

**HAY-MAKING MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM**



Using the One-Horse Cultivator for Cultivating Turnips.

It requires intelligent management to keep all hands busy during the hay harvest without allowing them to be idle at any time and without subjecting any of the hay to unnecessary exposure.

Unlike other farm operations, hay-making cannot be followed along definitely laid-out plans.

Weather is the great controlling factor in hay-making. Hay will not dry in a specified time even without rain. A cool day will not allow hay to dry half as fast as the next day with a warm wind blowing.

Dry ground is a great aid in drying moisture from green hay above it, but if we wait for the dry ground we are apt to be caught by the next storm.

Ordinarily we must begin cutting as soon as one storm has cleared up and we see indications of fair weather.

Every precaution should be used to prevent undue exposure of the hay to dry weather.

The hay tedder hastens the drying to a marvelous degree, especially if the hay has already been caught by the rain in the swath and hay that is heavy and green. A hay tedder will soon pay for itself if rightly used.

The side delivery rake is another valuable implement for stirring the hay as well as gathering it in open windrows in which the drying may go on without causing the leaves to become brittle and fall off. Unless allowed to become too dry, they draw large quantities of moisture from the stems, beside they are the most valuable part of the hay and must go

into the mow in good condition if we are to derive the full feeding value from the hay crop.

Men who are the best feeders of farm stock appreciate this fact and are willing to undertake the extra labor of curing their hay in cocks so that they may obtain its full feeding value.

It seems almost impossible to make good hay from clover and other legumes without curing it in the cock before hauling it to the barn.

All farm work must be carefully planned during the hay harvest. Part of our time is needed in the potato and corn fields. During the catchy weather the weeds grow fast and we must plan to keep ahead of them by employing our hands at this work when they are not busy in the hay field.

We should keep every man busy without cutting down hay when the weather is catchy. In fact one of our greatest problems is to find time for haying at this time of the year.

With our cultivated crops planted late and other farm work demanding the attention we have a full program. It is the time when we must hire extra men or lose a large part of the feeding value of the hay crop.

We prefer to hire the extra men when we can get them. They are hard to find, but we manage to get them somehow.

It is much easier to have the help to push the hay harvest and not fall behind with the other farm work than it is to become all mixed up with our farm work at this time of the year.

**LITTLE LIFTS FOR PRACTICAL FARMER**

Few Excellent Hints That Will Prove of Value in Many Different Places.

Barley straw has the reputation of breeding lice on the cattle; it is also supposed that white cattle are more subject to insect attacks than those of the darker shades.

The Collie is the best known of all sheep dogs. There is a great difference between the working dog and the show Collie, which has been bred so much for the fancy points that it is of but little service in the exacting duties which the sheep dog is called upon to perform.

The mangel is more nutritive as a stock food than the turnip; weight for weight, it contains more dry matter and a higher percentage of sugar.

It is a well recognized principle that all grain crops thrive best in a fine, thoroughly worked seed bed underlaid by a solid substratum.

In the ash of br. there is a large proportion of phosphates, much larger than in the ash of barley or oats.

Carrots are not excelled as a food for the horses. They are particularly refreshing given to a hunter after a hard day over rough country or to a work horse. They are usually fed raw or sliced.

Milk intended to be sent to the factories should be cooled as rapidly as possible to a temperature of about 60 degrees F. The sooner and more thoroughly milk is cooled the longer and better it will keep.

Half-ripened cream churns very slowly—in other words, the butter from it is a long time coming and the yield is not so good as from the properly ripened article.

The bacteria or organisms which cause the souring of cream are most active at temperatures ranging from 80 to 100 degrees F. When the temperature falls much below 60 degrees they become practically dormant.

**Demand for Goat Meat.**

The high price of beef and mutton has sent to New York markets large quantities of goat meat. It gives general satisfaction and the price is from five to seven cents per pound lower than mutton.

**FOR BEAUTIFYING THE HOME GROUNDS**

Bed of Cannas or Border of Caladiums Should Be Given Some Bonemeal.

(By L. M. BENNINGTON.) If you want your bed of cannas or border of caladiums to make a grand tropical showing from now to frost, give them a frost-like covering of bonemeal; then stir the soil, water thoroughly, and mulch with lawn clippings. Do this towards the end of this month, and be sure to remove the fading flowers.

Copy nature by sowing seeds of perennials as they ripen. Provide some sort of shade for the seed bed. A screen made of lath or one of unbleached muslin will answer.

The robust-growing plants will need some sort of support. Let the supports be painted green or oiled to bring out the grain of the wood, and you will find them more pleasing than rough sticks and far more satisfactory. Drive the stakes fast into the earth a little lower than the plants, so that they are inconspicuous.

The plants needing supports are such hardy perennials as Delphiniums, giant foxglove and snapdragons. Do not overlook giving stakes to the dahlias, cosmos, hydranges and gladioli.

To maintain continuous blooming from now until frost, a few perennials must be observed. Make a habit of cutting flowers freely, and remove all the fading blossoms, and nature will reward you with a lavish hand.

After this month, allow the chrysanthemums to grow according to their own will—that is stop pinching them back.

**Work With Pigs.**

Grow the pigs from the start. Don't fatten them, but grow them, put on the muscle, form and bone. Build the frame, the fat can go on later. A fat little pig is in poor condition to grow. You want them smooth, mellow, stretchy, and you will then build a good form.

**Earnings of Farm Labor.**

The earnings of the best class of farm laborers exceed that of the best laborer of the cities on the average.

**IN ANOTHER KEY**



**Most Likely.**

A spiritualist, accompanied by another man who shared the same belief, was walking in a country graveyard one night when one of the men declared he saw a "shadowy form."

"Have you an idea whose ghost it was?" asked the other.

"No, I can't tell you," he replied, "but over yonder there lies a man who had three wives. On the stone of the first there is 'My Wife,' on the second 'My Dear Wife,' and on the third 'My Beloved Wife.' If any ghost does walk hereabouts, I should say it is the first wife's."—Harper's Magazine.

**Enough Said.**

Mrs. Cooke had a new servant and after the first cake she baked the mistress went to the kitchen.

"Della," said Mrs. Cooke, "your cake was very good, but there was not enough nuts in it. When you make another, please remember I like plenty of nuts in the cake."

"Well, mum," replied the girl, "the reason I didn't put more in was because I couldn't crack any more to-day. Indeed mum, an' my jaw hurts yet from them I did crack."—Lippincott's.

**Dangerous Doctor.**

A person who was recently called into court for the purpose of proving the correctness of a doctor's bill was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger.

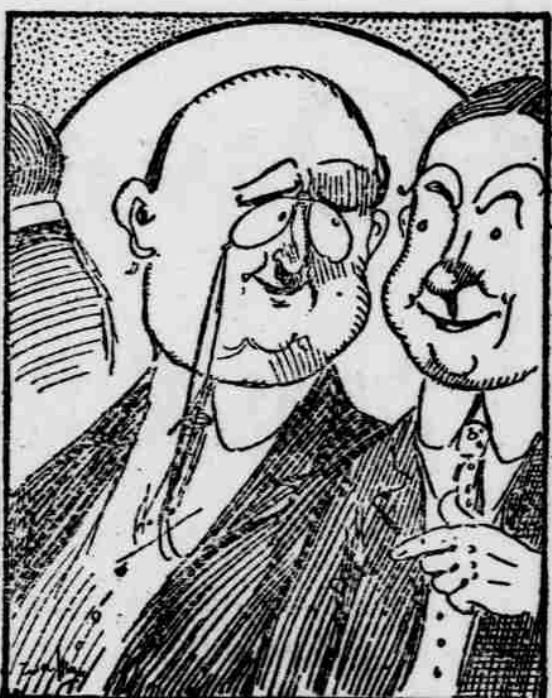
"No," replied the witness. "I considered the patient in danger as long as the doctor continued to visit."

**A Hobbled Sportman.**

"Three Finger Sam says he can beat you playing poker with one hand tied."

"Sam's apologizing. After seeing Sam handle a pack of cards, the boys in Crimson Gulch won't play cards with him except on them precise conditions."

**BUSINESS HABIT.**



"Who is that pushing fellow who is trying so hard to get into our social set?"

"I believe he's the fellow who made a lot of money in the lawn mower business."

**Stingy Thing.**

Will not let him hold her hand; Will not let him kiss her; But when she goes out of town He will hardly miss her.

**A Poor Substitute.**

"How did you enjoy your sojourn in England?"

"I certainly missed baseball."

"They have no substitute for the sport?"

"None that suited me. A friendly chap did offer to take me fox hunting."

**Sure.**

"I wonder why I am getting so bald," said the man who wanted a little free advice.

"Take off your hat," said the doctor.

"Ah, it is very simple," replied the M. D. after a glance. "Your hair is falling out."

**Pent Up Wit.**

First Convict—They say it took Milton fifteen days to write one page of a book.

Second Convict—That's nothing! I've been on one sentence six years, and I'm not through yet.—Judge.

**Always at It.**

"Dobbeday seems to think himself a very important person."

"Why, he can't even stand on a street corner and wait for a trolley car without putting on as many airs as if he were laying a corner-stone."

**Extreme Modesty.**

"Dillbury is a remarkable man."

"In what particular?"

"Well, he's had a motor car for six months now and he doesn't think he knows all there is to know about automobile tires."

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