

FARM AND GARDEN.

The least expensive and best way to prepare poultry manure for use is to mix it with dry earth, ashes, and so on.

The following is from a correspondent of the Toronto Globe: A DEFENCE OF THE CANADA THISTLE.

Editor Weekly Globe:—Fighting and destroying their best friend by a nation, a government: every farmer ordered into the service to annihilate that hated friend sent by Providence to redeem the thousands of wornout and dilapidated farms, many of which have been drained of nearly their last particle of fertility!!

Let us encourage that friend—the Canada thistle. Let us seed down with Canada thistles. Let them send their penetrating roots deep into our soil to bring to the surface that hidden and locked-up plant food that would otherwise remain hidden and locked up in the depths of the soil for ages.

Let our friend, the Canada thistle, renew the fertility of our farms, and bring the hidden treasure, plant food, by means of their roots to the surface, and you may expect to harvest crops that will equal crops grown on virgin soil.

Notwithstanding, we suppose some farmers will be unwilling to see their fields bearing nothing but Canada thistles. It would be a poor crop, and any one who persists in raising them should put a very high fence around his farm.

THISTLE FRIEND.

After the lettuce, radishes and early peas have gone past use, the ground is neglected and produces a crop of weeds, which matures seed enough to stock the farm.

Underdraining and irrigation make the farmer largely independent of the weather.

It is better to sell when you can get a good average price, than to hold for a higher one.

Those crops of grain and grass that are driven to market on foot, generally bring the best prices.

A sharp, bright hoe is poisonous to weeds besides being much easier to use than a dull, rusty one.

The killing of one insect in the Spring is equal to the killing of 100 in the Summer, and 10,000 in the Fall.

Pruning is a necessary evil, therefore it should never be done when not needed, nor neglected when it is needed.

FREEZING POTATOES.—In some places late frosts have browned the tops of young potato plants just putting forth above the surface of the ground.

CATTLE IN JUNE.—Give the milch cows a little hay at the barn at night and a little grain. The feed may be abundant in the pasture, but it is so juicy and succulent that it increases the flow of milk greatly, and often at the expense of the flesh of the animal.

SMALL FRUITS.—A sprinkle of powdered white hellebore on the currant bushes will easily dispose of the currant worm.

UTILISING BONE.—Not many years ago the bones of animals had no money value and were considered useless rubbish. Later they came into use for making buttons, knife handles, common piano keys, etc.

In the processes where large quantities of bones are used, they supply a valuable by-product in the way of fats or fatty acids which are extensively used in the manufacture of soaps and other articles of commerce.

THE JERSEY Cow has of late grown in favor with farmers and dairymen.

A few years ago Prof. Brown, and a number of others whose eyes only looked beefwards, sniffed at the skinny Jersey and would not have one of them about.

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The greatest beef production in one day is 2 1/2 lbs., worth live weight 6 cts. per lb.

Farmers who make butter making a specialty should think over these facts.

COMPOSTING MANURES.—Will it pay to compost manures? is a question which is often asked and frequently discussed at farmers' meetings.

For growing field corn or potatoes, it will not pay to compost all of the manure, but, as a rule, it will pay to compost enough of it to put a small quantity in each hill to start the young corn or potatoes.

For garden crops it will pay to compost a larger proportion of it than for field crops. The composting of manure simply advances it towards plant food, or in other words, it ripens it.

When it is desired that plants should feel the immediate effects of manure, it should be well rotted, but not mixed with other materials, except just enough to keep it from burning.

HOUSEHOLD.

USEFUL HINTS.—Have metal or earthen vessels for matches, and keep them out of reach of children.

Do not deposit wood ashes in a wooden vessel or upon a wooden floor.

Never smoke or read in bed by candle or lamp-light.

Always fill and trim your lamps by day-light, and never near a fire.

VARIETIES.

'Your dog, what does he want here?' inquired a dry goods dealer of a customer, whose big Newfoundland was upsetting things generally.

'Gentlemen of the jury,' said a Teecumseh, Nebraska, lawyer, recently 'there were just thirty-six hogs in the drove. Please remember the fact—just three times as many as in the jury box, gentlemen.'

Truth says, "Many public speakers have peculiarities. Some rub their noses, others twitch at their collars. Some balance themselves on one leg, then on the other. Their great minds are supposed to be so occupied with their subject that they have no thought for anything else."

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An Indian chief was called 'Big-man-afraid-of-the-people.' We wonder if he is not akin to some preachers who never take a collection, or preach on doctrine.

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