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## SEASONABLE REMINDERS

Feed the young calves three times a day. Haven't you noticed how often they take a drink if allowed to develop in the natural way running with their mothers? Nature's way is the best way. Try to imitate it as closely as is practicable.

Don't turn the calves or pigs out into a pasture in which there is no shade. Just consider how uncomfortable you would feel if you were compelled to stay out in the glare of the sun all thru the day without any chance of protection. Animals have feelings just as you have. Small lean-to buildings can be put up without any trouble or expense. If you haven't any trees naturally in or around the pasture, consider how you can plant some to the best advantage next spring and cultivate the land to be used for tree planting during the summer.

Don't attempt to plant trees on any but well prepared land. You are sure to meet with disappointment thru having your trees die.

Now that seeding is over you have time to consider some means of improving the farmstead. Get a rough plan made out and then gradually make improvements as your time and pocket will allow.

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Cultivate the hoed crop as often as possible at this time. All crops will respond to frequent cultivation. Corn requires as much as it is possible for the farmer to give it, but care should be taken that cultivation should not be too deep as soon as the corn is from eight inches to a foot high. The corn plant is a surface feeder. It sends out its roots in all directions comparatively close to the surface of the ground, hence it is important to remember when cultivating that shallow cultivation will give the best results.

A word, too, in regard to the trees might be appropriate at this time. In order to get the best growth out of tree plantations they should be kept as free as possible of grass sod and weeds. Trees, like all other members of the vegetable kingdom do best in this country when they have direct access thru the soil to as much stored moisture as possible. Accordingly, trees planted round the house and buildings should be well cultivated. All suckers or ground shoots should be cut out and the trees given the best possible chance to develop.

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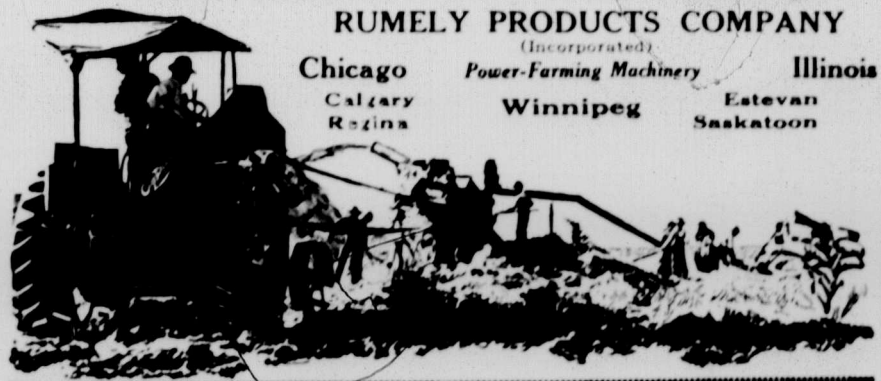
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