

tests have shown that from 88 to 96 per cent germinated.

The sunflower crop is one of the most profitable harvested in Russia. A good crop is worth, as it stands in the field, \$25 an acre. The seeds are sold by the farmer for 50 to 75 cents a pound; then the merchants salt them and retail them for \$1.50 a pound. At every street crossing in Russian provincial cities are stands and peddlars with baskets, selling to the passers-by the salted product of the sunflower, which forms a favorite food.

Cowpeas Are Great Stuff

It is said that it is impossible to get from land something for nothing, but one crop proves that this is not strictly true. Cowpeas will more than maintain the fertility of the soil. Grow cowpeas on one piece of land and let land by the side of it lie idle; and next year the crop will be better where the cowpeas grew than on the ground that went uncropped. Cowpeas will grow on land too poor to grow clover or any other crop that I know of. They will stand more drouth than Kaffir corn. No hay is better winter feed for milk cows, calves and horses than cowpeas, since they are both grain and hay; and never did our chickens lay more eggs than when we put a stack of cowpeas where they could run to it. When stacking it, the stacks should be covered with hay of some kind, cane hay being the best for cowpea hay like clover will not turn water.—Jacob Faith, Montevallo, Mo.

Hog Prices

There may be a break in hog prices early in the season, that is the rule, nowadays, but it is difficult to see any grounds for apprehending low prices during the winter; there is nothing in the supply or demand situation that makes low prices probable. Even a pressure to bear the market by the big buyers can have only a temporary effect at most, and if there is no hurry to fatten hogs for market a temporary backset is not probable. While pigs are growing framework it is likely to prove profitable to let

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S SALE

In the district court of Lancaster County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Peter S. Schamp, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a license of Hon. Lincoln Frost, Judge of the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, made and issued on the 28th day of November A. D., 1906, for the sale of the real estate described as north eighty-two feet of lots one (1), two (2) and three (3), and all of lot four (4) in block four (4) of the village of Malcolm, Lancaster County, Nebraska, the undersigned, executor of the will of Peter S. Schamp will sell at the east door of the court house in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, on the 14th day of January, 1907, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day at public vendue the real estate above described, such sale to be on the following terms, the highest bidder for cash, subject to all liens and incumbrances.

Said sale will remain open for one hour.

Dated December 19, 1906.

ASA P. SCHAMP,
Executor of the will of Peter Schamp, deceased.

them grow it, allowing the fat to come later.

It must be remembered, however, that it does not pay to hold hogs after they have ceased to gain. All the feed given after that is a dead loss, and there is the ever present risk of illness or loss of appetite and thrift through heavy feeding after the hog has ceased to grow in weight. If you fatten early be prepared to sell early; if later sales are decided on then later fattening is the better policy.

Do You Put Up Ice?

If you do, do not put it off too long. The first good ice there is, lay in your stock. You are not sure of anything later.

Do not saw the cakes too large. It is hard work enough at best to gather ice without killing one's self lifting blocks of ice that are unreasonably large.

Take all the saw dust out of the house good drainage by laying a lot of poles before you begin packing. Provide for a scantling in the bottom, criss cross so that the water will work out. Cover these with at least a foot of saw dust. Begin packing about a foot from the sides of the house. Fit the pieces closely together. To do this you must have the blocks sawed the same size and true on the edges. I do not know of any worse job than trying to fit a lot of cakes of rough and uneven ice together. If you have this task before you, provide yourself with an ax and shovel and fill all the holes between the blocks with ice shaved from an extra chunk.

After one flooring has been laid down fill in around the edges with sawdust. Keep the dust up even with the ice all the way.

Cover the top over with a flooring of sawdust at least two feet thick. Leave a window open at the top of the building for ventilation. When warm weather comes you may close the door through which the ice was put in for storing. Ice packed in this way will keep all summer.

Automobile Comments

Derivation; from the Anglo-Saxon words, ought and to; combined with the Latin, mobilis; meaning, ought to be mobbed.

1. An automobile assumes the function of a horse and wagon—without the horse.

Like a wagon, it runs on four wheels—sometimes on two; when running on two it is not so safe as a wagon.

Like a wagon, you can put anything in it, from a cabbage head to a millionaire. It is used for both purposes—judging from its speed.

A wagon runs over people, an automobile runs over more, and hits them harder. A man may be run over several times in his life by a wagon, but never but once by an automobile.

Like a wagon it has a crank; a crank in a wagon is used to decrease its speed; a crank in an automobile increases it.

2. Like a horse, an automobile eats but not oats. It costs to feed either.

A horse smells horse, but an automobile smells worse.

Like a horse, it must have a driver. An automobile driver is called a

"Chaffer" (chafe-er; one who chafes). A chaffer runs as close to everything as he can without hitting it, pedestrians not excepted. A chaffer runs away after he has chaffed too close; the pedestrian never.

Like a horse, an automobile balks. When a horse balks it changes its mind sometimes; when an automobile balks if you want to get home, get out and walk.

3. An automobile is like a criminal in that it runs away when it has done something it ought not to. "Be sure your sins will find you out," does not apply to automobiles.

4. Like saloons, automobiles are licensed. Saloons pay for the privilege of taking human life; so do automobiles, but not much. Both are often fined for exceeding the speed limit, but they do the same thing over again.—Exchange.

Saving the Manure

Kansas experiment station has found that the waste by exposure in six months amounts to fully one-half of the gross manure.

Cornell experiment station says: "If the question is how to get the best results from a given amount of manure

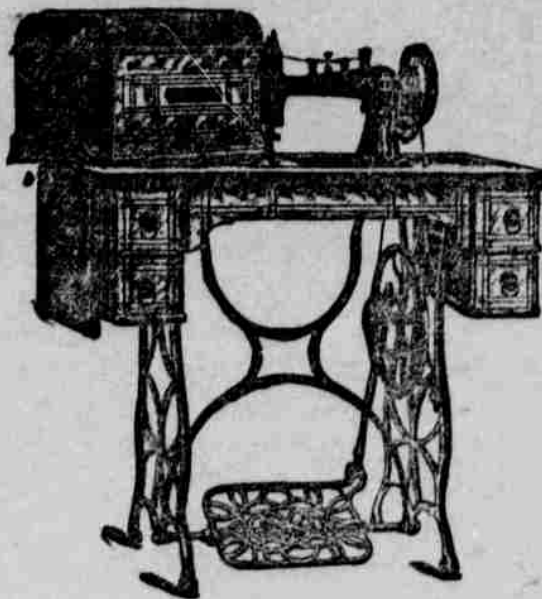
there is no question but that it may be done by moving it to the field and spreading on the land as soon as possible."

Professor Vorhees, of New Jersey, claims that more than one half of the total annual manure product of the cow may be lost by exposure of less than four months. The manure should be spread on the land as soon as possible after made.

The department of agriculture has completed its experiments in the manufacture of table syrup from sugar cane. Syrup made directly from the cane is considered preferable to molasses arising as a by-product of sugar manufacture, as the latter contains chemicals used in bleaching the sugar. It appears from a general survey of the data collected in these experiments that it is entirely possible to supply the demands for table syrups in the United States directly from the original sources (the maple tree, the sorghum plant, the sugar cane) thus removing the danger of adulteration or contamination with substances injurious to health. The molasses made as a by-product in sugar manufacture the department proposes to use as stock feed and in the manufacture of alcohol.

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