

Jottings from the Farmers.

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GARDENING IN ALBERTA

Manured soil gave the following satisfactory results the past season. From 3 lbs seed of each variety, I raised of the Pierce potato 514 lbs, or 5 bu 34 lbs, of Clark's No 1, 335 lbs, or 5 bu 35 lbs; American Wonder, 278 lbs, or 4 bu 35 lbs. Of two sorts of asparagus, Palmetto did best; beans, three kinds, Wardwell's kidney wax, best; beets, four kinds, Early Blood Turnip, best; carrots, seven kinds, Chautenay, best; cabbage, three kinds, Henderson's Early Summer, best early, Burpee's All Head, best late. Of cauliflower, three kinds were planted, but only one germinated, and that did poorly; in past years Henderson's Snowball has been very good. Giant Golden Heart was the best of five kinds of celery, and Paris Picking the best of four cucumbers. Corn did not mature. All sorts of lettuce did well. Melons were N G. Only two pumpkins matured. Ten kinds of onions grew well, but only Australian Brown showed signs of maturing, and in an ordinary year I think would ripen sufficiently to keep through the winter. Of 10 sorts of peas, American Wonder and Pierce's Eclipse gave the best results. New Intermediate parsnips made 8 bu from 100 ft of row. Of radishes, seven kinds tried, Scarlet China is best winter variety and Early Scarlet Turnip best early sort. Ideal Mammoth rhubarb did splendidly for the first year. Mangels, three sorts tried, but were left too thick and did not do well. Tomatoes, four sorts tried. Fordhook's Fancy and Dwarf Champion did well, but did not ripen fruit. Of salsify, two kinds tried, Mammoth Sandwich Island was the best. Sunflowers, two kinds tried, Mammoth Russian was the best. Swedes, two sorts tried, Web's Giant, best. For a table turnip, Golden Ball is O K. —[H. L. Briggs, East Slope Ranch.]

From the Wheat City—After 16 yrs experience, I think we have in Manitoba other things that pay just as well as wheat. While wheat is sometimes one of the best paying products it is too often on the shady side of 50c. While growing wheat, you must have something else to back it up to make it a success. To grow wheat requires horses. At the price we have to pay and at the rate a good many of our western farmers use them up, I think it will pay to raise a few good colts every year. When they mature, if you do not need them for your own use, there is always a ready market if you raise the right kind. Raise horses that can take a full day's work on the farm and crossed with the ordinary mare you must breed to the best draft horse you can find. The Percheron is the easiest to keep and is invariably a good looker and therefore a good seller. Above everything, steer clear of the trotter, the ruination of a good many of our otherwise best farmers. The man who farms in this section to-day without a herd of good cattle must be blind to his own interests; there is probably nothing that will make an all-round staidler profit and at the same time keep up the fertility of the farm besides giving steady em, oymment the year round, which grain alone does not. Keep a few pigs and hens to eat the farm refuse. Sheep have a great future, but at present wolves are too numerous. Whatever you keep, let quality take the place of quantity; having it, take a pride and pleasure in taking care of it.—[Alfred Stott.]

An Important Industry—Returns from over 2600 correspondents regarding the poultry industry of Ontario are generally of a highly encouraging character, indicating that farmers in all parts are devoting more care and attention to this branch of farm industry and engaging in poultry raising more extensively than ever before. The profits have been good wherever fowls have received proper treatment. Egg production last year was above the average and prices were remunerative. [Secretary C. C. James, Ont Dept of Agr.]

OUR PUZZLE CONTEST.

We shall give you the usual number of puzzles for February and 16 prizes will be awarded, the first of which will be a watch. The contest will be governed by the following

RULES.

No two answers will be allowed to any question, that is, you must not say the answer is this or that. Answers must be mailed within 10 days of the receipt of the issue of the 15th. The contest is open to every subscriber or one member of the family. Write your answers plainly, and be sure and spell your words right, as a misspelled word will throw out the answer. Always write your name on every set of answers, as any set without name or address will be thrown out. Answers may be sent by letter or on postal, as the writer chooses. Address all answers to the Puzzle Editor of Farm and Home, Springfield, Mo.

THE FIRST INSTALLMENT FOR FEBRUARY.

- 1 Diamond—1. A consonant; 2. a whim; 3. vapors; 4. a wanderer; 5. a Greek letter. 6. a large body of water; 7. a letter. 2. Charade—My first is often made by my second, and my whole is a hoax. 3. Arithmetical—Replace the letters by figures, and give the root word. A) R G N E A U Q I L 4. Anagram (one word)—ALLMNMNSSUU. 5. Double Acrostic—1. A species of sparrow. 2. the last syllable of a word; 3. a musical instrument. 4. a plant. 5. owning. 6. an Arabian geographer, born 1090, died 1161. 7. to frolic. 8. neat. The initials and initials form something that all of us are interested in.

ANSWERS TO THE DECEMBER PUZZLES.

- 1-K I N G I D O L N O N E G L E N 2-1. Keene. 2. Saco; 3. Utica; 4. Keokuk; 5. Tallahassee. 3-Alternated. 4-Pea, pear, beet, acorn, corn, pumpkin, currant. 5-Padlock. 6-1. Constituents; 2. pharisaical; 3. unparallelled; 4. necessitated; 5. descendants; 6. Iconoclast; 7. obliterates; 8. harangues; 9. globe; 10. espallers.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR DECEMBER.

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