

THE FARM AND HOME.

THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-COLORED FRUIT.

Overcrowding and Lack of Potash—Improvement of Horses—Lice Upon Sheep—Farm Notes and Home Hints.

High-Colored Fruit.

Both the quality and market demand of fruits are largely dependent on having them high colored. It is proven by experience that comparing with the same varieties, the fruit that makes the best appearance is best in quality also.

It is undoubtedly more difficult than it used to be to get highly colored fruit. The orchards planted too closely when small become crowded, and the branches of the trees shade all the ground, preventing the best influences of sunlight.

What mean the lately frequent complaints of blighted or mildewed foliage and weed mildew or rot of fruit before it can fairly mature? asks the American Cultivator. In a great majority of cases all these effects may be summed up under three causes.

It is hard to give the best conditions to trees too closely planted in orchards. Fertilize as we may with mineral manures, the luxuriant foliage these will induce help to exclude the air.

The fact that fruit falls off as soon as it sets, may be regarded as nature's strike against being forced to make a crop without requisite material.

The direct relation of overbearing and lack of potash to mildew in grapes has long been noted. The kinds that overbear invariably are the worst to mildew. The Delaware grape sets often three and four bunches to each new shoot.

Why is very wet weather favorable to the development of the finest strawberries? Partly, of course, because a good strawberry, like all other good fruit, is largely composed of water.

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While sheep will thrive on almost any kind of grass that grows on high, rolling land they prefer short, sweet herbage, like blue grass, and will do best on it.—Coleman's Rural World.

Improvement of Horses.

The sooner the farmers in the United States realize the fact that the ordinary and commonly bred horse is likely to deteriorate in value year by year, the better it will be for them.

The need in the cities and on the farms for fewer horses will tend more and more to reduce their market value. Commonly bred horses will be the first to deteriorate in price.

Even though we could fly in the air with a balloon entirely under control, a spin in the road behind a pair of trotters or a gallop across the country would give just as much pleasure as it gave.

The horses that get the blue ribbons in the horse shows will continue to be as valuable as ever, while humbler animals—those that drag street cars and plows—will be less valuable year by year.—Harper's Weekly.

Farm Notes.

Fowls that get no milk need more meat. The black-peppin fraud is still hunting victims.

The demand for pure-bred poultry is on the increase. The poultry house should be kept clean as practicable.

Keep salt where the cows can get at it whenever they want it. Everything in good cropping depends on giving the crop a vigorous start.

In summer sixty degrees is about the right temperature at which to churn. Buckwheat is a good crop to grow and plow under to increase the fertility of the soil.

The cream when taken from the milk should be put in a cool place till ready to churn. The experiment stations agree with the farmers that no commercial fertilizer surpasses the manure of farm animals.

A successful Eastern farmer says he harrows his ground in the spring before breaking. He claims that it so mellow and lightens the soil that it soon becomes dry and pliable.

Potato soil should be made deep by underdraining and subsoiling. One of the principal things in potato culture is to hold the moisture.

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Home Hints.

The best chicken croquets are made half chicken and half veal sweetbreads.

The skins of new potatoes can be removed more quickly with a stiff vegetable brush than by scraping.

Sheets should be two and one-fourth yards wide and two and three-fourths yards long after they are hemmed.

To revive and brighten leather wash it with a little warm water and a very soft cloth, and afterwards brush it over with the whites of eggs whipped to a light froth.

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Table-cloths should be folded once only for ironing, and that lengthwise. They should be ironed with a very hot iron until perfectly dry, and there is then no danger of a rimped appearance afterward.

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