

month or six weeks old, and after that shelled corn.

On this point, speaking from our own experience in raising calves of distinctive dairy breeds, we have always found ground flax-seed meal much the best of all other feeds to balance skim milk with.—*Hoard.*

The Orchard and Garden.

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SYSTEM

The successful man in any calling, is the systematic man. He who lets his work drive him is always in a hurry and yet does not accomplish so much as he who has established for himself a systematic method of doing things at the right time and in the right way.

Perhaps, this proportion applies with even greater force to the farmer and gardener than to the mechanic—for the following reason. The progression of the seasons goes on with unvarying certainty and if work on the land is neglected to be done at the proper time, failure will be the consequence.

It is mysterious to some people how others get on so well. Jones will say "I don't see how neighbour Brown does it; I work as hard as he does but he is always ahead." Now, if Jones would count up the hours which he thoughtlessly wastes, he would find that it is not the question of working hard by *sprints*, but by being continually on the alert to see that nothing is neglected to be done when it should be done. Jones takes advantage of a wet day to take a lounge in the village store, post-office, or smithy; so when he wants a tool or implement, it is not sharp, or it is out of repair. Brown's wet days are spent in keeping everything in order to use immediately when they are required. Jones neglects to make any plan as to what he is going to do with such and such a field, or what seed he proposes to sow. Brown spends bad days also, in studying the plan of campaign for the coming spring; looks out for the best market at which to secure the seed grain he will require; buys it before the seedman's rush comes in; gets better attended to, and has the seed ready instead of having to go to the town for it, losing time when it is most valuable. By watchfulness, diligence, and punctuality Brown succeeds; for the want of these Jones fails; and,

yet poor Jones suffers more from worry of mind and often from more fatigue of muscle than Brown.

Part of a farmer's and gardener's outfit should consist of some tools necessary to repair his implements, so that when any of them get slightly out of order he should sufficiently study their mechanism as to be able to mend them with as little loss of time as may be. System, too, is necessary in out-door work as regards the hours of labor. During the summer season, most of the work can be done by daylight, and if the early morning is devoted to feeding, cleaning and milking, the herdsman, in busy seasons, will have time during the day to assist in the field, and he can go back to his cattle and have all the necessary work done for them before daylight closes, and the hands can then have some time for needed recreation before bed-time.

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise is an old and true maxim, and one, if copied in practice, the world would be the better for. If we adopt a system of regularity in beginning the labors of the day in reasonably early season, we shall find how much less our work will drag throughout it and how much more satisfactorily we shall have to perform our daily task. And what is true of one day will apply to the whole season's work.

"Order is Heavens first law" systematic application to duty leads to success, and the want of it to anxiety of mind, vexation, loss and often complete failure.

SWEET CIDER

As I see the reverend Trappist Fathers have given, in their clever pamphlet, on fruit, a recipe for making cider I thought perhaps our readers might like a few hints as to how a delicious beverage free from alcohol can be made from the apple. Sweet cider is often made of inferior quality because it is thought that apples that are not fit for market will make good cider. To make the very finest, all worm eaten or partially decayed fruit should be rejected and only sound fruit be used, which, if not quite ripe when gathered, the ripening process can be completed by placing the apples in piles in the orchard, before putting them through the cider mill. The best cider is filtered through properly prepared muslin and charcoal filters. It can be kept sweet for some-