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Farm Crop Queries

CONDUCTED BY PROF. HENRY G. BELL. The object of this department is to place at the service of our farm readers the advice of acknowledged authority on all subjects pertaining to soils and crops.

Q.—Is nitrate of soda a good fertilizer for corn and bean crop? If so, how much do they sow per acre? And where could it be purchased? Answer:—Nitrate of soda is a strong stock and leaf growing fertilizer.

Poultry

Poultry raisers who produce capons for market should use judgment as to the breed of chickens used for this purpose. Leghorns and similar small breeds, which are essentially egg layers, should not be used.

Q.—I have a piece of ground in which I intended to sow vetch for a cover crop last fall but the vetch did not get enough growth by May or June to make it worth while? Answer:—You can sow spring or autumn vetch. This is exceedingly good as a cover crop and as material for hay for milking cows.

The Treatment of Grain for Smut

The smut diseases of grain are of considerable economic importance and every farmer should know how to combat them for the sake of his own crops as well as those of his neighbors.

WHEAT.—Smoking Smut or Bunt: Thorough fanning of the seed grain will remove most of the smut balls. This should be followed by the formalin dip or sprinkle, which give perfect control.

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Choosing Varieties to Plant

How often has it happened in Canada that varieties of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants are chosen haphazardly and ordered hastily before sufficient enquiry is made as to their merits for the special purpose desired.

Q.—Can you give me a simple rule for finding the cubic contents of a round or cylindrical cistern fourteen feet deep and fourteen feet in diameter? Answer:—The cubic contents of a cylindrical cistern fourteen feet deep by fourteen feet in diameter can be found by the following rule:

Q.—What is the true name for rutabagas? Please tell me how to raise them, what fertilizer, and what kind of soil they do best on. Answer:—The true name of rutabagas or swede turnip is Brassica Rapa.

Q.—I would like to have full information about Hubam clover. Answer:—Hubam clover is an annual white clover which ripens in the same year that it was sown.

Q.—I have had some experience in farming but not enough to venture out on my own responsibility. Can't there some way by which I can learn more about it before I undertake farming again? Answer:—Your best way would be to get in touch with the Ontario Agricultural College.

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FARMERS HARD UP?

A fish man in a public way recently enumerated some of the greater comforts, pleasures and satisfactions of the well-to-do.

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Testing Seed Corn

Without good seed satisfactory crop production is impossible. Good crops of wheat, oats, and barley are grown each year without a seed test before sowing.

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The Thin-Ice Skater

When the well is dry we know the worth of water, and when the pocket is empty we know the value of money. The panny-go-lucky individual who spends as much money as he can in the winter months, who drops through and disappears when old age descends upon him, it is unfortunate but true, that he usually finds himself in the breadbasket ranks of those who have been better days.

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Laughing Wrinkles Away

When someone asked the famous singer, Althea Patten, then getting along in years, how she managed to keep her face so wonderfully youthful in appearance, she said, "Whenever I have a wrinkle coming I have laughed it away, and my advice to the woman who wants to remain young is to be happy, don't worry, but walk."

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Sheep Notes

The care of the flock before lambing is an important relation to the success of the crop. Ewes which are poor feeders and lacking vigor will produce small weak lambs. Such lambs require more care and feed to adjust rapidly enough to reach the market early when the prices are usually highest.

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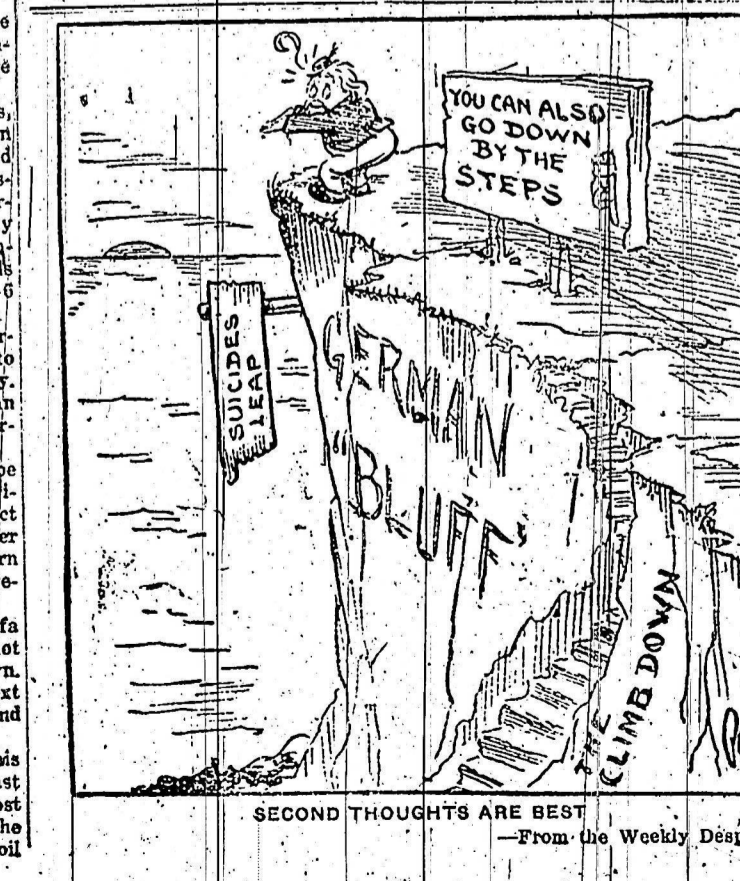
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