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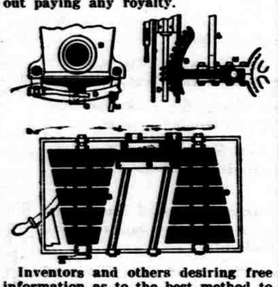

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According to the statement of a prominent horticulturist, frozen apples may be utilized in the making of vinegar. The gentleman in mind said that one winter he had some apples stored in his mill that were caught by a hard freeze. He did nothing with them till they were thawed out in the spring, at which time he put them into his cider mill and ground and pressed them. He got one-third more cider than usual and it made first-class vinegar, and even took less time to acquire acidity than cider made from unfrozen apples. We all know how juicy the apple is that hangs on the tree all winter and is thawed out in the spring. But if there is no objection to such vinegar the question naturally rises "Why don't they make all their cider that way, since they gain one-third more in quantity?"

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There are many old orchards that might be galvanized into life by a thorough pruning. When they are in their last stage the danger of such an operation is small; for their usefulness is near an end anyway, and if a few extra crops can be obtained by heroic methods, they should be applied. It is no unusual thing to see a decadent orchard given up to the woodman. A few issues ago we referred to some experiments by H. A. Aldrich, in which the results of pruning an old orchard were shown. In his case the trees bore a heavy crop of apples the following year. Whether subsequent years will show success or failure remains to be seen. The effect may be where a heavy crop is secured for a few similar to that of girdling or ringing, years, but early death results. In the case of young vineyards and orchards this is not a result to be worked for; but we can afford to take long chances with dying orchards.

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The writer remembers an old Greening apple tree in the East that had lived and borne fruit till its trunk had been split open by some process of nature, revealing a heart falling into decay. A great gale came and tipped the tree over till it rested on its branches. One would think that such a tree had lived out its entire life, and this would have been the case had not the tree been in a place that was in every way suitable to stimulate its recovery. It was sheltered to some extent by the farm outbuildings and more by a board fence. It also received the drainage from the barnyard, and in fact its roots extended to the barnyard. So it continued to live, and year after year it bore a small quantity of very large apples, which were fine in texture and superior in quality. It illustrated the fact that a large supply of fertility in liquid form is of great value as a health-restorer to decadent trees. If we would take this lesson more to heart we would have fewer unproductive orchards. The statement is probably true that more orchards are starved to death than are killed by overfeeding.

Listed Potatoes and Corn.

Last summer I was greatly interested in watching a field of "listed" potatoes and corn, says L. B. Pierce in Country Gentleman. A town Irishman had under his charge a small farm just outside the city. He rented it, but when plowing-time came the tenant gave up the contract, and left him with a piece of land of rather doubtful fertility and no one to work it. It had been in corn the year before, and my Irish friend, with but one horse, set his wits to work to get another crop with a minimum of labor. He ran a large shovel plow between the rows one way and marked with a corn-marker the other. He then dropped by hand a strip of potatoes, and planted the rest with corn, covering all by straddling each furrow with a Planet Jr. cultivator, with the sweeps turned inward. The potatoes came nicely, but the seed corn, being taken from a lot got at a feed store, nearly all failed. It was replanted with a "jabber" or hand-planter, but the soil being shallow it failed to cover nicely and was again replanted with a hoe. The result was a long-drawn-out period of waiting for the smallest to get big enough to cultivate, the owner not being advanced enough in his methods to harrow or get a fine-tooth cultivator; in fact, he was bound to be at no additional expense for this somewhat problematical and accidental piece of farming. It must have been about seven weeks after the potatoes were planted before the man got in to cultivate, working across corn and potatoes the first time. By the time he got ready to cross his cultivating, the potatoes were a foot high and alive with bugs just hatched; but he was equal to the occasion, and one morning I saw him with two wild-cherry boughs lashed across his cultivator. The boughs in going and returning swept as with a besom the high, slender tops, brushing about all the bugs to the ground, and many of the smaller when buried by the cultivator never got back upon the tops, while all were so distributed as to do comparatively little injury; he had to use Paris green on only two poor slopes where the potatoes were too small to receive proper treatment at the passing of the brush. After the man once started the cultivator he worked as only an Irishman can work, and the result seems to point to a fine crop of potatoes, and as good corn as could be expected with two seed failures. I might explain that the crop the previous year had been kept very clean, and the land not being reversed there was but little trouble with early weeds.

This is the first case of "listing" which has come under my observation, and the inference I should draw would be that where corn is to follow corn it might, with some modification, be practiced even in Ohio. Had the man started cultivating across the furrows the day after planting, while the marks were fresh, and put the cultivator down deep close to the hills, there would have been but a very small spot not loosened. The other way, the old cornhills would guide the cultivator at any time before the crop came up, and it would be possible to have the whole under clean, mellow cultivation before the crop came up. It is a quick way of putting in corn or potatoes, and if I had a rush job on hand I should not hesitate to try it.

Bad Bordeaux Mixture.

From Farmers' Review: It is somewhat remarkable that in the preparation and the application of Bordeaux Mixture, operations that the orchardist and the gardener are now pretty well acquainted with, there should be complaint as to the efficacy of the fungicide. It is said that the compound is sometimes no more useful than mere water and that a substance like chalk settles at the bottom and will not dissolve and mix readily with the liquid part. In the first case the trouble is probably not in the fungicide, but is due to the disease having got too great a headway before being sprayed. The disease must be prevented, not cured, therefore, spray early and thoroughly.

The chalky powder is found only in old mixture or at least in that not freshly prepared. Its formation may be explained as follows: When the solutions of lime and of copper are united in the formation of Bordeaux mixture there is a chemical as well as a physical combination, but the fine particles of the combined lime and copper commence to collect in little masses which gradually become too heavy for the water to hold up and they fall to the bottom of the powdery, chalky mass. It may be seen, then, that if these particles are too large to be held in suspension they will not be as effective when applied to the plants as if they were smaller. The following will prove the case.

Some Bordeaux was made and allowed to stand for a few weeks. It was then applied to plots of potatoes, as was also some freshly mixed fungicide. Some plots were also left unsprayed. It was found that the plats sprayed with the odd mixture were at the ends first sprayed as free from disease as were the plots sprayed with fresh mixture, but that the last ends of the plats were as badly diseased as were the plats not sprayed at all. This shows that the effective part of the fungicide in the old mixture rapidly settled to the bottom and was pumped out at once, thus leaving only water, and that in the newly made stuff the poison was evenly distributed and thus uniformly effective.

It is clear from these experiments that this fungicide should be applied as soon after being mixed as possible. In fact, some growers are this year going to mix only what can be applied in one day. It is believed by some of them that the throwing away of whatever is left at the close of the day's operations would be an economy in the end.

M. G. KAINS.

Clover Hay.

We notice in a contemporary an assault on clover hay. The writer of the article in question seems to think it an impossibility to get clover hay in good order, and says he had "rather raise three babies than one clover hay crop." That is an odd comparison, and we are inclined to think that he knows about as much about raising one as the other. The complaint is made that it is difficult to get a catch, and after the catch is made it is difficult to know when to cut it. After that the rain always comes, with him, and soaks the hay, making it moldy and unfit to use. Well, we would advise a little experience in the matter. It is indeed often difficult to get a catch, and in some years no amount of forethought can prevent a failure. Many of our best farmers succeed in getting a start by sowing on the snow in March.

As to cutting clover, it has long been a settled tenet with our scientific farmers to cut at time of the earliest blooms, unless the field is a small one, when it may be cut at time of full bloom. The reason for mowing at time of first blooms is to get the whole field cut and in process of curing before the blooms begin to fade. This prevents the stalks becoming woody and gives us the fodder in the best possible shape. The curing of clover hay is not such a difficult feat, with good weather. If foggy New England can cure clover hay, we see no reason why it should be a difficult task in the West, where the amount of sunshine per month is much greater. In recent years, too, we have the help of a new invention—the hay cap. These caps can be made for a few cents each, and are a complete protection against storms that may come at time of curing the clover. They will last a long time, for some years they will not have to be used at all.

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