

cattle all season ; twenty acres were cut twice and kept fifty-seven to November 15. Five acres kept 158 hogs and shotes ; in July fifty fat ones went to market. A 200-acre field was cut twice, and made 1,713 bushels of seed, worth \$5, per bushel. Twenty acres were cut twice ; made 234 bushels of seed. Six to eight bushels per acre is a good yield, still it has made ten to twelve bushels. It stands twenty years without reseeding. It is rightly named the "Mortgage Lifter," for if it can't do it, nothing can. Bottom is alfalfa land. This county has over 60,000 acres of bottom land.

NOTE.—Alfalfa is *lucerne*. ED.

## Household Matters.

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### BARGAINS.

The bargain seekers just now are having a rare harvest. Tempting articles are marked at what seem to be fabulously low prices, in fact so low, that people are led to think now is the only one chance in a lifetime of becoming the possessor of one of these treasures.

Sometimes, it happens that a few good articles are sold at a price to tempt the unwary into the belief that such a chance might never come again ; but, depend upon it, nothing is sold at a loss to the owner ; long before it is placed on the bargain-table such large profits have been made on these sales that the owner can well afford to sell the remainder at cost, or even under cost.

Take, for instance, an article that has been sold hitherto at \$2.50 and is now put on the bargain table and offered for sale at \$1.50. This sounds so tempting that bargain seekers feel certain they have got one, and no mistake, this time.

It was only the other day a young lady was warned as to the advisability of taking one of these bargains, as they were going fast. This same young lady declined, with thanks, at the same time, saying : "I am expecting the same article every day by post from England, where it is sold at 2s. 6d. sterling!"

One need no longer wonder at the apparent generosity of the vendor out here, as his profits are enormous.

It will thus be seen that it takes a very smart man of business to pick out at these cheap sales real bargains ; for anything bought without regard

to its future usefulness becomes an eyesore to the buyer as it serves as a constant reminder of bargain delusion.

I have seen, lately, some supposed very wonderful cheap-sales-bargains, bought four or five years ago, still lying on a shelf, waiting to be of use in some way or other, till they have become a joke in the family as to their ultimate destination.

So, all things considered, it is better to pass the bargain-table and buy of the very best that is wanted, as in the end it is always the cheapest.

### WAIST.

Who is there that does not remember the dear old Garibaldi of the past, which made people look very like a sack with a cord tied round the middle, though, in its day, we were only too proud to possess one.

Then came the blouse, which name still clings to a certain style of waist. Now we have all sorts of waists from the rather loose to the perfectly tight fitting one.

The latter does not suit some people, and they still cling to a little fulness, especially in the sleeves, which is more becoming to them.

Indeed the tight-fitting ones require a lot of trimming to make them look nice. One can easily use up in narrow lace "sewn on the narrow tucks of a muslin waist" quite enough to double the price of the whole ; it is very pretty before it gets crushed, but never looks quite as nice after washing.

There are a number of waists from which to choose to suit everyone, and which, when made up with great care and in suitable colours for the wearer, will always look nice. When one sees some pale young or old people got up in colours which only tend to intensify their pallor, it makes one feel sorry that they have not better taste. We have the loveliest, most beautiful warm colours to choose from, this winter ; colours which make one feel warm and comfortable even to look at.

Beautiful shades of brown, mauve, red, and so many others in all shades to suit everyone, quite enough to make one wonder where some people go to get their very ugly colours. A band of velvet cut on the cross and worn round the neck has a wonderful effect with some kinds of shirt-waists ; this with a bit of lace will make a common waist look quite dressy.