

action greatly helps in the quick decomposition as well as in the development of the nitrogen germ in the mass. These germs increase with amazing rapidity as soon as the fermentation begins, and the moderate heat increases in the compost. And as the increase goes on, of course the desired and expected action takes place in proportionate rapidity and extent.

All this goes to show the wisdom of the old farmers who were in the habit of making big compost heaps, and clearing up their farms of all the accumulating rubbish, weeds, trash and mud which gathered in the ditches and low places, and turning these disagreeable nuisances into valuable manure for the crops. And we cannot afford to neglect the same energy and enterprise.—N. Y. Times.

Farm Notes.

Sow nothing but good, clean wheat of strong vitality.

Nothing is saved by postponing work that should be done.

Cut straw is valuable for bedding because it absorbs the liquid manures.

On many farms more grass and less grain means less labor and more profit.

Keep an eye on local conditions in determining what will be used in feeding.

When the soil bakes easily the greater the necessity for frequent cultivation.

In all stock forming the manure if properly handled, will pay the cost of care and labor.

Sow wheat that makes good flour and get something in return that will top the market.

Breeding stock, before it has become well matured has a tendency to weaken the constitutional vigor.

One reason that small farms pay the best is that the small leaks can be more readily seen and stopped.

When the soil is allowed to remain so long without being worked, the soil becomes baked and every rain packs it harder.

The soil can be kept in a good tilth with less labor on the men and teams than to allow it to get hard and then have to be worked up.

Home Hints.

A little borax or soda in the dish-water makes brighter tinware and is better than soap.

Hot water used in making a sponge cake will make it much whiter. Cold water produces a yellow cake.

The juice of half a lemon in a teacup of strong black coffee, without sugar, will often cure a sick headache.

Salt and vinegar applied hot, are good for cleaning brass, which should afterward be polished with fine ashes.

Tubs will not warp or crack open if the precaution is taken to put a pail of water into each directly after using.

An optician warns people against polishing eye glasses with a handkerchief of silk. A piece of old cotton or linen is very much better.

A peck or more of lime left in a cellar in an open keg will absorb an immense amount of moisture, which otherwise might form in mold on the walls.

The bluish color on the piano is caused by the action of damp air on the polish. A bit of chamois leather, with a drop or two of sweet oil, is a good polisher.

To can grapes pick them carefully from the stems, taking care not to tear the skin much; put them in a porcelain kettle with a little water; stir them carefully and only enough to make sure that they are well heated through, then put them in the cans. The pulp will then be whole, and the sauce not all seeds and skins.

Jennings' hotel of Omaha is the only "People's party hotel." Remember this when visiting that city.

Concentration of Wealth.

The following interesting statistics were gathered by John Bright Professor Allen and others, and will show the enormous amount of wealth in the hands of a few, while the great mass of humanity is only privileged to live upon the payment of rent and interest.

In France there are 300,000 thatched cabins without a window, 1,500,000 with one window, and 1,500,000 with two windows. Out of 7,500,000 houses, more than 4,500,000 have less than five openings, including doors, and are thatched cottages in which live nearly two-thirds of the population.

In England and Wales 100 persons owned 4,000,000 acres. In England, in 1887, one thirteenth of the people owned two-thirds of the national wealth.

Seventy persons owned one-half of Scotland; 1,700 own nine-tenths and twelve persons own 4,346,000 acres.

In Ireland less than eight hundred persons own one-half of the land; 402 members of the House of Lords own 14,240,012 acres, which rent for \$57,865,639. The total number of tenant farmers in England, Scotland and Wales is 1,069,127, and of these, Ireland furnishes 574,252 and England 314,814.

England's war debt is \$3,600,000,000, and the English bondholders fatten on an interest of \$312,004,360 annually drawn from the industrial population of that country.

In London relief was given to 88,164 paupers in one week. It takes 14,000 policeman to guard London's population.

In the United States seventy persons are worth \$2,700,000,000; and less than fifty of these control the currency and commerce of the country at a day's notice. One hundred are worth \$3,000,000,000 and 25,000 own half the total wealth.

The census shows that the railroads of the country own 281,000,000 acres of land, and foreign and domestic syndicates own 84,000,000 acres making a total of 365,000,000. The total number of farms in the United States is 4,225,955, and of these 1,024,701 are rented; of this number 702,214 are compelled to share their crops with their landlords while the greatest share asked of the British farmers is one-fourth.

In New York City 10,000 of the 2,000,000 inhabitants own nearly the whole city, and only 13,000 own any real estate.

In Chicago—population 1,200,000—less than 2 per cent own all the real estate.

The total number of mortgages in this country, according to Census Superintendent Porter, is 9,000,000; or one to every seventy inhabitants. Total number of millionaires, 30,000. Total number of people out of work, over 1,000,000. Tramps number nearly 500,000. Ex-Union soldiers in poor houses, 50,000; bondholders, none. It is estimated that 10,000 children die annually in this country from lack of food. In 1880 there were 57,000 homeless children in the United States.

In New York 40,000 working women are so poorly paid that they must accept charity, sell their bodies or starve. In one precinct twenty-seven murdered babies were picked up, six in vaults. New York has 1,000 millionaires.

A Michigan Woman's Invention.

A Michigan woman has patented a device for securing glass in the doors of stoves and furnaces, in order that the process of baking may be watched without opening the doors, and also to save fuel by decreasing draughts.

American Enterprise.

A wealthy American has established a sanitarium in a valley of the Jordan, near the Dead sea. This valley is the most marked depression on the face of the earth, being 1,200 feet below sea level.



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