

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

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Seed Testing and its Relation to Agriculture.

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The testing of seed for purity and vitality by scientific methods has been a prominent factor in the agricultural progress of Germany, Switzerland and other European countries.

With respect to the question as to whether it can be made profitable for a farmer to buy grain or stock feed for stock feeding, I would say that as a general thing and as generally considered, it is not profitable.

The results of the work that has already been done in the Dominion Seed Laboratory reveal a great need for seed testing in this country.

The fact that Germany alone now maintains thirty-nine seed testing stations shows that seed testing is highly valued as a means of increasing the interests of agriculture in that country.

In the seed laboratory these samples were subjected to two examinations, one for purity and one for vitality. In making these examinations the rules adopted by the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations were followed in detail.

The trade in seed corn and alfalfa is undoubtedly the most profitable in the country. The steadily increasing demand for seed corn and alfalfa has encouraged their production on farms that are well equipped with the most modern machinery.

Does it Pay to Buy Grain for Winter Feeding?  
In view of the increasing tendency to buy a large part of our feed for fattening and dairy purposes we have considered the question of sufficient interest to give for the benefit of our readers the ideas of some of our best farmers who have been in the business for some time.

Whether or not Maritime Province farmers can profitably buy grain and stock feed for winter feeding is a hard question to answer. It is manifestly a matter of conditions, but I think in the majority of cases the answer must be "No," if they are to form any profitable business.

The question of "feeding purchased grain or mill feed to farm animals" is, in my opinion, one of the most important problems that we have had to deal with in the Maritime Province, and I am glad to see you are venturing to discuss it in your valuable paper.

It is a pity that we do not or cannot raise more grain than we do. I know in some cases the farmer is raising all the grain he possibly can, so that we will have to buy the less

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The Household. Baker's Corner.

Uses of Kerosene. Here are some very useful and novel ways in which common kerosene oil may be made to serve the housekeeper who finds her battles with dirt a losing struggle.

A white flannel cloth or piece of white linen, dampened with kerosene will clean any porcelain or metal bathtub. Dry the tub first and then rub lightly with the kerosene cloth. Every vestige of foreign matter will disappear, and an instant bluish rub with a dry flannel will complete the task.

Kerosene will cut the accumulated grease from the drain pipe of a sink, and will keep the sink itself perfectly sweet and clean. Kerosene cuts all grease and fat generally. As this grease disappears before it and tar softens and falls away. It is so volatile that if put in dry heat as near an open register or oven door, it will quickly evaporate and leave no stain on the fabric upon which it has been used.

As a bleacher, kerosene stands high. Put a teaspoonful in a washful of water and then proceed with the washing after the usual method. The clothes will be whiter, sweeter and hygienically much cleaner than they can be got without the use of oil. For kerosene in the fabric upon which it has been used.

In the war with insect life, kerosene is a sure weapon of defense. If the kitchen table is seized upon by roaches and used as a nest for them, do not burn it up after ineffective scrubbing and scalding. Put it in the yard and soak it with kerosene. Not an egg will live. In like manner treat any insect infested furniture.

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