

AGRICULTURAL.



"He that by the plough would thrive, Himself must either hold or drive."

Watering Horses.

Horses should never be kept so long without water that they will drink largely when they get it. Give it to them often, and they will never injure themselves with it. Nothing is more common than to hitch a team to the plough, and make them work a half-day without a drop. What man would submit to such treatment? If the plough is started at seven in the morning, water should be given again before ten, and again in the afternoon, by four o'clock. Even if half an hour is thus consumed, more work will be done in a day. The objection that a horse on the road should not be "loaded with water," is not valid. A horse weighing 1,200 pounds will not be much incumbered additionally by twenty pounds of water, while the distension will give him additional strength. Every farmer knows that when he himself undertakes to lift a large log or heavy stone, he can do more by first inflating himself with air, and not infrequently he loosens a button or two from his pantaloons in the operation. Some degree of inflation by water will add to a horse's strength in a similar manner. In driving a horse on the road at a natural gait of nine or ten miles an hour, I have frequently had occasion to observe that he was laboring with perspiration until I let him drink freely, when he ceased to sweat and evidently traveled more freely. Don't be afraid to give your horse water; the danger is in making them abstain too long, in which case care is needed.—Country Gentleman.

CAUSE OF RUST IN WHEAT.

The close and long continued analytical researches of Mr. Sprengle led to the conclusion that an excess of iron salts, and especially of the phosphate of iron, greatly favors the growth of red rust on the leaves and culms of wheat and other cereals. A soil in the vicinity of Brunswick that did not lack drainage, but time was remarkable for growing wheat and barley, always attacked and generally blighted by rust. A quantity of this soil was taken into a field generally free from this often ruinous parasite, to form an artificial soil fifteen inches in depth. Wheat planted in this was badly rusted, while that grown all around it, in the same field, was free from the malady. There was something in the soil peculiarly favorable to the fungus which stains one's clothing as red as bog iron ore itself. Low ground in which salts of iron collect in excess is generally recognized as being very subject to rust. Drainage is a partial remedy and no more. Dr. Sprengle found on analysis a fraction over a half per cent. of the phosphate of iron in the soil under consideration, with only a trace of lime uncombined with silicic acid. As free lime will take phosphoric acid away from iron, and indirectly convert iron into the harmless peroxide, and at the same time produce the valuable fertilizer, phosphate of lime, liming was prescribed and the cure was perfect. Here is a plain case where the analysis of a soil by a competent expert detected the source of a great and permanent evil, and transformed, as by magic, a mineral poison into a plant food of inestimable value. To chemists analyses by skillful chemists is shallow quackery—a weed that finds too much favor with American farmers.—Rural New Yorker.

SAVE THE DEAD LEAVES.

If every horticulturist and farmer would think for a moment on the nature of fallen leaves—which contain not only the vegetable matter, but the earthy salts, lime, potash, etc., needed for the next season's growth and fertility—and that, too, readily in the proportion required by the very tree and plant from which they fall; nay, more, if they would consider that it is exactly in this way, by the fallen leaves, that nature enriches the soil, year after year, in her great forests, it would hardly be possible for such a reflect-

ing horticulturist or farmer to allow these leaves to be swept away by every wind that blows, and finally lost altogether. Nor would he give them away, as many do. He would rather collect from week to week, the leaves that fall under each tree, and by digging them under the soil about the root, where they will decay, provide in the cheapest manner the best possible food for the tree. If this plan should be tried we would not see old orchards dying out for the want of nourishment, but they would, in this simple manner, receive all the enriching they required. Pear trees, and doubtless the peach, would be greatly benefited by this procedure.

In certain vineyards in France and Italy, the vines are kept in the highest condition by simply burying at their roots every leaf and branch that is pruned off, or falls from the vines at the close of the season. Will not some of our farmers of inquiring minds give this single process a trial this season?

It is a well known fact, that no manure is more eagerly sought for by florist that leaf manure. It enters largely into the compost prepared for potting. Leaves collected and mixed with barn-yard manure, greatly enhance its value. Therefore gather up the leaves that nothing may be lost.

PROTECT TREES FROM RABBITS.

Thousands of trees are injured every fall and winter, by rabbits. The loss to farmers and fruit growers by their depredations, is immense. Many resolve, when they see their losses, that they will guard against them in the future; but when the autumn returns, other cares press upon them, and the rabbits are forgotten till other trees are ruined. It is painful to see a fine, young tree, well established in the orchard, destroyed by these pests. It is an easy matter to guard against them. They have an aversion to animal matter. It the bark of the tree is smeared with it, they will not molest it. Consequently, about the middle of November if farmers will take a piece of liver, or flesh of any kind, or blood, and rub the bodies of the trees, for a foot and a half high, and then repeat the operation about the middle of January, not a tree will be touched. This is the cheapest and best.

CUTTING TIMBER TO LAST.

Mr. Skinner, an experienced farmer of Herkimer county, New York, recently stated before the Little Falls Farmers' Club that he always cut timber when it was frozen, in order that it might last a long time without decay. He was aware that other seasons of the year were recommended. He had tried all seasons, and with a number of varieties of wood, and no timber lasted so well as that cut in winter, when the timber was frozen. He said a hemlock-stick used as a stringer for bridges would last longer when the bark was left on. He had observed it often, and gave as a reason that the bark kept the wood moist. He thought the best timber for sills or for building purposes was red elm; next in order was oak, white elm, and red beach. For pins the raves of wood sleds, and bolsters to wagons, there was no timber he preferred to red elm.

DEEP PLOWING.

The Commissioner of the Agricultural Bureau at the city of Washington, lately announced experiments made by that institution have demonstrated the great importance of deep plowing. The commissioner says that an increase of one inch in the depth of cultivated soil through the United States, would add one-sixth to the total agricultural products of the country, which would be equal to many millions of dollars.

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Town Ordinances.

- 1. Be it ordained by the Commissioners of Rutherford County, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that a tax be and the same is hereby laid of 15 cents on each One Hundred Dollars worth of real taxable property within the limits of said Town, for the year 1868, according to the assessment of 1868. 2. Be it further ordained that persons liable to pay tax within the limits of said Town, shall deliver to the Town Mayor on or before the 15th day of May, 1868, a list of all real taxable property for which they may be liable. Any person failing to render such list shall be liable to a double tax, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to enforce this ordinance strictly according to Law. 3. Be it further ordained, That all the male citizens within the corporate limits of said Town, liable by law to work on public roads, and they are hereby required to work on the public streets and roads in the corporate limits of said Town six days in the year or for so long a time as the Mayor may direct, if they fail. Provided, That in the discretion of the Mayor such service may be rendered by substitute. 4. Be it further ordained, That the Mayor shall have power to divide the lands liable to work on the streets and roads into companies, and order them to work on the streets or roads at any time or place he may deem necessary.—Provided, That he cannot require them to work more than six days in the year. 5. Be it further ordained, That any person who shall ride or lurch any horse, or other animal, on the sidewalks of the streets of the Town shall forfeit and pay a fine of One Dollar for the first and Two Dollars for each additional offence, to be collected and expended as other taxes for improvement of the Town. 6. Be it further ordained, That a tax of Twenty-Five Dollars be and is hereby levied on all retailers of Spirituous Liquors in quantities less than five gallons. Provided the sale of liquors by regular Physicians, strictly for medicinal purposes, shall be excepted from the operation of this ordinance. 7. Be it further ordained, That a tax of Five Dollars be laid upon all itinerant persons not residents of said county, who shall offer for sale any Goods, Wares or Merchandise within the limits of said Town. 8. Be it further ordained, That a tax of Ten Dollars be imposed for an exhibition of Shows, Gaudy Lanterns, or other exhibitions for pay, for each day or night shown or exhibited within the corporation. 9. Be it further ordained, That a fine of One Dollar be and is hereby imposed on all persons who shall discharge fire arms of any kind with the incorporation, except that portion of said incorporation lying east of the branch, east of said Town. J. M. JUSTICE, J. M. A. D. K. WALLACE, Clerks.

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