

SALT ON GRAIN FIELDS.—In France salt is extensively used on fields sown to grain. It is known that it kills numerous insects, and it is believed that it improves the quality of straw and grain. Salt is very cheap in this country, though it is rarely employed as a fertilizer. A wheat raiser in Minnesota gives his experience in the use of it in the *Country Gentleman*, as follows:—"I have sowed salt for several years with good results. Last year I sowed thirty tons on six hundred acres of wheat, which is an average of one hundred pounds to the acre. The land on which this was sown was deep, sandy loam, and the wheat was Spring wheat, sown the first week of April. I sowed the salt about the first of June, when the wheat was six to eight inches high. Among the marked results was a strong and vigorous growth of the plant, causing the wheat to head a week earlier. The straw stands up straight and stiff, and does not crumble down, thereby enabling us to cut the last one hundred acres as clean as the first. The wheat gives a plump, heavy berry, and yields from three to five bushels more per acre than if sowed without salt, and is uniformly of a better grade, last year testing sixty three pounds to the bushel. When I first began to sow salt, I left strips across the field to test the difference. These strips were very noticeable all summer, as the wheat did not grow nearly as tall and thick as where the salt was sowed, and even after the wheat was cut I could see a difference in the stubble, the strips being crinkled and of not so bright a color. The fields, when sowed to clover, yielded tremendous crops, which show the benefit of salt on grass lands. I have never tried it in oats, but would not raise a crop of wheat without salt. I purchased my salt in Milwaukee or Chicago. It is shipped in bulk, and usually costs from \$7 to \$8 per ton, delivered. The mode of sowing salt is very simple. A box that will hold three bushels is placed across the hind end of a wagon. The person who sows it is seated with his back to the driver, and sows it with both hands over the back-end of the wagon, as it passes over the field, covering a strip thirty feet wide.

THERE IS NO BEST.—We get letters frequently inquiring, which is the best breed of hogs, the best breed of cattle, the best breed of sheep, etc. It is difficult to answer such questions, as every breed is adapted to a special use. To make such questions more intelligible, the purposes for which the stock is intended should also be stated. It is generally conceded by disinterested persons that the Jerseys stand at the head for butter-making, with the Guernseys and Swisses coming along. The Shorthorns for beef, with the Herefords crowding them up. The Ayrshires for cheese, and the Holland cattle (Holsteins) for the milkman, with the pump unnecessary. The Merinos have the heaviest wool with the best mutton, the Southdowns the best mutton and the least wool. The Hampshire, Shropshire, and Oxford downs combine mutton and fleece, both of excellent quality. The Lincoln and Cotswold and Leicester are the largest sheep, but unsuited to large flocks and our northern latitude. A genuine mutton Merino is the coming sheep, and every farmer who helps to perfect it will do himself and the country a benefit. For a pocket edition of hogs the Suffolk, Essex, and Small Yorkshire will do well, and will keep fat on the least amount of food. The Duroc-Jersey will fill a pork barrel the fullest with more lean meat, while the Berkshire and Poland China, differing only in name and a few white hairs, are very popular in the West, on account of color and maturity. It must be remembered, however, that the so-called "early maturity," which stands for fact, is produced at the cost of constitutional vigor, in which important quality the Duroc Jersey hogs excel.—*Our Country Home.*

BREAKING SOD WITH POTATOES.—A friend of mine living in Northern Indiana had about a quarter of an acre of tough sod that no common plough could turn over. It was of no use to strain his team and rack his plough and temper trying to subdue it. As I remember, there was no breaking-plough to be had in the region, and, as a last resort, he tried an experiment of which I had read. He scattered seed potatoes on the sod about as thickly as he would have done in ordinary planting, and then covered them two feet deep with some old refuse straw he happened to have. The straw was a nuisance, and the turf was ditto, and he just set one enemy to fighting the other with the potato roots to help on the war. Presently the green tops shot up thickly through the straw, and before long their blossoms made quite a pretty show. In the fall, the straw was pitched off from a strip perhaps ten feet wide, and there lay as fine a lot of potatoes as one need ask for. After picking them up another strip of straw was pitched upon the space where they lay, the potatoes under it picked up, and so on till the crop was gathered. Then, after turning the straw, the plough walked through the rotted sod without any difficulty. Very probably the straw might have been ploughed under with advantage.—*S. W. P., in Congregationalist.*

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