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## AGRICULTURAL TOPICS FOR WHIG READERS

Seventy-five farmers in Crawford sary to treat serious cases in the county, Ohio, maintained flocks of stall of a large stable, where the total capacity of 66,000 eggs The menu as far as possible.-H.J.D. heating is done by hot-water beilers which automatically keep the temperature at 103 degrees. Before being put in the incubators, the eggs the most important single operation Each Tuesday of the hatching sea- falfa and keeping it. On the irrigat-March to early October, a batch of chicks is taken from the machine and if done in the spring, should be done immediately shipped to customers.

Green Bone Best for Layers jected to when locked up in a house if well carried out, will produce among its particles, the fresh bone is a month or six weeks before seeding. must be fed sparingly, especially at

Here and there one finds a dairy- again put into condition by disking man who hesitates about taking up and harrowing .- Alvin Keysen. cow testing because of the initial ex-

pense of about three dollars for the necessary outfit of scales and bottles. This would seem to be an extreme case of "penny wise and pound foolish." So many examples are constantly cropping up of distinct saving through the small expenditure that they should be noted for the encouragement of those who

discarded by owners who were evidently absolutely ignorant of their high value as good producers. After one or two months' test the new owners have often refused \$50 and \$100 on their bargains. That is pretty quick return on the cow testamongst such discards at auction were picked up one or two world's

This vital fact should not be over looked: Hundreds of poor cows are being kept to-day at huge expense probably ignorant. Yet a three dollar outfit would help discover them soon turning the present loss into distinct savings.

Then, thanks to that small expense, many dairymen are now making an additional income of three hundred dollars from twenty cows, because the poorest have been dis application to the publication branch, carded. It will abundantly pay every dairyman to keep dairy records.

Poultry Breeding

Good health and good quality are the twin corner stones of successful poultry breeding. The foundation will be faulty if either is lacking. especially those kept on the exten- veal, 8c. to 12c.; lamb, by carcase, things for keeping fowls in a healthy

While the value of poultry droppings as a fertilizer has often been largely overrated, it is very true that they are far more valuable than any other fertilizer made on the farm, They should, therefore, be carefully preserved by being kept fairly dry.

An apple orchard makes a splendid run for poultry. It furnishes shade and protection, and the fowls can always find green food and insects among the trees. The poultry are also a great benefit to the orchard south and rolled oats, \$3.50 bbl.; because of their destroying the in- ornmeal, \$2 per cwt.; bran, \$25.50 per sects, most of which are harmful to ton; shorts, \$26.50 ton; baled straw,

not come in a week, month, or a loose hay, \$15; pressed hay, \$15.

When Horses Are III.

Professor M'Call, Glasgow, in series of lectures on the care of animals in disease, referred to the importance of the early recognition of signs of illness. The medical profession had the advantage of ascertaining much information from their patients, but the veterinary surgeon posted in the faculty of law at Mcand the owners had to depend en- Gill for the first time in the history of tirely upon their powers of observa- the university contained the name of tion. The ideal housing for a sick horse was a roomy, well-lighted and well-ventilated loose box, free from draughts, and if possible, separate from the stable. It was remarkable ed successful in all examinations, and in this enlightened twentieth century how our forefather's prejudice against fresh air was largely retained, and healthy and sick animals It will be up to the Quebec Bar Asalike housed in vitiated atmospheres. sociation to say whether or not Mrs. Pure air was most important for the Langstaff shall practise, supposing she welfare of all animals.

All farmers and live-stock owners should have loose-box accommodation for sick animals, as frequently A. building in St. Thomas was laid owing to lack of such it was neces- by his royal highness.

pure-bred poultry to supply eggs to atmosphere became cold by day when the large co-operative hatchery lo- the other horses were out and vitiatcated at the little town of Tiro. At ed by night when they returned, such present this hatchery is sending out conditions being most prejudicial 12,000 chicks a week to various parts to respiratory affections of all kinds. of Ohio and other states. The hatch- In the feeding of sick animals special ery plant is so constructed as to per-mit the placing of two rows of in-a wise policy to give small quantities cubators. It is 800 feet long with a at short intervals, and to vary the

Stand of Alfalfa

The preparation of the seed bed are carefully tested for fertility. in process of getting a stand of alson, which extends from the first of ed lands the plowing should be eight to twelve inches deep. The plowing as long before seeding as possible. For non-irrigated land the soil should be thoroughly double disked. No one has yet found a better food This should be done especially on for laying hens than fresh green bone the loam and heavier lands. If not finely ground. It contains all the done, there is a strong tendency for necessary fat, protein and phos- more or less of a crust to form. The phates to assist the hen in productresult is a considerable loss to tilth ing the egg and keeping henself or proper physical condition. Often well and strong. It is an aimal food. When fowls are allowed to forage well and strong. It is an animal food. this can only be restored by a season of winter, when the freezing and thawing will break down the clods such as bugs, worms, etc., as that is formed. In order thoroughly to what they crave, so how can they be compact and pulverize the soil, the expected to do the proper work if plow should be followed the same placed on a so-called short or stinted, half day with the disk harrow and ration, which is what they are sub-spike tooth harrow. This treatment, and fed on dry, hard cereals, with no deep seed bed well pulverized and change for months except a little compacted below the surface and water. Fresh bone is juicy and loose at the immediate surface. Such rich in undried blood. Its particles a seed bed has a surface free from do not closely adhere, and being air spaces. There is no compacting juicy is not brittle but pliable; hav- agency so good as time and nature, ing its natural juices interspersed so if such a seed bed can stand for digestible and nourishing. But it it will be in even better condition for planting than when first prepared. In the event of heavy beating rains, which form a crust prior to seeding time, the surface should be

Forage Plants As has been the practice ever since the work with forage plants was undertaken by the Dominion experimental farms, the principal varieties of the different kinds of forage plants have been grown during the past year with the object of determining their relative value. During Cows have been bought at auction ed in duplicate by the division of the season of 1913 the tests conducttime after time, cows which were forage plants at the central experimental farm and the branch experi mental farms and stations throughout Canada consisted of eleven varieties of Indian corn, nineteen varieties of turnips, thirteen varieties of mangolds, six varieties of carrots and three varieties of sugar beets The work with leguminous forage plants and grasses, including alfalfa and clover, consisted of breeding for champions, worth thousands of dol- increased hardiness, breeding for high, yielding strains as a superior quality, and experiments with tim othy, orchard grass, western rye grass and some wild grasses. In or of whose low value the owners are der to place the more important results of the season's work before the public in a summarized form, bulletin No. 76 has been prepared by Dr. M. O. Malte, Dominion agrostologist, the superintendents of the branch experimental farms and stations. This bulletin of thirty-four department of agriculture, Ottawa.

Products and Prices

Kingston, May 8.—Market clerk reports the following: Meat, beef, local, carcase, 10 to 12c.; carcase, cuts, 10c. to 22c.; mutton, Give plenty of charcoal to poultry, live hoge, \$9.50; dressed hoge, 134cz 17c. a lb.; western beef, 14c. to 15c.

Dairy-Butter, creamery, 30c.; prints Onions, 5c. bunch; carrots, 75c. bush.; parsley, 10c. bunch.

J. A. McFarlane, Brock street, reports grain, flour and feed selling as

Oats, 50c. per bushel; wheat, \$1 to 189 per ton; potatoes, \$1.10 a bag; Experience in poultry culture does beets, 75c. bush.; loose straw. \$10;

year, but with years of patient toil, The Dominion Fish company reports experiment, and observation. It is a the following prices: Whitefish, 15c., trade, or rather, a profession, and he lb.; pike, 12½c. lb.; live lobsters, 30c., who is ambitious to stand at the lb.; blue fish, 15c.; ciscoes, 15c. lb.; head of the class must study his les- silver Chinook salmon, 30c. per son daily, and put in practice what pound; fall salmon, 75c. per pound; he has learned, instead of entirely re-lying on the theories of others. Selfculture and self-confidence are two lets, 15c. lb.; finan haddie, 124c. lb.; valuable auxiliaries in poultry-rais- salt mackerel, 15c. per lb.; oysters, 60c. a quart; kippered herring, 60c.: Yarmouth bloaters, 40c. doz.; codfish, 12je. lb.; halibut, 16c. to 20c., smoked salmon and halibut, 10c.

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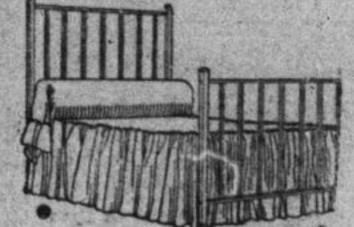


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