

FARM AND LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Brace leaning stacks. Repair farm buildings. Urub up bushes and briars. In fattening, feed regularly. Meadows may be top-dressed. Harvest buckwheat seasonably. Clean the cellars on rainy days. Topping corn to hurry ripening is nonsense. Shape up the furrows and ditches in wet land. Hens coops are too often stench breeders. A good cat is worth money about the farm barn. Pull up mulleins before they scatter a new crop of seed. The game fowl crossed with the Brahma produces a large and delicious table fowl. A suggestion kindly put to a thoughtful neighbor, concerning the eradication of his weed patches for the good of the community, may sometimes prove rightfully fruitful. Wormy orchard fallings fed to swine are by no means badly disposed of. The tone of the animal system is thus improved for fattening, and the larva in the fruit is effectually destroyed. It has been observed that flies, fleas and other insects dislike the odor of the walnut. On this account the tree is desirable to plant in pastures for shade. Branches freely burnt about the stables and stalls of animals, will save them a good deal of torment. Don't run a chicken, that is to be killed, down with boys and dogs. Such a bird becomes frightened, and heated up, and is not as fit for food as one caught in a pen, without running, and then afterwards, is held still while bleeding. Old Meadows Unprofitable.—We know of a farm that has been kept up as a pasture for village cows so many years, that that it is almost worthless now, even for this purpose. The seed plowed under would yield a big crop of most any kind, without doubt. After a change in the cropping, if the land were to be reserved for pasture, the increase of the grass yield would be wonderful. In an old meadow, the grass becomes so crowded, that vigorous growth is out of the question. The new setting of grass plants is one of the things most needed in such a case. Fattening Fowls.—Where it is desirable to do this in the shortest space of time, a good method is as follows: Shut up each fowl in a small coop or box, and place it in a darkened place. At the start give no food for six or eight hours, and then begin a course of regular feeding three times a day. Let the food be corn meal, well boiled and crumbly, with barley or oat meal porridge frequently for a change, and there must be water in the coop. Remove what is left both of food and water as soon as the bird is satisfied. In two or three weeks the bird ought to be very fat, and then if the fattening is not discontinued it will sicken. By this method only fat accumulates. If the same amount of food and care were bestowed on young chickens running free, the fattening would take longer, but there would be an increase of good flesh with the fat. Arrange for more Clover.—Farmers do not as a rule properly appreciate the great value of this crop. As hay it is excellent food, and makes a manure three or four times as rich in nitrogen, as manure from feeding straw. For pasture clover possesses great value, and it is also unequalled as a green manure. For the latter purpose some turn it under when the crop is full grown in June; others take off a crop of hay, or pasture the clover field early and then allow it to come on again, and turn it under for wheat; still others allow it to develop then turn it under. Sometimes two crops are taken off, and the field is plowed the next season, and sometimes the second crop is allowed to develop for seed. Being a strong rooted plant, the mechanical condition of the soil is always much improved by a vigorous crop of clover. Some farmers contain the idea that the decay of the roots in the soil is equivalent to a good applied fertilizer, even if the crop above ground is harvested. However used the plant is worthy of receiving increased attention from all farmers. Clover ought to have a place in every rotation. Orchard and Garden. Blanch the endive. Dry onions in a cool place. Transplant rhubarb in the fall. Pears should not ripen on the tree. Wash new strawberry beds clean. Prune useless wood from young trees. A 60-pound watermelon is reported. The seckel pear makes a delicious morsel. In planting trees, first work the soil two feet deep. For good celery, the soil must be moist and rich. Manage to have fresh fruit of your own growing on the table every day in the year. It can be done. Grapes have been kept over winter by gathering late in the season, putting them in a box, and burying it beneath the frost in dry soil. Don't be discouraged because the worms have used up your carrots. Increase the patch, but of this wholesome fruit and of the gooseberry, and then, early the next spring, apply a wash to the leaves made of water, with one ounce of white hellebore to each gallon, and you can easily keep free from their depredations. Plant Asparagus.—There should be a large bed of this delicious early vegetable in every garden. Once planted and the thing is a permanency. Fall planting has some advantage over spring planting, and besides, there is more time for the work. The soil should be rich, and if it is worked up a foot and a half deep, all the better. Should it naturally be stiff and clayey, incorporate some sandy loam, or rotted turf, or some coalashes with it. It should be well underdrained. A bed of six rows of the plants, three feet apart and fifty or sixty feet long, with nine inches between the roots in the rows, will supply a good sized family well. Flowers and the Lawn. Order the flower pots. Propagation should go on. Rats will devour carnations. Shift winter-blooming alyssum. Seeding verbena is the sweetest. Empress Josephine loved flowers passionately. Fire-heat is now acceptable to tropical plants. Do up flower seeds in neat packets and label them.

Mealy bugs on stephanotis or other plants should be washed off. Saw down any dead branches of trees, before they fall down to hurt some one. If any pot ferns show signs of mould or damping off on the leaves, the ailment may be overcome by keeping the foliage dry. Protect the Ailthens.—These beautiful fall flowering shrubs are not as common, especially in the double varieties, as they deserve to be. One reason why, is because the latter sorts sometimes winter-kill when they are young. This may be easily prevented by covering over the roots with hay or leaves for several years after planting, and until the roots can reach pretty well downwards. Pot up some Bulbs.—Those who aspire to have a fine show of window flowers during mid-winter should not fail in getting some hyacinths, tulips and other Dutch bulbs potted directly now. No other flowers are half as certain of doing well in the house as this class are, and a small outlay of imported bulbs will secure the best of material to work with. The bulbs may be potted at any time now. See to having good earth for them. If it contains some sand, all the better. One bulb in a four inch pot, or three in a six inch one, is about right for hyacinths and tulips as to accommodations. Plant firmly, water once thoroughly, and set pots away in a cool dark place. Putting them on the cellar floor and inverting an empty box over them would be good treatment. In about six weeks the bulbs will be well enough rooted that they may be brought to the light and warmth for growing and flowering.

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