

Farmers' Department.

From the Valley Farmer. HEDGE FENCES.

N. J. COLEMAN, Esq.—You promised me a little space in your crowded columns for May. I have a few lines on that very nice and important process of cutting the Osage Orange Hedge the first time after being set and growing one year!

One year from the time of setting, cut all down even with the ground, below the buds into the yellow root.—The object of this is to destroy the tendency to one main stock, and force the plant to stool at the outset. If we leave only one or two buds, we get only as many shoots.

Reports of failures are discouraging when the story is but half told.—You have published some such in former numbers. I have some reports of failures to give you in future numbers in which I shall tell the story!

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Yours, Respectfully, LOGAN SLEEPER. Bridgetown, Mo., April 10, 1856.

tilt the water is boiled out, or till it ceases to throw out steam; pour off the lard as soon as it is done, and clean the boiler while it is hot. If the candles are to be run, you may commence immediately; if to be dipped, let the lard cool first to a cake, and then treat as you would lard.

BRANS FOR SHEEP.—Beans straw is valuable for sheep, and when properly cured they eat it with avidity. In a chemical analysis of beans, it is found that they abound with a greater quantity of the elements of food than any other grain or vegetable.

THE GRASSES.—The raising of grass for hay or pasture comes in with good farming everywhere, and is made a more important object as husbandry advances. Some of our best farmers, however, prefer to raise grain mainly, and get along with their stock, with a very small quota of hay.

From all that we have yet been able to learn from experiments made with the different English grasses in this country, none of them equal our own, either for meadow or pasture.

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POTATOES.

John Brown, of Long Island, communicates the following to the Granite Farmer:

Several years ago I made some experiments to satisfy myself concerning the disputed point as to which is the best portion of a potato to plant in order to obtain the largest and best yield. The exact result has been lost, and as I have often since heard and read assertions directly contrary to the conclusions which I then deduced, I resolved to repeat the experiments.

The potatoes raised from the but-ends were much larger than those from the seed-ends, and appeared to be from a week to ten days earlier. This result corresponds with that of my former experiment. Had the whole field been planted with but-ends, the yield would have been more than five hundred bushels to the acre.

CHANGE OF FEED FOR HORSES.—The kind of food for animals should be changed frequently. A horse long kept on shorts will be affected by a fever in his legs and feet, producing a result similar to founder. Corn meal, or cob meal, should never be given except in a mixed state, with cut hay or straw.

CHEAP AND EXCELLENT CANDLES.—The following recipe, says a correspondent of the New England Farmer, I have tried twice, and find it all that it is cracked up to be.

Directions for making good candles from lard: For twelve pounds of lard, take one pound of salt-peter and alum, in a gill of boiling water; pour the compound into the lard before it is quite all melted; stir the whole till it boils; skim off what rises; let it simmer

Wheat Drill.

6,640 Drills In Use.

Where is the man with his harp of a thousand strings? The following rich extract from a sermon will be recognized at a glance by some of our readers here at home.

My friends, sin makes the purest young man or woman in the world ugly. And I'll tell you I know; as I was coming up to church to-day, ah, I saw some young men in the road-ah, and I thought one of them the purest young man I ever saw in my life-ah, as I drew nigh unto them I discovered that they were playing up marvells, and they all drew nigh unto a place they called taw-ah, and they marveled-ah.

And now my friends, when that young man said he was fat he told a lie-ah, for he was lean as that hungry looking sister over that that's always a praying so pious while the hat is being passed around-ah.

And, my friends, if that young man hadn't been blinded by sin, he never could a mistake me for an old horse-ah.

A METHODIST PARSON LOOKING FOR LOST SHEEP.—A preacher of the Methodist church, traveling in Indiana, stopped at a cabin door where an old lady received him kindly.

"Madam, I reside in Shelby county, Kentucky," "Wall, stranger hope no offense; but what might you be doing way up here?"

"Madam, I am searching for the lost sheep of the tribe of Israel."

"John! John!" shouted the old lady, "cum right up here this minnit; here's a stranger from Shelby county, Kentucky, a huntin stock, and I'll jest bet my life that that tangle haired old ram, that's bin in our lot all last week, is one of his'n."

A SAILOR'S IDEA OF THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.—At the moment when on the 14th of Oct, 1796, the British fleet under Admiral Duncan, and the Dutch fleet under Admiral De Winter, were about to engage, two sailors, passing by Admiral Duncan's cabin, saw him on his knees.

"My eyes, Jack!" exclaimed one, "what is the Admiral about there?" "Praying to Heaven," replied the other.

"Praying for what?" "That the Lord give us victory."

"Well now, that's a blasted shame. We are well able to lick them ourselves. Besides, give the beggars a chance."

A TOUCHING DITTY IN PROSE.—When Seth got home from mackereling, he sought his Sarah Ann, and found that she, the heartless one, had found another man. And then most awful tight he got, and so he went away, and bound himself to go and out live oak in Florida.

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MEAS. CHAPMAN & DEIGHTON, 1855. Dear Sirs.—In answer to your enquiries, I would state that the first patent granted to Z. K. A. Parker, for improvements in the Water Wheel, was on the 19th of Oct. 1839.

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50,000 Apple Trees, 3 and 4 year old, embracing 175 varieties, from 25 to 40 cents.

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500 Apricots, Early Golden, Bada, Peach Apricots, Large Early, price 50 cents.

1,200 Quince, assorted, 25 to 50 cents.

500 Black Currants, 25 to 50 cents.

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