

The Farm.

Special Manuring.

The question, "What crops will be specially benefited by a given fertilizing element?" is often asked.

The leguminous crops, such as the clovers, peas, beans, vetches, etc., are called nitrogen producers, because they derive most of their nitrogen from the air, and they receive little benefit from the use of nitrogenous manures.

The purest example of a nitrogenous manure is nitrate of soda. It is entirely soluble in water, and hence liable to be washed out of the soil in a wet spell unless a growing crop appropriates it and saves from loss.

No plant can grow in the absence of phosphates, and these must be found in the soil. They are necessary for every crop, but are especially beneficial for certain crops—the clovers and other crops of this class, turnips and all root crops and grain crops of every kind.

Potash is in universal demand in plant life. It is in demand with potatoes and other roots, the grasses and clover. Fruit trees require a large amount of potash.

Care of Cows.

The dairyman who treats his cows with the most consideration is the dairyman who makes the most money. When well fed and not disturbed about her calf, the average cow will lie and chew the cud of contentment for hours, and while thus undisturbed will secrete all the milk possible from the food she has eaten.

A. H. Hartwig, a veterinary surgeon of Watertown, Wis., has just removed

the injured leg of a valuable cow belonging to a farmer of Ixonia and has fitted the stump with a serviceable wooden leg.

Much of the abuse of cows is due to hired help on the farm. George E. Newell, writing in the Boston Cultivator, says that the average hired man does not study into the whys and wherefores of things.

The dairyman tells his man to go and get the cows and milk them, but he fails to tell him what to do and what not to do in carrying out this procedure.

He brushes or does not brush the cow's udders, according as he sees fit, dips his fingers in the milking pail to moisten their teats at his own pleasure, strips them hastily or treats the animals roughly, as inclination moves him.

Subordinates engaged in dairy work should be as well trained in what they are to do and how they are to do it as are soldiers.

Insect Pests.

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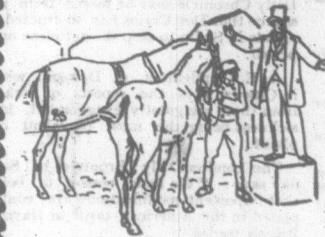
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