

THE FARM AND HOME.

SPREADING LABOR OVER TOO LARGE AN AREA.

The Splendid Results of Intensive Farming—Watering the Cows—Success and Grass—Barbed Wire—Farm Notes and Home Hints.

Intensive Farming.

The figures given in the clipping below are calculated to make Western farmers think. They indicate some very handsome profits. How were they obtained? is a question Missouri farmers would like to have answered.

But these crops were obtained from very small acres; can such be got from large acres? asks Levi Chubbuck in the Rural World. Up to a reasonable limit, there is no reason why the same skill and expenditure of a proportionate amount of labor should not produce proportionate results from large as from small acres.

But why, we may ask, are prices for farm products so much lower here than in the East? Only that there are more to feed there in proportion to producers than here. This then seems to be the problem to solve, so far as concerns profitable Western farming, how to increase the number of home consumers of our products.

Some Prize Massachusetts Crops.—E. C. Little, Haverhill, Mass., raised the premium crop of potatoes, 251 bushels, on one-half an acre, worth \$190.90 at a cost of \$53.50. The profit was \$137.40 or \$274.80 per acre.

Success and Grass.

In every system of farming, well kept grass land, and a large proportion of the cultivated area maintained in grass, have formed the foundation of animal industry.

It is perhaps best to lay down the rule that all land should be re-seeded to grass after two years of hood crops. My own preference is corn on sod, followed by a root crop.

Watering Cows.

A year ago last winter the cows of John Gould seemed inclined to drink at least twice per day, usually drinking about six gallons each at 4 p. m., in addition to their morning draught.

Barbed Wire for Bad Hogs. I have an old sow. She is of an inquiring turn of mind and continually dissatisfied with her lot, although green pastures, pure waters and abundant shade abound.

Home Hints.

Only crustless bread should go with the five o'clock tea. Best quality of meat can be ruined by bad carving of the same.

Ice cream and strawberries together is a popular combination. It is the Persian's idea of perfection to put red pepper on frogs' legs.

If your shoestrings have the bad habit of coming untied, rub them with beeswax and they will not slip or untie. Wax the ends, too, when the tin points are off.

Farm Notes.

A dairy writer says a slow milker will soon ruin the best of cows. When the pastures dry up the cows need green grass or fodder.

Intelligent but Illiterate. It is very desirable that a man should know how to spell, but as compared with many other things such knowledge is only a minor accomplishment.



Lying to God.

They claimed to bring the whole in connection. With willing hearts; But secretly, who knew the reservation? They kept apart.

At their dread doom with fear my soul is smitten In awful tones; Their story speak to me, as it were written For me alone.

I freely brought to Him in consecration My life and heart; Have I, with sinful, secret reservation, Kept back a part?

My own poor plans and selfish ways preferring, Though His work wait; His perfect kingdom in my soul deferring, To cherish late!

O, Thou with heart all loving, eyes all seeing, I come anew; Help me to bring the whole; in act and being, Help me be true!

Try Again.

Between sixty and seventy years ago, in a little city of Italy, there was among other choristers at the opera-house, a young man, named Rubini, who was very poor, excessively modest and greatly beloved by his comrades.

Modified Prescription. Mr. Oscanian, in his book, "The Sultan and His People," says that a Turkish physician was called to visit a man who was very ill of typhus fever.

Why Not? An English gentleman and his wife who were visiting friends in Scotland were taken to see an interesting monastery not far from Cluny, their friend's estate.

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words, and in spite of his memory wrote "Congress" with a k.

His case reminds one of the saying of President Lincoln about a man whom some one spoke of as "ignorant."

"No," said Lincoln, "he is illiterate, but I should not call him 'ignorant'."

"Farthest North." The story of American explorers who have braved the perils of the Northern seas, knowing that almost superhuman efforts were to be required of them, shows that they had the same enthusiasm that characterized and sustained the early discoverers.

Fatigue, thirst, hunger, cold, and even heat at times beset us. Each camp found us physically exhausted. We scanted our food, and with envious, regretful eyes saw each bit disappear, since it shortened the length of our possible journey northward.

Finally the coveted honor was in sight. Realizing that this was indeed the "Farthest North," we unfurled the flag of our country, the glorious Stars and Stripes, with a feeling of pride and exultation impossible to describe.

The physical hardship from many days' travel through heavy gales and blinding snow, over jagged rubble-ice and across dangerous tidal cracks, was all behind us. Our visit left behind it a record. It stands—a mighty cairn of rocks commensurate in size to its importance—built on a narrow shelf, directly under the frowning face of the overhanging cape, and looking out over the eternal silence of the Polar ocean.

Mr. Oscanian, in his book, "The Sultan and His People," says that a Turkish physician was called to visit a man who was very ill of typhus fever. The doctor considered the case hopeless, but prescribed for the patient, and took his leave.

The doctor hastened up-stairs to obtain the solution of the miracle. "Why," said the convalescent, "I was consumed with thirst, and I drank a painful of the juice of pickled cabbage."

"Wonderful!" quoth the doctor; and out came the tablets, on which he made this inscription: "Cured of typhus fever, Mehemed Agha, an upholsterer, by drinking a painful of pickled cabbage juice."

Soon after, the doctor was called to another patient, a yaghluker, or dealer in embroidered handkerchiefs, who was suffering from the same malady. He forthwith prescribed "a painful of pickled cabbage juice."

On calling the next day to congratulate his patient on his recovery, he was astonished to be told that the man was dead.

In his bewilderment at these phenomena, he came to the safe conclusion, and duly noted it in his memoranda, that "although in cases of typhus fever pickled cabbage juice is an efficient remedy, it is not to be used unless the patient be by profession an upholsterer."

Not to be outdone, the Englishman promptly wrote, "26 Lennox Gardens, Pontstreet, and Mrs. Lockwood."

Another story is told of Mr. Lockwood, in which his part is not, one must conclude, as innocent as it looks. He is evidently fond of a joke.

He often visits extremely wealthy and hospitable friends in the country. These friends have a room ready for him whenever he cares to occupy it. The house is seven miles from a railway station or telegraph office. He once telegraphed them from London: "May I stay over Sunday?"

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To this Lockwood innocently replied by telegraph—"Why not?"

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