

Farm Department

Devoted to the Interests of Those Engaged in Agricultural Pursuits. Conducted by J. M. Bealy

A Compost Heap.

Time now, if you have not already done so, to adopt the intensive method by starting the compost heap. If you have never tried one it will pay to do so and thus increase the capacity of your land to produce better crops. I would place my compost heap in some inconspicuous place about the back yard, or barn yard. It may be square or circular in form, and of any size. Six feet in diameter is a good dimension. First, if convenient, I would use a layer of sod as a foundation, and on that build up a heap composed of the various fertilizing wastes of the house and yard. These wastes are of many kinds, and the more they are mixed in the heap the better. From the house come the ashes, which are rich in potash, phosphorus and lime; then there are the kitchen wastes, consisting of the soap-suds from washday, the daily dish water, and all kinds of scraps and offal which cannot be profitably fed directly to the pigs or chickens. From the yard come the leaves raked from the lawn and the dead grass and weeds; the small chips from the wood-pile, and various debris that accumulates about every dwelling. Use plenty of absorbents to prevent fermentation by using sod or simply earth, to be layered in with the various wastes. It will prevent the formation of offensive odors and will result in a much better balanced fertilizer. In putting ashes on the heap, the rule must not be forgotten never to place them in contact with the stable manure, of which latter a layer may occasionally be added. Also careful notice must be taken that enough sod and earth and dry waste be regularly added to thoroughly absorb the liquids. If my first heap becomes too high for convenience I start another. These heaps gradually decompose and form concentrated fertilizer of high value.

After standing for several months I would spade over and form into another heap. And by doing this I thoroughly mix all ingredients, and quicken decomposition and make their strength uniform as a fertilizer. Now I find the compost heap a saving and sanitary method of disposing of the waste products about the house and yard. And compost thus made makes a splendid fertilizer to apply to early garden crops. Its equal in commercial fertilizers would call for quite a large cash outlay, and the compost heap turns the wastes of the farm into money by going to a little trouble; and at the same time you are keeping your back yard and grounds neat and clean and free from unsightly trash and bad odors. So by all means make you a compost heap and utilize the wastes and by-products of your farm.—George R. Proctor, in Southern Ruralist.

Improving the Breed.

Doubtless it is true that when the house of Brunswick, the present reigning dynasty of Great Britain, acquired the throne, nearly two centuries ago, there was not a single bullock of any age fit for the butcher within all the land "girt by the four seas" that would weigh 500 pounds gross. Now no English-fatted steer, 2 years old or over, goes to the butcher under 1,500 pounds in weight, and many of them reach 2,000 pounds or upward.

This is the result of the application of the law of nature we call "the survival of the fittest," and it applies to all other of the lower animals domestic. George I found a 3-pound capon immense. George V has feasted on the 12-pound capon. Threescore years ago the razorback hog, that would reach 200 pounds if fed from sun to sun two years after its pigship, was the aristocracy of the swine kingdom in the United States. Now we have the aristocratic porker that weighs 400 pounds at 10 months old. Yet the razorback supplies us the lean "Smithfield" in the old way.

What has been accomplished in the intelligent and persistent breeding of domestic live stock—horses, cattle, sheep, poultry, and swine—is amazing, and a movement is on foot everywhere in our land to make even a more wonderful revolution in the vegetable kingdom. The selection and adaptation of seeds—corn wheat, oats, rye, clover, alfalfa—challenges the emulation of our farmers, and the time is rapidly passing when seeds will not be selected at random.

When the same attention is paid to grain—the improvement of its yield and the test of its virility—pig, in a very short while the yield per acre of every grain will be doubled and tripled on many farms; and on some, quadrupled.

That will reduce the cost of living. Congress can enact no legislation that will do the work so well, or so completely.—Washington Post.

Pruning.

The season has come for the fruit grower to think about his pruning. There are several practices that make for the production of better fruit and pruning is one of them. Many people consider the cutting away of the limbs of a tree unnatural and injurious to the plant. Did they ever stop to think that trees are pruned in nature and that such pruning is done with no gentle hand? What makes the squirrel hole in a tree? Surely the little animal did not gnaw and fashion it out himself; not at all; where the knot hole is there was a limb and it was pruned away by some natural means, as a sleet storm or a high wind. Instead of the wound being neat and smooth and painted for protection it was jagged and and rough, just the place for fungi to enter to rot the tree. So would our orchards be full of squirrel holes and rotten trees if we did not prune ahead of nature. Then again the main aim of all plants is the reproduction of the species while the desire of the fruit grower is the production of fruit, such large, fine fruits that they really are abnormalities. The little, hard, wormy peach on the neglected tree in the corner of the fence may reproduce other species as well and possibly better than the fine Elberta from the orchard, but it will not sell as well on the markets of the city.

We prune them to keep our trees in shape and to increase the size and quality of our fruit, and we must prune every year or our tree will get too large and have too many limbs, so that when we do work over them there will be so much wood to cut out that the shock will be too much for them and the resulting crop will be water sprouts instead of fruit.—Southern Ruralist.

Disastrous Fire At Dunn.

Dunn, Dec. 24.—This morning at 1:30 a disastrous fire broke out in the Harnett Dry Goods Co. store. The building was a large brick store which was burned all through. Also the brick store adjoining belonging to Mrs. D. H. Hood and J. W. Whitehead was fire swept Messrs. Draughan Bros. and Mrs. J. W. Baucum occupied this one. Ms. Mr. Goldstein and Messrs. Draughan Bros. carried large lines of dry goods and general merchandise. Mrs. Baucum millinery, Mr. Geo. F. Pope owned the Goldstein building. The stocks were almost completely burned and ruined by fire and water. It looked like one time Messrs. Hood & Grantham, druggist, and J. W. Jordan, jeweler, would be swept but the fine work of the fire department Capt. H. C. McNeill, chief, saved the other buildings, and kept the fire confined to these two stores.—News and Observer.

WOMEN'S HAIR.

Can Easily be Made Fascinating and Luxuriant.

On April 2, 1910, Mrs. R. M. Worden, 5 St. James Ave., Holyoke, Mass., wrote: "Parisian Sage is the best hair dressing I ever used. It gave my hair life and a gloss which no other dressing ever did, besides stopping it from falling out. It is the only dressing for up-to-date women."

Parisian Sage is guaranteed by Hood Bros. to cure dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp in two weeks, or money back. It makes hair grow lustrous and luxuriant. It is a delightfully refreshing hair dressing, not sticky or greasy and will immediately banish all odors. Large bottle 50 cents at druggists everywhere, and at Hood Bros. The girl with the Auburn hair is on every package.

The South Coming to Her Own.

The South is at last coming to her own. She will produce enough corn for home consumption this year—for the first time since the war. South Carolina heads the list. She will produce 50,000,000 bushels. This is 13,000,000 bushels more than was grown in 1909, and 21,000,000 bushels over the yield in 1908. This is coming some. Then a 15-year-old boy, Jerry Moore, of Winona, S. C., holds the yearly record with a yield of 228 bushels from an acre. Georgia is not far behind, she has an increase of something like 10,000,000 bushels, and a record yield of 195 bushels on an acre of sandy land. Alabama too has a bumper crop. Even the negroes who only plant corn along in their cotton made a good crop and it is safe to say Alabama has some 5,000,000 bushels more than in 1909. Mississippi will make about enough to do her, something unhear of before. In the North and West the yield is great and not having the South to unload her surplus upon, has run the price down in Chicago from 76 cents to 46 cents per bushel. Meat has tumbled 5 cents a pound within three weeks, and beef has followed suit. These are the conditions that confront us to-day, but no Southern farmer should let the lower price of corn cause him to plant one acre more of cotton or one acre less in corn. We should always keep it in mind to feed ourselves, then clothe as many as we can; since it is only through this method that the money from our cotton will do us the most good. We glory in this year's yield of corn in the South and we sincerely trust the yield will never be less, but increase some year by year, through the agencies of better seed selection and larger yields per acre, as well as through increased acreage.—The Southern Cultivator.

Get Ready.

Get ready to farm! This may seem like uncalled for advice to men who are supposed to be farming already. The truth is, however, that many men who have no other business than the growing of crops are not really farming. They are laboring under a delusion. They think they are farming, and many other people entertain the same misapprehension. They are in reality, however, only making believe farm.

They are doing a few things on farms and really believe that the result is farming, when it is really the merest apology for farming.

Scratching the land three inches deep with a baby toy plow just before planting time is not farming. Leaving the soil bare of all vegetation and subject to heavy washing winter rains is not farming. Burning off dry vegetation to get it out of the way of pigmy plows in the spring is not farming. Plowing around stumps year after year when a few hours' work would get them out of the way forever is not farming. Letting from 10 to 25 per cent of your land be occupied by stumps and fence hedges which a little effort and sense would convert into your best tillable land is not farming. Working a 6-inch strip of soil to a "through" for each man and team is not farming.

All really good farmers will affirm the truth of these assertions. Even most of the men actually doing these wasteful and futile things will hardly dispute the justice of criticism. Yet these very things, and others equally unfortunate, constitute the daily practice on thousands of Southern farms.—Southern Ruralist.

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By virtue of the authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me on the 15th day of March, 1909, by W. T. Lane and Mrs. M. E. Lane and duly registered in the Register's office of Johnston county in Book I, No. 10, Page 99, I shall sell at public auction for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on the 5th day of December, 1910, at 12 o'clock m., the following described real property to-wit: Lying and being in Johnston county, in Smithfield township, and adjoining the lands of J. T. Futch, Sarah A. Lamb, and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in Mitchell's line and runs with said line N. 80 W. 65 1-2 poles to a stake in J. T. Futch's line; thence S. 4 W. 207 1-3 poles to a stake in Sarah A. Lamb's line and corner; thence S. 80 E. 56 poles to a stake in Jeff Lane's line, thence with said line N. 2 E. 207 1-3 poles to the beginning, containing 75 acres, the same being a part of W. H. Hughes' land, and fully described in said mortgage.

This 4th day of November, 1910.
F. K. BROADHURST, Mortgagee.

The sale of the above-described property has been continued by consent, and will take place, as set forth in the above Notice of Sale, on Monday, January 2nd, 1911.
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