

Drouth has little effect upon it. Barren land occupied by it has its fertility improved. Those who understand how red clover takes so much of its nourishment from the air will have little difficulty in believing this, as the flat pea, like the clovers, belongs to the leguminosæ family. Four tons of dry hay per acre can be obtained if three cuttings are made. The first cutting takes away all chance for an early honey crop, but, if we understand it correctly, the bees gather a rich harvest after the first cutting, and not until October is its yield of nectar over. A somewhat serious drawback to growing it in this country is the difficulty of getting a start, as it is very liable to be winter-killed during the first and second years."

Summer Drinks.

The celebrated Dr. Parks makes the following suggestions in regard to drinks for laborers, either summer or winter. "When you have any heavy work to do, do not take either beer, cider, or spirits. By far the best drink is thin oatmeal and water, with a little sugar. The proportions are a quarter of a pound of oatmeal to two or three quarts of water, according to the heat of the day and your work and thirst. It should be well-boiled, and then an ounce or an ounce and half of brown sugar added. If you find it thicker than you like, add three quarts of water. Before you drink it, shake up the oatmeal well through the liquid.

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