

Destroying Weed Seeds.

There are many ways in which weed seeds may be destroyed on the farm, says Mr. G. H. Clark, Chief of the Seed Division, Ottawa. Quantities of weed seeds get out into the farmyard at threshing time. There is a general tendency just at that time to do things with a rush. The threshing machine is apt to be overcrowded and many of the weed seeds, as well as a considerable quantity of grain, carried out with the straw. These are likely to germinate and grow with the next crop. A little care in the barn at the time of threshing and cleaning of grain, especially seed grain, will do much to lessen future labor with hoe and cultivator. Cleanings from grain containing weed seeds should be boiled or finely ground. The seeds of many of the worst weeds are so small that it is not safe to trust to grinding to kill them; they should be boiled. It is not wise, either, to throw worthless screenings in roadways. Many of them will be carried away in mud on the hoofs of horses and the wheels of vehicles and so distributed widely. The seeds of most weeds of the Mustard family have such a pungent flavor as to render them unpalatable to stock. The admixture with meal of even a small quantity of Worm-Seed Mustard would render it useless for feeding purposes.

The enactment of laws to compel the cutting of weeds before they have ripened seed should be dealt with by the provincial and municipal authorities, because the majority of weeds are necessarily local in character, on account of the diversity of climate, soil, and methods of farming. It may be said that further laws of this sort would not be enforced any better than those we now have. But it is the duty of all farmers to make sure that they are not responsible for the spread of weeds from their farms to others. Good farmers should endeavor to create a strong public sentiment against shiftlessness on the part of those who are disposed to allow their fields to become overrun with weeds, so that the danger which now exists, and the greater danger which is in prospect, may be met in such a way that noxious weeds will not become too great a burden upon those who make their living primarily from the cultivation of the soil.

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Appendicitis In Children.

Most persons are pretty familiar by this time with appendicitis, which has come to be regarded as likely to afflict almost any one between twenty and fifty years of age, and to have escaped which is to be peculiarly fortunate. It is known that it begins with severe colic and tenderness in the right side of the abdomen, and a sensible person does not suffer long from an attack of that sort without calling in the doctor.

This is well, and no doubt the increase in general knowledge regarding appendicitis and the widespread fear of the disease have saved many lives by leading those attacked to seek medical advice promptly while the inflammation is yet in its incipient stage. But this is true of adults only, and it seems to be believed by those who give a thought to the subject that children do not have appendicitis. This is an error, and one that may possibly have most serious consequences.

Children, even babies, may have inflammation of the vermiform appendix, and may die of it as promptly as older persons. Fortunately, however, the disease is often less severe in the very young than in adults, and a fatal case of the disease in a child is comparatively rare, but although the child may recover from his attack, the appendix is left more vulnerable, and many an apparently primary attack in adult life is really a recrudescence of a slumbering inflammation dating back to childhood.

Not every stomach-ache in a child is appendicitis, but any one may be, and parents should not be made indifferent to these attacks by their frequency. Neither should the attacks excite too great apprehension. If the danger-signals are known, and an eye kept open for them, parents can simulate all the indifference they please, especially as regards frequent attacks coming on about school hour.

An ordinary stomach-ache lasts but a short time; the pain is general all over the abdomen, or perhaps most marked on the left side, and the attack often passes off with a slight diarrhoea, usually without fever. When the appendix is the seat of the trouble the pain may subside for a time; but it recurs again and again as a sharp colic, usually most marked on the right side, and is not relieved by pressure, as the simple stomach-ache often is. There is fever, the face is flushed or dusky, and the child shows that it is really ill; the tongue is coated, and there are black circles under the eyes. When a child has a stomach-ache that persists or that comes back again after having disappeared, especially if there is fever, it should be carefully studied.

Just in Time.

When the bell in the parsonage rang the other evening the clergyman was in his study and his wife was busy, so Master Harold, aged seven, went to the door. The New York Press says that on opening it he found a couple evidently from the country, both young and bashful.

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The Rev. Sam Jones.

The Rev. Sam Jones' entertainments at Masey Hall was thoroughly coarse and vulgar. If a politician ventured to make such an address to a body of electors he would be booted from the platform, and his utterances would be exploited by his opponents to the decided disadvantage of the party with which he was associated. Should there be greater license of speech for a preacher of moral reform? Is the Sabbath honored by Mr. Jones' performances? Probably the most effective of all temperance speakers was John B. Gough. He had a rare wit, and a great gift of memory, and was fertile in anecdote and illustration. But he never was coarse and never played the mountebank. The methods and manners of Mr. Jones contrast badly with those of Gough. The Canadian Temperance League should not give the the Georgia "entertainer" a second opportunity to perform under their auspices. —Tronto News.

Probably few of the many who indulge in sugar coated profanity realize that they are swearing. Where is "Gee," but a euphemism for "Jesus?" "Dear me" is nothing but the Latin "Deo Meo," (my God); "For goodness sake" is only "For God's sake"; "For land's sake" is "For Lord's sake"; "Drat it" is "God rot it"; "Golly," "Gosh," "Gorry," etc., are only corruptions of "God." "Darn it," "Dash it," "Ding it," "Blame it," etc., are only variations of "Damn it." In short there is probably not an expression of this sort that cannot be traced back to an oath for its origin. Notwithstanding this, you will every day hear people using them, thoughtlessly, who would be terribly shocked by a genuine oath.—Pathfinder.

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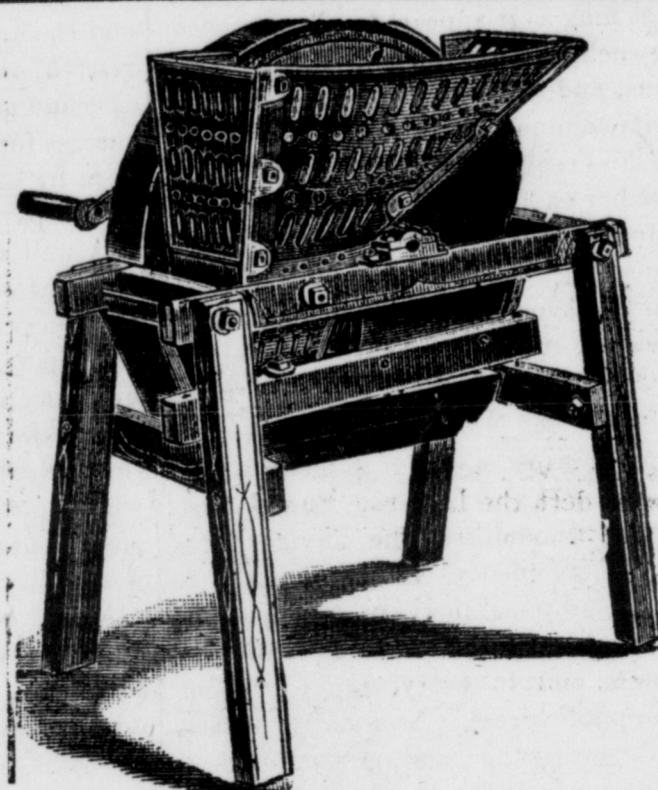
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