

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

Waste Has Been the Main of American Agriculture - How Ice May Be Cheaply Stored - Rye as a Pasture - General Agricultural Notes.

Improvident Farming.

When nature is prodigal man is wasteful. Waste has been the rule in American agriculture, says an agricultural writer. Accumulated mold of acres of vegetation was offered at \$1.25 per acre. Afterward it was given away, subject to official fees for fertilizing a tiller to natives and immigrants.

It was the same with cotton. The seed was wasted or only used for manure. Sometimes stock was killed by being gorged over a pile of seed, but systematic feeding was unknown.

In wooded sections the first and largest opportunity for waste was found in the wanton destruction of wood and timber, and it was improved until large areas have become deserts.

Cheap Ice Storage.

I have built a house and stored twenty tons of ice for less than \$20. There being no pond or river within two miles, I was obliged to make my own pond. A very small brook running near the barn was dammed, making a pond from one to four feet deep.

Not Altogether Practical.

To the practical man, the methods and system of judging fowls at poultry shows commands but little respect, and when scores and awards are viewed with suspicion they only excite contempt and derision.

Rye as a Pasture.

We never could see any advantage from sowing any kind of grain to furnish pasture. The soil must be plowed, to make a seed bed for the grain, and it must not become compact so that stock can trample over it without pouching the surface when wet.

comparatively little feed, and that not of very good quality. Rye as a pasture will be eaten by stock only for its succulence. It is not as nutritious as June grass or as clover when the latter is in blossom.

Milking.

In reply to a query, 'Is there any benefit about milking a cow so as to get a result not wholly related to the food and care of the cow?' we would say that successful milking of a cow to secure the greatest and best results is a sort of 'fraternal' and commercial treaty with her.

The Garden.

The raising of cranberry seed is a profitable industry. The seed commands about \$5 a sack. At a reception recently given by a capitalist in New York the rooms were profusely decorated with roses, which cost, according to the New York Advertiser, \$20 per dozen.

Farm Notes.

Any attempt to change the form of a tree after it commences to bear is almost certain to damage the tree seriously. The cantaloupe is a native of America, and is so called from the name of a place near Rome, where it was first cultivated in Europe.

Keep a cow as contented as possible. If you would have her milk easy. If carried there is sure to be some tension of the muscles which retain the milk, and this holds it up. If the cow is fed that which she likes, these muscles are usually relaxed.

The heaviest feed there is for poultry or other animals should be at night. Sincop favors digestion, and keeping the stomach full is the best protection against cold. If any corn is given it should be at night. It will be all the better if warmed and some of it is charred.

A QUEER HOTEL.

Unique Enterprise of a Texan in the Cyclone Belt.

While traveling during the Panhandle of Texas during the spring of 1891, says a writer in the Youth's Companion, I discovered a hotel which I believe to be the only one of its kind in the United States, for its manager and proprietor seemed to have invented the plan.

About 4 o'clock one afternoon in the early part of May my train rolled into a little town, the name of which need not be given. As I stepped to the platform my attention was at once drawn to a rather solemn-looking man with red hair, who seemed to be acting as a kind of porter.

"Wave House," says "Cave House," he called. "Go to the Cave! Bad-looking cloud, sir, very."

I wondered what the "bad-looking cloud" had to do with the matter, but as there seemed to be no hotel to complete with the Cave House, I decided to put up there. If I thought anything at all about the name, I supposed it to indicate that the house was owned or managed by old Mr. Cave, or some of his family.

As we moved off, I noticed with surprise that we were going in a direction opposite to that of the main part of the town, but said nothing. I noticed, too, that most of the houses seemed deserted.

"Under the ground, mister—under the ground," replied my companion, with a significant laugh. "Here we are, though, at the Cave House. You'll find lots of 'em down there."

"Come, come," said I, angrily to my attendant, "go back with me at once to some regular hotel."

It seemed that such was the case. The wind began to come in fierce, stifling gusts. The flashing of the lightning and the rolling of the thunder were almost continuous. A few large, heavy drops of rain fell. I was not at heart, pling to be "blowed all to thunder."

The mound of earth was a natural one. It had been excavated, and an entrance made on the northeast side, because the cyclones of the region always came from the southwest. As I entered, I beheld such a sight as I never saw before and never expect to see again.

no ventilation save such as could be obtained through the two storeys passing through the roof! It was awful! I stood it until about ten o'clock, and then, after much persuasion, I induced my landlord to open the door and let me out. Rain was pouring, but the wind had ceased. Through the rain and mud and darkness I tramped over a mile, until I found the only "regular" hotel in the town.

In the morning I saw that the storm had spoiled trees and unroofed houses in our immediate vicinity, but had done no more serious damage. Further east, near Crowsville, the cloud had come nearer the ground. Here it had blown a freight train off the track, and caused some loss of life.

A bad-looking cloud always brought him a financial harvest. But for the shortness of the season, he would have grown rich at the business.

Russian Traits.

The Russians are lazy and offensively: in the winter they seldom walk, and when they do they crawl along, muffled up in furs, and do not move with any briskness.

One of the worst characteristics of the Russians is their dishonesty in trade. In Moscow, even in many of the best shops, one has to bargain for purchases, as a much higher price than is expected is always asked.

That the Russians are a dirty people is well known; very few houses have even a footpath in them, and although there are fine public baths, the Russians, even of the upper classes, seldom make use of them.

A Wonderful Plant.

Sacalin is the name of a new forage plant that is destined to work wonders in the drought-stricken regions of this country. Even the glories of irrigation are of little avail when compared with this new vegetable wonder.

The new plant has been experimented with in this country, and the results have been entirely satisfactory. Prof. Farnham of the Iowa Agricultural College, says of it: "It is not only perfectly hardy in Central Iowa, as far as cold is concerned, but it stands the dry weather remarkably well."

Oldest Living Officer.

Eighty-three years a soldier? This may be said of Michael Moore, whose name appears on the Army Register, where it has been carried since April, 1812, when he enlisted as a musician from New York.

HAS AN EYE ON ALASKA.

Canada Trying to Devise Means of Controlling the Yukon River Trade.

Canada is making vigorous efforts to secure control of the business of the rich gold fields along the Yukon River, and to that end sent William Ogilvie and a party of the Canadian boundary commission to Alaska to survey a wagon road, probably along the Takona River to the interior.

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While in the interior Mr. Ogilvie will pay marked attention to the topography of the surface, also the climatic conditions, as evidenced by the timber. It is possible he may cross from Teslin Lake to Aklin lakes to examine that part of the country. If possible, and in the time at his disposal, he will also examine the White Pass from the head of Skagway Bay on Talya Inlet commonly known here as Dyce to the Takona lakes.

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The licorice plant is a shrub about three feet high, and grows without cultivation where its roots can reach the water, but roots are dug all the year round. At first the root is full of water, and must be allowed to dry, a process which takes nearly a year.

How to Cool a Cellar.

A great mistake is sometimes made in ventilating cellars and milk houses. The object of ventilation is to keep the cellars cool and dry, but this object often fails of being accomplished by a common mistake, and instead the cellar is made both warm and damp.

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HOW IT WAS MANAGED.

Why the Pecan South African War Cost the South African Co. Little.

The recent South African war cost the South African company about \$500,000, and the English are saying that their "little wars" should be as economically managed by the regular army authorities.

"I fail to see why Mr. Rhodes could take credit to his company for the low price at which they slaughtered the Matabele and seized their territory. They collected the acorn that floats on the frontiers of civilization, by the promise of a share in the cattle they could loot, and in the land that they could secure by the simple process of slaying its owners."

Joke on the Journalists.

Not very long ago the police made a discovery of some nihilist plot in an out-of-the-way corner of St. Petersburg, and the special correspondent of the London Standard came to hear of it. Off he went at once in search of the house. He found it without much difficulty, and a police officer was in possession.

What Hit Him.

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