife imagines he is dreaming that he is a bachelor.

There are a few rising young men in this world, but the majority keep their seats in a crowded car.

Owing to the high price of wool, the wolf finds it rather expensive masquerading in sheep's clothing.

There is mighty little poetry in raising a family of ten.

A man is so unreasonable he would rather pay doctor's bills than milliners' bills.

Twins are like having pneumonia when you expected to go to a baseball game.

The devil could get a very big salary if he would come up and live in New York.

You can generally tell when a girl has been kissed before by the way she pretends she hasn't.

Heaven has no interests in the church that has no interest in humanity.

You can make a man so mad he can't see by telling him how everybody admires the ability of one of his friends.

If you would knock a stubborn man down instead of stopping to argue with him you would save a lot of wind and much valuable time.

When a woman has a birthday after she has counted the presents she hasn't time to count the years.

A man hardly ever knows enough to pretend to think his wife knows more than she does.

Praise comes to the man who waits for it—under six feet of earth.

Isn't the rent a man pays that keeps him moving?

Some people live in the shadow because they don't approve of the spots on the sun.

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It's a poor grace that doesn't make a man gracious.

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MISS JULIA MARLOW. Heartily Approves of Peruna For the Nerves.

In a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., Miss Julia Marlowe, of New York City, writes the following:

"I am glad to write my endorsement of the great remedy, Peruna, as a nerve tonic. I do so most heartily."—Julia Marlowe.

Nervousness is very common among women. This condition is due to anemic nerve centres. The nerve centres are the reservoirs of nervous vitality. These centres become bloodless for want of proper nutrition. This is especially true in the spring season. Every spring a host of invalids are produced as the direct result of weak nerves. This can be easily obviated by using Peruna. Peruna strikes at the root of the difficulty by correcting the digestion. Digestion furnishes nutrition for the nerve centres. Properly digested food furnishes these reservoirs of life with vitality which leads to strong, steady nerves and thus nourishes life. Peruna is in great favor among women, especially those who have vocations that are trying to the nerves.

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Odds and Ends.

J. Morgan Smith and wife, brother-in-law and sister, respectively, of "Nan" Patterson, the chorus girl accused of the murder of "Caesar" Young by shooting in a cab, who are wanted in New York as witnesses and also on the charge of conspiracy to extort money from Young, decided to abandon all further resistance to extradition from Cincinnati. The trial of "Nan"