

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Other Things—Soil Cultivation, Viticulture and Horticulture.

Out smut is far more destructive to the oat crop than people imagine. Professor Moore of Wisconsin says that last year 20 per cent of the oat crop of that state was destroyed by oat smut.

The 16,000,000 bushels of oats could have been saved to Wisconsin farmers if they had followed the advice that has been so repeatedly given them by the experiment station.

On account of the very dry weather during the month of December the tobacco crop in Pinar del Rio Province will give a yield below the average.

Small spores do not live over in the ground, being unable to survive the winter. They are carried over only in the seed.

The cold storage warehouse is a thing that the farmer can not only consider. By it he can save not only vast quantities of vegetables that go to waste but he can realize a profit on the sale price by being able to carry his produce over the time when there is a congestion of farm produce in the market.

At Neoca, Illinois, a cold storage house constructed under the direction of the University of Illinois and owned by the university. It was completed last summer and filled with perishable produce.

When to slaughter a pig will depend upon what we have to feed him, and the price at which feed is selling in the market.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Some Successful Farmers Operate Two Departments of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

The Jersey Cow Problem. From Farmers' Review: In a large number of agricultural journals as well as in the Associated Press dispatches to the daily papers, there recently appeared a report of the test of a Holstein cow at the Minnesota Experiment Station, wherein the yield of milk was 59 lbs. in seven days, and from which it was stated by Hebeck test that \$9.18, 57 ct. of butter might have been produced.

From this you can see that the claim that the world's butter record is held by a Jersey cow is entirely unsubstantiated, and I think in justice to the breeders of Jersey cattle this refutation should be published in those papers that reach stockmen and dairymen who have no doubt read the claim.

Whether cheese-making or butter-making is best for a community must depend upon the uses made of the milk and the by-products of milk.

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At the Cornell University Experiment-station, a test was made of the comparative feeding values of ground wheat and corn meal, and also of a mixture consisting of 25 pounds of gluten feed and 100 pounds of corn meal.

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WITH THE VETERANS.

Tales Told by Old Soldiers—Whitman's Tribute to Lincoln.

It is nearly thirty-seven years since Abraham Lincoln, the matchless American, went out into the night. He saw the light of victory, though, before he fell asleep. He saw his mighty men at arms, bronzed, bearded and resolute, their great triumph complete, all ready to march down the streets of the city.

And here will one of the youngest of Lincoln's soldiers lay down his pen, first saying over once more those noble and immortal lines of Walt Whitman, the good, gay poet: "O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done, the ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won."

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THE ART OF ORATORY.

Success Depends Chiefly on Content and Determined Practice.

The mere effort to express one's self in a lucid and convincing language before an audience is, perhaps, the greatest self-developer a man can use. It brings into play almost all his mental and moral qualities.

The function of the orator has been described: "To give to the noblest thoughts the noblest expression; to penetrate the souls of his hearers, and to make them feel as if they were new creatures conscious of new powers and loftier purposes; to cause truth and justice, wisdom and virtue, patriotism and religion to appear bold and more majestic things than men ever dreamed of before; to delight as well as to instruct."

There Was a Distinction.

Both Soldiers of High Rank, but in Different Armies.

Dr. Edward King, the venerated and saintly Bishop of Lincoln, in England, is now much advanced in years and somewhat infirm. Recently he has been visiting Bournemouth for his health, and T. P. O'Connor, in his "M. A. P.," tells the following story of the venerable prelate's visit to that seaside health resort.

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CHURCHES DECKED WITH PEARLS.

Rare Treasures the Bay of Panama Yielded to Spaniards.

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