

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Cows Should Be Treated Kindly—A Safe Ash Bin and Sifter—The Value of Ensilage—About Seeding Wheat—General Farm Notes.

Wire Fence Stays.

Where fence posts are expensive it is an object to use as few as possible. On a Kansas farm the posts are placed four rods apart.



AN INEXPENSIVE FARM FENCE.

Wire is cut in six inch lengths and bent to the proper shape, over one side of a lath by hand. A boy holds the lath in place, the wire is quickly slipped around lath and wire, and grasped with a pair of pinchers.

How Honest Farmers Are Made.

The moment you can show the farmer that he can make money by being strictly honest, that moment he becomes an honest man, no matter how big aascal he was before.

Mortality on the farm is fully as important as anything else. Do you believe in head work? If so, don't let weeds belie you. Do you believe in big crops? If so, don't let your manure pile be bigger than your crop.

Ensilage. In a writer upon this subject said he presumed he should be called an ensilage crank, but so long as he could produce 1,000 pounds of butter worth 25 cents per pound from one acre of ensilage, with other feed furnished, he was willing to be called a crank.

Horticultural Notes. Do not cultivate so deep as to disturb the roots. An effective remedy for black knot is cutting off and burning.

Why Plowing is Hard Work.

While the work done in plowing may not be greater, theoretically, than drawing a wagon by the same exertion of force, yet the plowing is really harder and expends more actual force because of the dead weight of soil.

Every live inequality in the ground and every spurt of the draft, is a rest for the horse, by which he is refreshed. But drawing a plow is a dead walk without any rest.

Treat the Cows Kindly.

Cows are naturally of the mildest disposition of any four-legged animal upon the farm, and they should be treated kindly and not abused by the milkers and drivers.

A General Purpose Hoop.

Carrying things on the shoulder is something that cannot always be avoided. Make the work of carrying as easy as possible.

Feeding Skin Milk.

Quite a number of dairy farmers in the United States are trying the experiment of feeding the skin-milk, when sweet, back to the cows, and without exception, so far as we have heard, they are giving excellent results.

Combined Ash Bin and Sifter.

Many mysterious fires have been traced directly to the careless leaving of ashes containing live coals near some inflammable material, says an exchange.



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set pails and other vessels containing ashes and live coals directly on the floor of some out-building. It is certainly very foolish to run all this risk when, for a few dollars, a good and safe receptacle for the ashes can be easily constructed.

Miscellaneous Recipes.

Good Coffee.—One tablespoonful of coffee for each person; mix with one egg and the film-like lining of the shell.

Mint Julep.—Put some sprays of quite young mint into a tumbler, say about ten or a dozen, with a table-spoonful of castor sugar.

Green Tomato Preserves.—Eight pounds of small green tomatoes; pierce each with a fork.

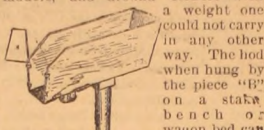
One Egg Mayonnaise Dressing.—Beat the yolk of one egg very light, and stir into one-fourth teaspoonful salt and as much cayenne as can be taken up on the point of a penknife.

The Vegetable Garden.

The value and importance of the vegetable garden to every farmer's family cannot be overestimated. As a source of supply of food in great abundance, it may be made almost unlimited in extent and variety.

planting carefully done and at intervals of time to secure a succession of crops. The cultivation should be so frequent as to prevent the growth of weeds, and to keep the soil loose and porous.

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THE HARRISON RESIDENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Union station to the carriages in waiting. The casket was borne by John B. Elam, the President's law partner, Judge Wood, the Hon. E. B. Martin, Gen. Lew Wallace, Dr. Allen, and T. J. Haughey.

Increase in Weight of Ducks.

The rapidity of growth of the Pekin duck is almost marvelous, and to one accustomed only to the keeping of the common puddle duck, the claims made in behalf of the Pekin are substantially true.

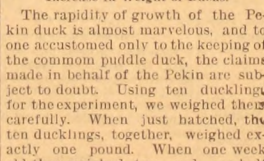
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THE NEWS AFTERMATH.

Mrs. Emma Blaine has given \$1,000 for a new public library at Augusta, Me.

ASLEEP IN THE GRAVE.

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On either side of the pulpit tall pyramids of beautiful snow-white chrysanthemums towered out of a bed of large green palm leaves and long, graceful ferns.

The only decoration of the exterior of the church is heard black draping over the large arch-like entrance on Pennsylvania street.

On the other side of the railing the floral offerings were placed. When the funeral procession arrived at the church a crowd of 5,000 people thronged the sidewalk.

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AROUND A GREAT STATE.

BRIEF COMPILATION OF ILLINOIS NEWS.

Fantastic Figures Concerning Quincy's Manufactures—Finances of State Charitable Institutions—Demands of Springfield Miners—Three Fatal Accidents at Alton.

From Fire and Sear.

MANY cases of diphtheria are reported at Murraysville. A number of deaths have occurred.

FRANK O'NEIL, who is said to be from Chicago, was shot through the head while attempting to break into a store at Quincy.

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