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Professor Goff says: Whole potatoes are the best to plant, as they give more gain in the crop than the extra amount of seed required. The strongest eyes are on the seed end. Never use sprouted seed. No particular difference where you put the fertilizer. Potash is the best fertilizer, and the best soil a gravel loam with clover sod.

Oats are one of the best egg-producing foods known, says the *Southern Fancier*. Oats would be more extensively used were it not for the rough hull. Now that a hullless oat can be raised the problem of cheap egg-producing food has been solved. It should constitute three-fourths of the diet of the large breeds, whose inactivity causes them to take on more fat than is desirable.

A complete change of the soil in flower pots is sometimes necessary, and will enable a plant to secure more food and grow better.

Feather eating hens are best broken of this habit by plenty of exercise and a variety of food, including raw meat or other animal food.

THE BEAN CROP.—Beans grow best on a light, warm or sandy soil. For field culture the white marrow is a standard New York and eastern variety, large, oval in form and unexcelled in quality, and brings the highest price in the market. It develops a large amount of foliage and is inclined to throw out a good many running vines. The white navy, medium, or pea bean, is smaller, round, oval in form and well adapted to thin soils; productive under good cultivation and a standard commercial sort. Beans are planted in rows about three feet apart, either in hills or drills, after all danger of frost is over, and should never be worked when wet with rain or dew. They should be harvested before frost.

Farmers' boys, and girls also, should be encouraged by their parents to a study of nature, birds, animals and plants. It is one of the best, as it is the most natural method of training the faculties. A wide-awake boy will want to investigate the various objects of nature around him. Let him do so and study them, not to the exclusion of books, but in addition thereto. Take the boys fishing occasionally. What they learn by such jaunts will be valuable through life, especially the love of rural scenes and sports.

YOUNG TURKEYS.—Young turkeys are subject to two special dangers—(1) a peculiar susceptibility to wet and (in less degree) to cold, and (2) a great liability to diarrhoea. For the first week, *American Poultry Journal* says, the young bird should have little beyond hard boiled egg minced up with dandelion leaves, or a little bread crumbs may be added. All through dandelion leaves make far the best green food, but if they cannot be had, chopped boiled nettles or onions chopped fine are the next best. As they get older, they are fed on good barley meal or oatmeal, and may also have almost ad libitum, fresh curd squeezed dry from the whey, buttermilk is about as likely to cause trouble as anything.

The egg for a week is of very great importance to prevent a slight tendency to diarrhoea from the first which often sets in, and gets worse, and carries them off later on. While young turkeys require the utmost care when very young, and should be confined for awhile, let it be known that they will not thrive unless they have the benefit of a range as they become larger. They are active foragers, and must have a chance to exercise that peculiarity, but in so doing they will pick up the greater part of their food. Those who grow tobacco should always keep a flock of turkeys, as they are very destructive to the large green worms that do so much damage to that crop. If allowed a range and fed on grain at night, they can easily be taught to come up at regular hours.

Considering that no opportunity should be lost of stimulating our farmers and stock-raisers to the improvement of their stock we have pleasure in reproducing the following circular published by the Government of Nova Scotia, in order to contribute to its wider circulation. The action of the Provincial Government is both timely and commendable.

"Offer of bonuses to encourage the importation, and use in the Province, of improved breeds of horses, specially suitable for general farm work, and for raising a superior style of carriage horses.

Notice is hereby given that it is considered desirable to promote the improvement of the breed of horses in the Province, by encouraging the importation and use of stallions and mares specially adapted for the raising of a useful class of working horses, suitable for farming, lumbering, teaming, and such general heavy work as is required in connection with the various industries of the Province;—and, also, to encourage farmers in the raising of animals of size and style suited for a superior class of carriage horses,—the production of which, it is believed, would prove a remunerative industry in Nova Scotia. As the result of careful enquiry, it appears that the kind of horse whose use will be most likely to lead to the realization of the objects desired, is the Cleveland Bay, if examples sufficiently well bred can be secured; or the English hackney, or Norfolk trotter, if of sufficient size.

In order to give effect to these views, and encourage the carrying out in an efficient manner, of the objects contemplated, a limited number of bonuses are hereby offered, for the present year, for the importation, and maintenance in the Province for breeding purposes of stallions and mares of the class indicated, viz.:

A bonus of ten per cent. on the original purchase price of stallions; and of fifteen per cent. upon that of mares and a stallion, if imported together by the same owner. No bonus will be given to any stallion of less weight