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## Ask Your Friends.

We should be pleased to have the assistance of any and all of our readers in increasing our circulation, and shall esteem it an especial favor to have this number of the ADVOCATE shown to those who might be interested. Specimen numbers will be sent when desired.

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## Our Monthly Prize Essay.

Our prize of \$5.00 for the best essay showing the advantages and results derived from the application of artificial manures to grain, grasses and roots, has been awarded to W. L. Brown, of Hyde Park, Ont.

Our next prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on the treatment of milk cows. The essay to be from the actual experience of the writer, and must comprise the following subjects:

- Treatment of cows running repeatedly.
- " " before and after calving.
- " " that don't clean at once.
- " " that eat cleaning.
- " " udder before and after calving.
- " " calves if weaned.

The essay to be handed in to this office by the 20th May.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay upon the home curing and best method of keeping hams and bacon. The essay to be the actual experience of the female members of the families of our subscribers, and must be handed into this office on or before the 13th of June, 1883.

## Our New Departure.

On another page of this issue our readers will find a list of useful and entertaining books for the old and young. We have procured them on favorable terms, and wish our friends to procure them as premiums for obtaining new subscribers to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

No household should be without a copy of "The Every Day Doctor," and all the boys and girls will win one or more copies of our Popular Tales.

## The Russian Mulberry.

The demand continues so great for these young trees that we will continue to mail them as long as they can be kept in good order this spring, and then book for fall deliveries. From this date three young *Russian Mulberry* trees will be presented and mailed free to any old subscriber who sends us in one dollar for one new subscriber. You cannot procure these trees in so easy and cheap a manner in any other way.

FOR ADVERTISERS.—THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE is an unrivalled medium on account of its large circulation, its high reputation for conscientious principles, and the character of its readers.

All our premiums have been duly mailed. Any subscribers, whose premiums have not been received, will kindly notify us when money and new names were sent in, and give what premium was chosen. If now too late to mail, the premium will be duly entered for fall or spring delivery.

Our new premium list will not be issued until about July, but will be especially attractive in all its features.

## The Month.

The month of May is one of the most important of all others to our farmers. It is the month when as you sow so shall you reap. Owing to the lateness of the season the work will be crowded, and in the hurry our farmers are apt to do the work in a slipshod manner. Labor is high, and good farm hands are scarce, and this should suggest the advisability of having more labor for the year around. Just when farmers want help it is not to be had, and when men are looking for it there is no work. The lateness of the season would also suggest that more attention should be paid to having the land in such a condition that work could be commenced as soon as the snow is well off. But such is the lack of proper drainage that the greater portion of the heavy soils remain wet and unfit for culture for ten days and two weeks longer than they should. A good deal of ditching might be done this month, and no doubt at present there would be, but men who can dig a satisfactory drain are scarce; and, also, drain tiles cannot be had.

Sheep shearing will be forward, and our farmers will find it to their advantage to wait until the weather is sufficiently warm, or not to wash the sheep, but the wool, which, in our opinion, is preferable, and which is generally admitted.

Work neglected this month will be behind the rest of the year, so be up and doing. Harrowing fall wheat, which appears to be almost hopeless, will greatly assist in spreading the roots, and a subsequent rolling will fix them in the soil. The meadows should be looked after, and a top dressing of barn-yard or artificial manures be given.

## The Harvester.

No agricultural implement ever invented has been so rapidly improved as this machine. It is the implement of this generation. The change from the reaping hook to this giant is a wonder in itself, and now it is no experiment. The twine binder is destined to take the place of the harvester on large farms. Many different patterns are now being constructed in Ontario; four thousand will be made this year in this Province. We are frequently asked to give our opinion about different machines, and requested to say which is the best. We should exceed our duty if we condemned one and lauded another.

The Globe Harvesters, advertised in the columns of this paper, are highly commended by those who have used them. The firm warrant their machines. The names of the President and Vice-President of this firm ought to be a sufficient guarantee to the worth of the warranty.

The Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, Ont., have appointed Mr. H. J. Hill, Assistant City Clerk, to be Manager of the Fairs of the Association. Mr. Hill is admirably able to fill this position, and the Directors have made an excellent selection.

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