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Alfalfa after Peas.

I have a seven acre field of a yellowish loam, rather gravelly in spots, and with gravelly subsoil, sloping towards a cedar swamp which adjoins it on the south. It was in pasture last fall, and gave only a fair crop of oats this year, but had no manure. Have plowed it about six or seven inches deep recently (last week in September). Do you think early peas for the canning factory would succeed here next spring (I have no manure to spare for this field), and would there be time after the peas were off to work up and seed to alfalfa? Early green peas this year were taken off the first week in July. The land is fairly clean, with the exception of some thistles, but think the deep fall plowing would account for them.

WARWICK.

Ans.—It would be better, if you wish to seed to alfalfa, to work the field as a summer-fallow until early in July. One of the requirements of alfalfa land is that it be clean, and there is a danger of the thistles and other weeds gaining ground in the peas. Of course, you might be able to take off the peas and seed to alfalfa, but we would not advise taking the risk of getting a seed catch afterwards.

Trade Topic.

It is the honest opinion of every man engaged in the cattle or meat trade, that the high cost of living is due largely to the fact that people will not buy the cheaper cuts of meat, and to the low-producing power of the average dairy cow. The prizes offered by the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, are intended to exert an influence which will help to overcome these conditions. By giving prizes for the beef animals, which will have the smallest possible proportion of their carcasses classed as cheap cuts, it is hoped to increase the price received by the producer and reduce the price charged the consumer, without reducing the butchers' profit, as it will eliminate waste. By encouraging the breeding of heavy-producing dairy cows, the cost of producing butter, cheese, etc., will be lowered, and the consequent price to the consumer lowered. If you have a good beef bull, or a good-producing dairy cow, go after some of the prizes which are offered. Verily, the cattle from a thousand hills, each doing his or her part to reduce the high cost of living, will be at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, December 9th to 12th, 1913. Get a prize list from R. W. Wade, Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

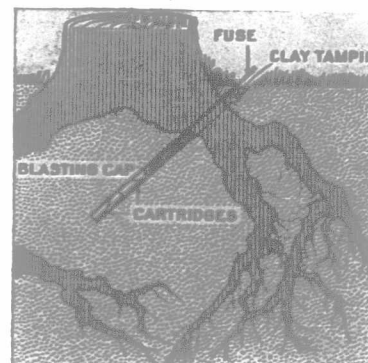
Gossip.

At the annual ram sale of various breeds held at Kelso, Scotland, on Sept. 12th, 2,400 animals were entered, an increase of about 1,000 over last year. The highest price for Border Leicesters was £220, for a shearling, entered by T. & M. Templeton, Sandyknowe, and purchased by Mr. McIntosh. The highest average of the day for Border Leicesters was £39, made by Mr. Marks' draft from Sunnyside, his top figure being £130. The Glenearn shearling, which was champion at the Highland Show, realized £100, paid by Mr. Templeton. In Oxford Downs, M. G. Hamilton's twenty head entered, averaged £27 14s., his first-prize pen of five averaging £81, or an aggregate of £105.

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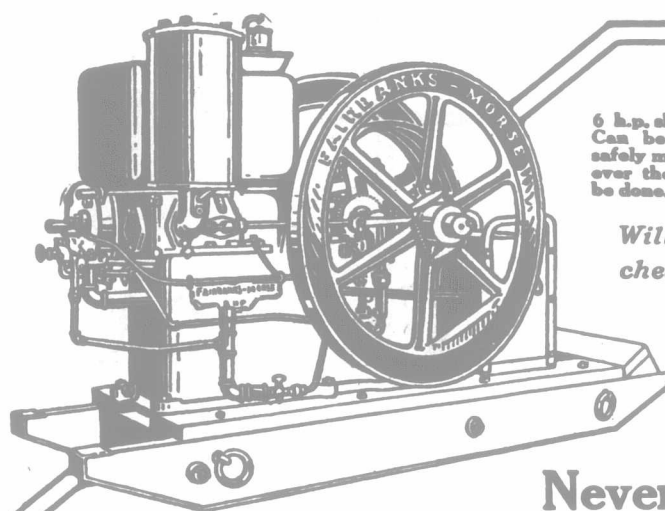
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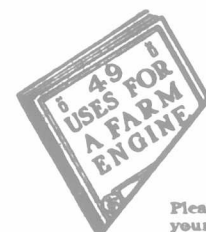
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