

THE FARM.

MAKING THE CROWS USEFUL.—W. S. Morgan, Somerset Co., Pa., in view of the fact that the corn-planting season is at hand, gives his experience, which we commend to those who look upon the crow as an enemy.

A New York farmer prefers apples to roots for feeding stock. While the apples may not be more nutritious, he thinks they are medicinal in effect.

Mr. E. R. Billings says, in the Poultry Monthly, that the most successful breeders feed laying hens twice a day—about 7 a. m. and 4 p. m.

TURKEYS.—The first laid eggs should be set under common hens, and the turkey hen allowed to sit upon those laid later in the season. When her litter is out, and she desires to raise a family, the turkey will remain on the nest.

FATAL FLOWERS.—Nottingham is at the present time visited by so serious an epidemic of small-pox, that it has been necessary to organize a house-to-house visitation, so as to ensure the removal of cases of the disease from over-crowded localities to the hospitals provided for their reception.

how many apparently mysterious cases of small-pox may not yet appear in Nottingham. The utility of a house-to-house visitation, and of removal to hospital, in time of epidemic, was perhaps never more conclusively demonstrated.

It is said by a poultry raiser that a few sprigs of cedar mixed with hay or other material for hen's nests will keep the fowls entirely free from lice.

Parched corn is the only medicine chickens need; they have laid all winter, and look fine and healthy. Char it on the ear, and feed it once or twice a week. Give them plenty of clean water to drink.

“PLOW DEEP WHILE SLUGGARDS SLEEP.”—That was what Franklin, the philosopher and statesman, said, and it is probably as true now as it was then—a hundred years ago or more.

CURRENT CUTTINGS.—The currant may be successfully propagated from slips. Cut strong, healthy ones of last year's growth, and cut into pieces six or eight inches long.

A lady who resides at Whitby, in England, boasts of a famous rose tree of the description known as the Marechal Niel, which was planted eighteen years ago and now has an extreme growth horizontally of 48 feet to the left and 54 feet to the right of the parent stem.

It is the season for carrying out the advice to give the children a garden. Choose a convenient narrow little border unshaded by trees and unrobbed by roots, yet not far from the shade, the play house, the saw, and the swing.

season through. Nothing better can be done to secure to children a happy life.

The “Florida Agriculturist” of May 10th brings the unwelcome news that the promise for the next orange crop in that State is by no means bright.

Planting raspberries in rows instead of in stools is recommended. The thick rows shade the ground and keep it moist, and probably the snow in winter, lodging in the rows, affords a protection which is lacking in the case of stool culture.

Never buy “cheap” seed. The best seed is the cheapest—cheaper at any price than poor seed that can be had for the asking.

FERTILIZERS FOR HOUSE PLANTS.—When plants are in a growing state they may be stimulated by the use of guano water. A small teacupful of Peruvian guano dissolved in a pailful of rain water is strong enough; water the soil with this once, or at most twice a week.

The tomato delights in a dark, warm, sandy loam, made rich through fertilizing for previous crops, with the addition of thoroughly rotted manure, ashes, or guano to stimulate to a quick growth.

VARIETIES.

A colored witness was asked if he knew and used the Bible. He replied in the affirmative. It afterward appeared that the man couldn't read.

“Edward,” said Mr. Rice, “what do I hear—that you disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down those steps?”

Average weight of a fool. A simple ton. The chief obstacle and inconvenience in traveling is the prejudice in favour of taking the body with us.

Advice to wives—Man is very much like an egg—keep him in hot water and he is bound to become hardened.

A man was once asked how he and his wife got along with so little friction in the family machinery. “Well,” said he, “when we were first married we both wanted our own way.

In life it is difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best.

A gentleman somewhat advanced in life, and who never was remarkable for his good looks, asked his grandchild what he thought of him. The boys parents were present. The youngster made no reply.

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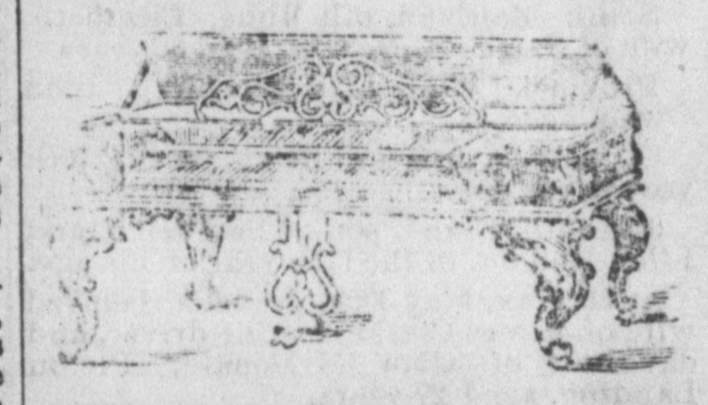
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