

infested lawns, good results may be obtained by spraying with sulphate of iron, says the botanist of the Minnesota agricultural college. Use 1 1-2 pounds of iron sulphate, which can be purchased at any drug store, to 1 gallon of water, remembering that it will discolor clothing or cement walks. Before applying the spray, saturate the lawn thoroughly with water. Apply the spray three days after the lawn is cut, on a bright day when the possibilities of rain are slight. The solution should be applied with a sprayer which gives a fine mist-like spray—a sprinkler is not satisfactory. The lawn should be sprayed about once a month during the summer, and not cut or watered for three days after the solution is applied.

Whatever method of eradication is employed, it is always well to re-seed the lawn in April, June and September. For re-seeding, eight or ten pounds of seed should be used on a lawn 100 by 150 feet. The seed should be sown broadcast, raked in, then watered. A good lawn mixture is 14 pounds Kentucky blue-grass, two of white clover and two of red-top seed. Buy good, clean seed and mix it yourself. With the thickening of the grass and the use of a fertilizer, many of the dandelion pests will be crowded out. Besides this reseeding, it is well to scatter nitrate of soda over the lawn before a rain or just before the lawn is sprinkled. Fifty pounds will fertilize a lawn 100x150 feet.

TO CURE ALFALFA HAY

The heating and burning of alfalfa hay in the stack may be avoided by proper curing. Sometimes weather conditions make it almost impossible to put the hay in the stack in good condition, but usually the mischief is done by water in the stem of the plant, says Professor Leidigh of the Kansas agricultural college. A comparison will show why this water did not readily cure out of the stems. If a tree is cut down on a cool, cloudy day, the leaves remain green and fresh for some time. They take the water from the trunk and pass it off into the atmosphere. If the weather is reasonably cool for a few days, the water will all be taken out of the tree. Now if the tree is cut down on a hot, sultry day, the leaves will dry up and fall off. The water is still in the trunk of the tree and there is no way for it to get out quickly. It is the same with alfalfa. If the sun is so hot that the leaves are quickly shriveled, the stem will dry out very slowly. Of several stacks recently burned down, in every case it seems the cause seemed to be the improper curing of the hay before stacking.

When it is impossible to wring water out of the hay, says Professor Leidigh, it is dry enough to stack. The best way to cure hay is to rake it into small windrows and let it dry out slowly. If the ground is damp, or if the air is very moist the windrows must be turned frequently to expose all the hay to the sun. Hay often heats in the stack because it is rained on, or because it absorbs moisture from the ground. This causes a loss of \$5 to \$10 worth of hay spoiled at the top and bottom of a 25-foot stack of alfalfa. This loss may be avoided by stacking on a foundation of poles, or under sheds. The money saved on a few stacks will pay for the shed.

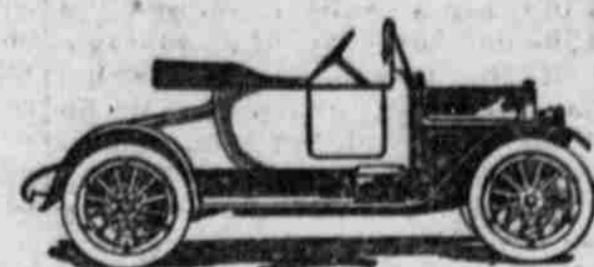
The proper time to cut the hay is when it is one-tenth in bloom. If it has made a rank growth and is very succulent, it is better to let it stand a few days longer before cutting. Then surplus water in this way is given a chance to pass off.



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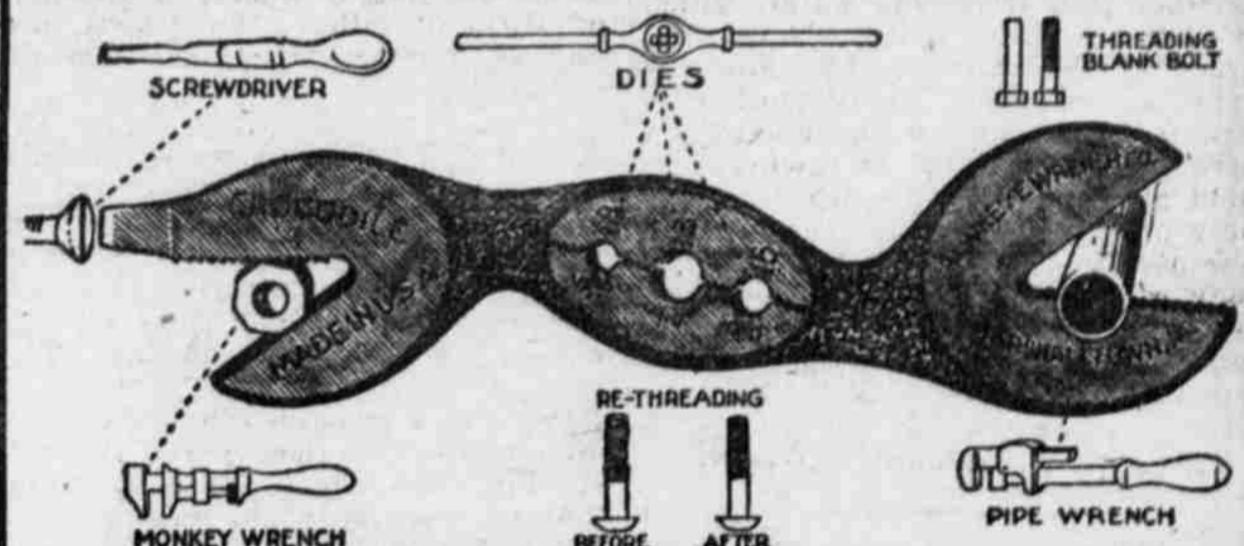
The fine audience at the Columbus School for Girls, last Thursday night, to hear the great poet, Alfred Noyes, was a compliment alike to himself and the community. In this materialistic age we turn from poetry as a fancy that has nothing to do with real life. According to Mr. Noyes, it embraces all life, and is a truer representative of truth than philosophy or science, because the poetic sense is a divine expression. We guess that is so, but there is poetry and poetry, some baneful and some inspiring, and one must be careful to choose the latter. If he does, there is hope for such a one. If one takes Wordsworth, Tennyson, Whittier, Lowell or—Noyes, he is likely to be on the safe side, but if he associates with most of the others, he must be careful. Still, it is a good sign if a man or woman loves poetry, where the muse believes in God and is on its way to the faraway land of the soul.

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