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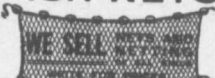
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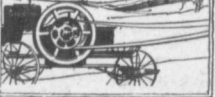
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Iowa has shown to be one of the best for that part of Canada, and, it is believed, for districts having a somewhat similar climate. This is a hybrid between the Japanese plum and the American, and has combined in it the good points of both, being, like the American, harder than the Japanese, but having the thin skin and firm flesh of the latter. The Omaha ripens about the middle of August, a time when there is usually a good market for plums.

It is desirable to have more than one variety of these hardy plums if the best source is to be obtained as they are more or less self-sterile and each variety requires another near it blooming at the same time to ensure a good crop for both.

Orchard and Garden Notes

SEPARATE runners from the strawberry plants and set them in the new bed.

Set strawberry plants with the crown even with the surface of the ground.

One third of the new growth of gooseberry bushes should be cut off each year.

Two or three year old wood produces the best currants. Older wood should be cut out.

One hundred asparagus plants will supply the ordinary family. Divide old roots, or buy one or two year old plants.

Plant potatoes or vegetables between the rows of trees in the orchard. The frequent cultivation is good for the trees, if care is taken not to get too close.

Continual surface cultivation should be given currant and gooseberries. In setting out plants from the hotbed or cold frame, see that the soil is fine and moist.

Do not plant before until the soil is warm. From May 15 to July 1 is usually about the right time.

Raspberries, blackberries and strawberries will succeed on any good corn land. A north slope is best.

Wayside Cleanings

By "Burbank"

THAT unfavorable weather we have been having for the past month. It was with a good deal of alarm that farmers observed the different frosts that we had in the early part of the season, and much speculation was indulged in, regarding snow seeds and fall wheat. One day we heard to remark recently, "It was freezing and thawing of this kind was enough to 'cook' anything."

The ambiguity of this saying is quite obvious, but the meaning is clear, and we have all been watching what the result would be on those tender plants. But the dull, cloudy, cool weather of these last few weeks has come in for its share of criticism also. Yet the farmers who have visited their meadows, and given the question of weather any thought, should be convinced that this kind of weather was possibly the best. New seeds are looking better than at first anticipated. The setback they received from the freezing has been very much overcome by the cool cloudy weather. In the sun's rays have not been strong enough to wither up the tender plants, and has given them a chance to take root and revive.

It was with good deal of interest that I looked over our new alfalfa seeding and noted that a number of the plants, although sickly looking, have still a spark of life in them, and their chances for living, if reasonably good weather should come from now on, are very good. It seems to

me that the habit of criticizing the weather is altogether a too common one, when half the time if we would stop and think, the weather is best suited for our needs as it is.

Horses With Scratches.
The spring season is usually a trying time for the teamster who has one or more horses that are inclined to have grease legs or scratches. Many men give little or no attention to their horse legs, or frequently they allow horse leeches to deposit a quite valuable horse to proprietors for the lack of a little care. Unfortunately we have an old mare that suffers every year from this trouble. The winter season, with little regular work, seems to be just what is needed to make her legs swell and break out in those nasty running sores. This year she was neglected and her legs are in bad shape.

The other day we decided to try and help her if possible. The first operation was to clip her legs as well as possible with clippers. Twice a week since doing this we have been giving her legs a thorough rubbing with a dilute solution of Zenoleum and they are improving. The short hair allows the rubbing off of the scurf or scabs and the Zenoleum seems to be cleansing up the sore spots. I never heard of this remedy being used before and was rather skeptical of its value, but we are learning not to despise any remedy, these times, so long as it is cheap and easy to apply.

Ontario's Annual Fire Bill

THE fire waste of the province of Ontario for the first three months of 1917, amounts to \$3,321,921. In 1916 it amounted in round figures to \$12,000,000. This waste is largely the destruction of field products in barns, elevators and warehouses. One-half of these fires could be avoided by a little care and thought. Three very simple suggestions have recently been made by a Fire Marshal of Ontario, which, if adopted, will go a long way to accomplish an important reduction in fire waste.

1. Install lightning rods on barns and save fires from lightning. The Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, will furnish any one with a pamphlet showing how the rods should be made and erected. It is an absolute fact that barns properly rodged and grounded are not liable to be struck by lightning.

2. The crops should not be put in until it is certain they have been properly cured. Evidence is daily accumulating that the heavy clover crops of last year did not receive full and proper care and resulted in the firing of barns from spontaneous combustion. Many doubt this theory, but recognition of the cause is growing very rapidly.

3. Ventilate the barn so that gases caused by the fermentation of imperfectly cured crops will be successfully carried off. In an unventilated barn to keep the doors and windows closed after harvest, and then admit air by the opening of the doors, windows, or other apertures during the warm fall weather is to invite the fire fiend to get in his work.

More Work for His Tractor

IN a recent letter to Farm and Dairy, Mr. H. K. Revel, who compared the relative merits of tractor vs. horse plowing in the Farm Machinery Number, writes further of his tractor experience as follows:

"Since writing for your Farm Machinery Number, I have been using my tractor on a disk harrow with 30 cutaway plates, weighted with about 200 lb. of stone. The tractor climbs 30 per cent. grades with this disk nicely. I intend to add smoothing harrows behind the disk."

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During the discussion, the very advantage including potatoes to farmers at the reach, on the should all be planted. A willingness was farmers to take the city is going. The members of Resources Commission urge the Government provide seed in and intimate that already been reconstituted.

More Capital

THAT the action of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in arranging at their to increase the capital from \$10,000 to \$20,000 indicated by the first three months Company has been \$250 for interest an action with the banks. At times it bank has been over or more on which interest. If the cent capital is to secure so much as bank and thus work of this expenditure count.

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Two New

THREE egg circles at Ontario county, on April 25th, at Valley Farmers' Club. Mr. J. J. Morrison meeting. An unusual election of a number of directors of the same. There were 50 present. Mr. J. W. Stark, Chairman of the Peeli county. Mr. J. V. Stark, Chairman of Peeli county. Both of these clubs.

Cattle Embargo

THREE British embargoes from Canada, which force since 1892, Hon. Maria Burrell, Ontario, stated in the news last week that she had taken to England complete memorandum cargo question and with British removal. Mr. Burrell when the matter is the embargo, as the readers probably know, is a sanitary protest. Five stock interests.