

## FARM.

### The Scrub Must Go.

Glad you old kindly boy with birth,  
The times demand a better breed,  
You never say for had your seed.  
So go it all the time you can,  
Just as you never as you can,  
If this should break your bovine heart,  
You look no pane long now.

Long horrid, I shopped, full of Brit,  
With years of fruitless toil and rain,  
And much more than a soul I have  
To think of wasted hay and feed  
In loud and injured voice, the while,  
I cry you out upon them in your greed  
The study will be the barest pile.

With best of feed youe have and this  
And I'll give you the care of you  
I'll give you and amplest this  
My pocket book is empty, too  
Well chosen was that famous sign  
I'll have a dog as old as now,  
The dog will bring me a fine line  
Told them of want no more than now  
But previous want shall disappear,  
The signs one righted mad,  
I'll fill my home that very year  
With ears of a good dairy breed,  
I'll have a dog as old as now,  
The dog will bring me a fine line  
Till paws shall falter every woe,  
And no more scrub than soul feed me.

### Orchard Notes.

Making the plum orchard a poultry run will greatly diminish the number of insects which prey upon the trees.

The *America Farmer* does not believe in planting largely or exclusively to one variety of fruit. Markets change, it says, and varieties new productive and profitable may cease to be so, and the orchard becomes the most useless tract of land on the whole farm.

Cherry stones that have been well kept through the winter for planting, may be planted in drifts covering fully an inch deep with soil, then covered over with straw or manure. The soil must be used, while hand working the plants is sometimes necessary.

To prevent weeds growing in the walks, the use of the following solution is recommended. One part low grade carbolic acid in 100 parts of water, applied in a spray form. Guard the hands and permit none of the solution to go against the grass or bark edges.

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Much trouble is caused by the grub cutting the plants off just at the surface, and much time lost in replanting and hunting for the offender. The following plan will effectively repel him. Have a pair of the green leafy leaves of the black currant's roll one like a funnel round each plant, leaving the root set free. Plant in the usual way, firming the ground round. If I never saw a plant touched by the grub it.

Sprout Notes.

Onions are the best sprouts for calves in their first winter, and they have best effect when well matured before feeding.

A properly matured animal must have its system built up evenly. What should be aimed at is a large frame and strong muscle, and the young stock should be fed with this object in view.

A few lack dairyman obtains fodder from sowed corn which proves perfect in the best hay, by planting the corn in drills three feet apart, so that the sun and the plow could get between the rows. Corn sowed so close it cannot be worked, he took no stock in.

Farmers ought to have an abundance of green clover for their hogs. Good clever pasture with a little cornmeal will keep hogs growing fast and all the time fit enough for good meat. If we had more grain for our hogs we would have less disease among them.

Bloat in calves is really an acute attack of indigestion, which often proves fatal almost immediately. Taken in time it may be relieved by a teaspoonful of baking soda and ground ginger dissolved in a quarter pint of hot water and poured down the calf's throat. If done this a long-necked bottle may be used. Rub the stomach briskly, and make the calf move about, if possible to get rid of the wind.

The New England Farmer says that straw fed to sheep with corn meal or oat meal affords cheap food, and keeps the sheep in good condition. A little cotton seed meal along with the other meal will increase the fattening qualities of the rations. Straw is not sufficiently appreciated by our farmers for feeding purposes. When fed alone it is a poor enough food, but when fed with corn meal and cotton seed meal it makes a good article to feed.

Poultry Notes.

As the weather becomes worse lies in the hen houses will find a starting point from the nests containing the sitting hens.

Charcoal is valuable in the poultry yard, broken in small pieces and placed where the fowls can have ready access to it, or powdered and mixed with soft food.

Those that keep more than one variety of fowl should strictly keep each breed by itself. It is a detriment to the business generally, for customers to hatch out cross-bred chicks from supposed thoroughbred eggs.

Chickens should never be allowed to roost till ten or twelve weeks old. If allowed to roost their breasts often get crooked and their growth and appearance at the table spoiled. Occasionally we see an otherwise fat turkey most ungracefully from the cause.

The Broad and Narragansett are the two largest breeds of turkeys. The former is a dark brown color, with a lighter approach in gold, and with dark or flesh colored legs. No adult gobblers of either variety should weigh less than twenty-five pounds, and the hens should exceed fifteen pounds.

If a hen lays only one egg a week for a year it will pay for her food, and every additional egg gives profit, say writers. If a hen lays three eggs a week she will give double the profit derived from a hen that lays two eggs. The greater the number of eggs the cheaper the cost of production in proportion.

It is very important that young chicks have meat, even if only two or three times a week. Not once a day is better, as they require it. A young chick that is growing very rapidly will starve on a corn meal diet, unless it receives other food, but it gives a meal of meat or so a day it will thrive under other difficulties.

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being the case the most important matter is to have their sleeping place dry. Dampproof mats now cause the chicks to sleep well in the legs of an old Indian line. The best protection is a board, about four feet square, which should be cleaned off every morning and then sprinkled with sand or dirt, and the chicks will not only be dry and warm, but clean.

Those who have eggs to sell are often annoyed when carrying the eggs to market that they get many poor ones for them than another who has very small eggs. The same feeling also prevails among con sumers when one pays as much for a dozen small eggs as another pays for a dozen large ones. It is claimed too that eggs from a well fed fowl are richer and heavier than those from common poorly fed fowls. This is less felt when scarce and high, there is a feeling that there is something wrong in the mode of selling eggs. Why not have them sold by weight? If dealers would only establish this plan by calculating how much they can pay per pound, then the traffic in eggs would become more satisfactory.—*Germanstown Telegraph*.

### Garden Notes.

Gardening is profitable when the soil is not too cold a nature, and the market is not at great a distance. One of the essentials is to plant early and to grow nothing but good varieties.

When too large flower pots are used, there will be more leaves than flowers. Often plants do not bloom because having so much space, their strength is expended in forming roots and leaves.

Carrots and onions are two crops easily destroyed by grass or weeds when the seed is germinating and just beginning to push through the soil. The soil must be used, while hand working the plants is sometimes necessary.

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Sometimes it happens that geraniums from late spring cuttings, planted in rich moist soil, grow tall and thin, but hold a few flowers. Do better than this, they should be pot bound and show bloom before planting out. Landing pots and all is of doubtful benefit. Better have the soil rich, but practice deep digging. With a moist season and rich soil, no geraniums are well. Old set-back plants, fall of about mid-June, planted out the latter part of May, should flower well, all summer.

The Mistress Got the Heat of It.

An amusing story is told of the adventures of a lady in search of a servant, says the Brooklyn Courier. She went to an hotel in New York, although she might have known that the more aristocratic kind of hotel was not usually to be found in such places, which are said to be "way down" and which is fit only to be patronized by "greenhorns" and "rounders." However, she went to one, and, having been offered a likely young woman, found her qualifications fairly satisfactory. But the girl turned her back immediately, and put the usual questions, which are the stock in trade of comic papers:—

"And do you keep a man to put out the ashes?"

The lady was not surprised, of course, but she saw that the independent and particular Abigail wasn't going to suit after all.

"Oh, no! my husband will do all that for you," she answered, with a mischievous twinkle in her eye and an internal smile at the thought that her husband could be as independent.

The girl proceeded with her cross-examination, and was accommodated at every point. All looked like an excellent place, and she was ready for an engagement. But the lady suddenly asked,

"Do you sing?"

The girl was a little mystified, but upon asking that the question was intended to draw her out on the question of her character at work, she answered that she did, and was very fond of doing so.

"And do you play the piano?"

This was a poor woman, and the other had, of course, to admit that her early education had been wholly neglected in the matter of this accomplishment.

"Oh, yes, these were do's at all, for I want a girl who can entertain my friends in the parlour while I am at work in the kitchen."

Private Fortunes in Ancient Times.

Cromes possessed in landed property a fortune equal to £1,000,000, besides a large sum of money, slaves and furniture.

The philosopher Seneca had a fortune of £2,500,000.

Lamia, the soothsayer, had a fortune of £3,500,000.

Tiberius, at his death, £2,500,000, which Caligula spent in less than ten months.

Cesar, before he entered upon any office, owned £2,000,000.

Anthony owned £300,000 at the time of March, paid it before the calends of April and squandered £147,000,000 of the public money.

Apelles surpassed in debauchery £500,000.

Cleopatra, as an enterpreneur, gave Anthony, dissolved in vinegar, who avenged it, a pearl worth £2,000.

Zeophis paid for a single dish £50,000.

Caligula spent for one supper £30,000.

Heliogabalus spent for one meal £20,000.

Lucius annually paid £20,000 for a repast.

Messalina gave £60,000 for the house of Anthony.

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## HOUSEHOLD.

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Nobody knows of the sorrows of life.

Nobody knows—but mother.

Nobody knows to children what

What's best only another

Nobody's gained by naughty boys,

Nobody's—but mother.

Nobody knows the aches and

Painful baby brother;

Nobody knows the tender power,

Nobody—only mother.

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