

Correspondence.

RURAL TOPICS.

BEST BREEDS OF SWINE.

That breed which produces the most pork on a given quantity of food...

RAISING GESE.

When a farmer has a track of low marshy land near his house...

EARLY GARDEN VEGETABLES.

The prices that early vegetables command in country villages...

This represents a value of \$22.75, as those commercial fertilizers are sold...

A gardener near Boston writes: "I have tested a score or more of the leading sorts..."

It is an established fact that dark stables tend to produce blindness in animals.

Our lady friends, says the Scientific Farmer, will be now preparing for their gardens...

A Western small fruit grower says: "I commenced the business on an income of \$100 a year..."

There is nothing that will so thoroughly eradicate those parasites known as root lice...

When the world was made its Creator designed that the land should be kept in a good state of fertility...

The Rural New Yorker says: "Where land is favorable for underdraining, the cost need not be more than from \$2 to \$4 per acre..."

Dr. Anderson gives the following as the component parts of a cow's manure...

EXPERIMENTS WITH PHOSPHATE.

At a meeting of the western New York Farmers' Club...

BREEDING MARES.

The best age of mares for breeding is from six to twelve years...

FERTILIZER FOR STRAWBERRIES.

An experiment made last year by myself may not come amiss at this time...

THE BEST SALT FOR BUTTER.

At a late meeting of the National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association in Chicago...

HOW TO SAVE LABOR.

"As time is money," farmers should study how to plant and grow crops with the least labor...

HOW TO PROTECT MELONS.

Common land plaster is a sure protection to melon and cucumber plants...

genuine article? Indeed, may not the extraordinary weakness manifested in the butter market at the present time...

MILK ROOMS.

The quantity of cream produced by milk depends greatly on the situation of the milk room.

LICE ON CATTLE.

I find the following good remedies for lice on cattle in the "Country Gentleman"...

MANNING FOR CORN.

In manuring for corn apply the dung or fertilizer near the surface.

GOOD BREEDS OF FOWLS.

The best breeds of fowls in this country are: 1.—Light Brahmas, the finest form...

2.—Plymouth Rocks, produced 15 years ago by a cross of Dominique fowls on an Asiatic breed...

3.—Leghorns, a small fowl, various colors, all good, require a high fence to yard them...

4.—Hamburghs, several colors, a splendid little fowl, non-sitters, not quite so large as Leghorns...

A good cement. The following way of making a good cement is said to produce an article that is excellent...

FERTILIZERS TO BE USED.

Stable manure is good enough of itself; but phosphate of lime, ashes, and all commercial fertilizers containing considerable potash are good...

PLANTING POTATOES.

From thousands of tests it has been shown that there is no difference generally in the crops when planted in drills or in hills...

THE SEED—HOW PREPARED, &c.

I have many times proved that small potatoes (not very small) will produce as large crops as large ones...

CUMBERLAND TRIUMPH.

To say that it is a triumph in the art of propagating strawberries, is hardly giving it sufficient praise.

barrow crosswise of the rows, lapping enough to make the ground perfectly smooth...

AFTER CULTIVATION.

If your land is not productive of many weeds, nothing need be done to the potatoes till they approach the time to blossom...

TO PREVENT CHAFING.

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THINK OF THE CHILDREN.

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SETTING FLOWER CUTTINGS.

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show how they appear, but the rich flavor and delicious quality of the fruit can only be ascertained by making a trial of them as opportunity offers.

Such are some of the new strawberries. They are years before finer ones will make their appearance. They are kinds that will well repay any care that may be bestowed upon them.

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Yours very truly, (Signed) JOSUAH HARPER, Of the bark "Mary Lawson."