#### FARMERS' COLUMN:

The Farmer's Song. We envy not the princely man, 35 1 In city or in town, Who wonders whether pumpkin vines Run up the hill or down; We care not for his marble halls, Nor yet his heaps of gold-We would not own his sordid ear For all his wealth thrice told.

We are the favored ones of earth, We breathe pure air each morn; We sow; we reap the golden grain; We gather in the corn; We toil; we live on what we earn,
And more than this we do—
We hear of starving millions round,
And gladly feed them too.

The lawyer lives on princely fees, Yet drags a weary life; He never knows a peaceful hour-His atmosphere is strife. The merchant thumbs his yard-stick o'er, Grows ragged at his toil;
He's not the man God meant him for—
Why don't you till the soil?

The doctor plods through storm and cold. Plods at his patient's will; When dead and gone he plods again To get his lengthy bill. The printer (bless his noble soul!) He grasps the mighty earth, And stamps it in our daily sheet, To cheer the farmer's hearth,

We sing the honor of the plow, And honor to the press-Two noble instruments of toil, With each a power to bless. The bone, the nerve, of this fast age, True wealth of human kind— One tills the ever generous earth, The other tills the mind. . -Boston Investigator.

It is calculated that potatoes planted five inches deep will produce 30 per cent more than those planted two inches.

Harrowing cannot be repeated too often. If the cattle have tramped the meadow harrow it. If it is baked, harrow it. If the grass is thin, harrow it. It you want a good crop, harrow it.

A farmer states that he planted five rows of corn with seed taken from the three inches below the oar, rejecting the imperfect grains at the extreme piont; then five rows taken from the middle and base of the ear, rejecting the imperfect grains at the butt. The result was that the five rows planted from the middle and butt of the ear ripened about two weeks and a half before the other rows, the corn of the former being better eared and filled to the end of the cob.

For any soil except sand or gravel, use a steel plow. The cost is but little more, and the draft enough less to pay the difference in plowing twenty enough less to pay the difference in plowing twenty acres. In ploughing sod, the colter does a great deal of work, and should be kept sharp by forging at the blacksmith's and grinding every day if necessary. Of course it will wear off sooner, but new colters are cheaper than new teams. Set the colter in line with the plow, the edge square in front with an angle of forty five degrees from the point to where it is attached to the beam. When the share gets worn out, it is poor economy to use it any longer, but replace it with a new one. Let the traces be as short as will allow the horse to walk without hitting the whiffletrees, and have just pressure enough of the wheels on the ground to make the plow run steadily.

PREVENTIVE OF RUST IN WHEAT.—Dr. Thomas P. James, commissioner of agriculture of Georgia, has issued a circular to the wheat growers of his State, in which he says that having received information that the wheat in many sections is being injured by the rust, he suggests the trial of nitrate of soda on a small plat as a preventive, and asks that a report of the results to his department at Atlanta be made. Dr. James gives the following directions for the use of the nitrate: "Pulverize well and sow broadcast over the wheat when 'in the boot,' while the dew is on the blades, at the rate of seventy-five pounds to the acre. This is recommended as an experiment as far as preventing rust is concerned; but the benefit to the wheat is an established fact. The discovery of a preventive of rust is of vast import-

The Sweedish plan of setting milk for butter was described at the recent meeting of the Dairymen's Association by Mr. Harding, of Louisville, Ky. He puts his milk into the pans, as soon as milked puts on the tight fitting tin covers and places them in the refrigerator, which stands in an ordinary milk room or celler which does not freeze. His temperature is forty nine degrees, or lower, and his pans twenty inches by eight in diameter. This plan keeps the cream sweet, which produces more butter better butter, and that which keeps longer. He keeps his about thirty-six hours, and sells for fifty cents per pound. The aroma or odor is preserved better than by the old way of exposure to the atmesphere. The quality is better, so is the color; the grain or texture is greatly injured by a varying temperature, which this method prevents.

How to Stack Hay.—To make bright, sweet hay, says the Rural World, the mode of stacking is important. Some means of ventilation must be employed, and in the stack or barn, that of filling a wheat sack with straw and raising it as tast as the clover is deposited in layers in the mow or stack, is a good means of making a ventilating flue. The hay will be improved, and the tendency to fermentation diminished, by the application of two or three quarts of salt to each ton, mingled through the hay as it is placed in layers on the stack or in the mow. As a rule, no more salt should be used on the hay than will be likely to be wanted by the animals that are to eat it. Clover cured in the manner we have indicated will be sweet, bright, and healthful to either cattle or horses. If no care is used in curing it, as is frequently the case, and it is dried to death, as it were, or it is exposed to rains and dews while being cured, it loses the fine aroma peculiar to it, as well as the leaves and more nutritious portions of it, and nothing but a blackened, almost worthless mass remains.

DIRECTIONS FOR CALCIMINING.—Buy the best bleached glue, if the walls are to be white or some light tint (if, dark, it is immaterial, so the glue is clean), and use it in the proportion of a quarter of a pound to eight pounds of whiting. Soak the glue over night, in the morning pour off the water, as it simply swells while soaking. Add fresh water, put it in a pail, and set that in a kettle of boiling water. When dissolved, stir it into the whiting, adding enough water to make it, after mixing, of the same consistency of a common white wash. It may be tinted any color, and is applied with a whitewash brush. If the color is rubbed smooth in a little water and then mixed with the wash it will be more even. If the walls have been previously whitewashed, sorape away all that will come off, and wash with a solution of white vitrol—two ounces in a pail of water. The vitriol will be decomposed, forming zine white and plaster of paris, to which the calciminine easily adheres. It is important to dissolve the glue in a hot water bath, for if scorched by too great heat its tenacity is impaired or destroy.

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