

FARM AND DAIRY.

This column is devoted to agricultural subjects, and the editors will be grateful to farmers if they will use it for the intelligent discussion of matters pertaining to their important calling.

Sun Power in Haying.

There is so much talk about curing hay in cock, sweating cocking, airing, tedding, capping, &c., that to the man who has a hundred or two hundred tons of hay to harvest in three weeks of time, is far more amusing than instructive. Haying as with crop production and with manufactures, must be done at small cost. This is imperative. We never have found anything in the hay field cheaper than sun-power. Hence, our plan is to, as far as possible, let the sun do the work.

The idea that the sunshine and the drying wind hurt hay is all nonsense. If hay is hurt from exposure to the sun, it is because of the neglect of the operator, and not because of any improper work the sun puts in. Hay is damaged not by drying, but by over-drying, and the consequent crushing and waste from handling while in that condition.

There are but few fields of grass, if cut in the afternoon, when free from all water, but will be dry enough the next day to rake and go into the barn, without further expense of handling in any manner.

This method applies to good weather. When the weather is bad, the work has to be done as you can catch it. No rules will apply, no calculation can be made in advance.

More Independence.

The latest issue of The Farmers' Advocate contains a practical article on the relations of a legislator to his constituents. The Advocate very properly censures the prevailing idea that if an elected representative faithfully supports the party leader according to his campaign promises he has discharged his duty to his constituents.

Medical Properties of Oranges.

The free use of oranges is conducive to health. This has been understood for centuries. Dr. Veener, in 1628, makes a distinction between the dietic value of the sweet and sour oranges. The latter, he says, "quench thirst, excite the appetite and repress choleric vomitings."

Summer Care of Sheep.

In the hot days of the midsummer it is a trying time for the sheep with their flannel coats under the hot sun, or during hot days. At such times the sheep should never go unseen more than half a day. They are apt to suffer from looseness of the bowels at such a time, and while this is not of itself any serious import, yet it attracts the flies, and once fly-blown and neglected, a sheep becomes the sorriest, woe-begone animal in existence.

animal hides itself in some fence corner, or a thicket, and gives up, slowly perishing without complaint or effort to resist. The shepherd, therefore must watch the flock, and, as a precaution, count them every time he sees them. The ewes from whom lambs have been taken may need to be milked, and, if this is neglected, the udder may become swollen, and possibly sore, and blown by the flies; or a mere scratch may become blown, and once the maggots make an entrance in any way it is a difficult matter to dislodge them.

It is a queer commentary on the state of affairs, says the American Farmer, that while hundreds of thousands of men are idle and half starving in our cities, the farmers of the country are crying for help to do the necessary work on their farms. In many localities it is impossible to get farm help at prices that would have been considered large five years ago.

China and Japan.

Now that, according to the latest advices, an outbreak of actual hostilities between China and Japan is momentarily expected, it is interesting to take a glance at the fighting power of the two nations. There are reasons which render it difficult to make an accurate comparison between them. In the first place, the numerical strength of the respective armies is not known with precision, and in the second there are no available data on which to form a judgement as to the advantage accruing to Japan from the thoroughness with which she has modernized her forces.

On any estimate it will be seen that Japan is greatly outnumbered. She has however, studied and adopted modern methods, including that of compulsory service in the active army or the reserve between certain ages. Every Japanese adult male has to serve for twelve years—namely, three years with the colors, four years with the First reserve, five years with the Second reserve. The system gives a standing army which in peace numbers roughly 75,000 effectives and is calculated to produce in war an aggregate of 250,000 men.

A Startling Result.

A pretty schoolmistress told a rather amusing story at a Vancouver boarding house. She asked one of her classes to put the nouns "boys," "bees" and "bears" into a sentence. The scholars thought intently for a few moments, when one ragged youngster, with a look of victory on his face, raised his hand. "Well, Johnny," said the school teacher, "what is your sentence?" "Boys bees bear when they go in swimmin'." The teacher did not call on any more of her class.

Look here Next week for J. D. Dickinson & Son's Advertisement.

LABOR IS NO DISGRACE. Lessons in the Work of the Carpenter of Nazareth for Wageworkers. The Rev. C. R. Henderson, D. D., preached at the First Baptist church in Chicago last Sunday on the subject, "Jesus the Carpenter."

We can find among the laboring classes lives that are nearer the counterpart of Christ's life than among any other class. Milton never conceived a sweeter poem than is often seen on the face of an honest workman if we could but see and understand. Men of the laboring class are up in arms all over the country. They are burning nines, destroying property, and thereby wasting their own capital.

Bangor and Aroostook. The work of grading is progressing rapidly all along the B. & A. railroad, north of Houlton to Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield and Caribou. The Grading will be completed to Presque Isle village by the middle of August and only ten miles of the entire route will remain to be done.

Keep your hearts warm by feeling for others, and your powers active by work done in earnest.—Hall. In Cook & Whitby's Menagerie are twenty-seven lions alone, ranging from cub a month old to the full-grown animal.

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