

For those who secure their supply of seed from the dealers, a word of caution might not be out of place. Dealers, through misrepresentation, or from some other cause, often are supplied with grain that is not as they had thought it to be, and thus supply their customers with seed that is impure or lacking in vitality. By securing the seedsman's catalogue, and then asking for small samples of the varieties wanted, which samples seedsmen are always pleased to forward, much of the loss that accrues from sowing seed lacking in vitality might be avoided. When these samples are received their vitality can be determined by planting a number of the seeds, say one hundred, in a small box, and by placing the box in a place where conditions are favorable for growth, it will soon be known what percentage of the seeds might be expected to germinate when sown in the field.

Serious losses are incurred each year by farmers buying seed grain that

contains impurities in the form of noxious weed seeds. This is true more particularly of clover and grass seeds. These seeds are small and resemble quite closely many of the weed seeds, thus making it difficult to detect their presence. If those who have to depend on the dealers for these seeds would become familiar with the appearance of the seed of the most common weeds, much of the damage done by noxious weeds could be avoided. With the aid of a small hand lens most of the weed seeds can be clearly seen, and with a little practice the farmer can soon learn to identify them.

When we resolve these suggestions into their last analysis we find that the key-note of it all is, more attention to the details of our business. However, we must not be surprised at finding this to be the case, as in every enterprise its success or failure depends almost entirely on the attention that is given to the minor details.

An Initiation Task.

Students nowadays little know what events there were to spice the life of students, especially freshmen, who attended here years ago. Initiation services were then general and of a varied character, and the originating of some new plan which had for its object the novel introduction of some innocent freshman into the ways of college life, was the chief thought of the sophomore for the weeks following College opening. There has just come to hand a copy of a set of examination papers which were worked off

on a couple of freshmen as a sort of initiation service. It will probably not be the first time that students who were here in the time of Creelman and Monteith have read these. Probably also, should Tinney and Campbell chance to see this, they will recall the day when they sat in the old live stock class-room from 12.30 until 'dark writing incessantly as the various presiding examiners kept watch over them.

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