

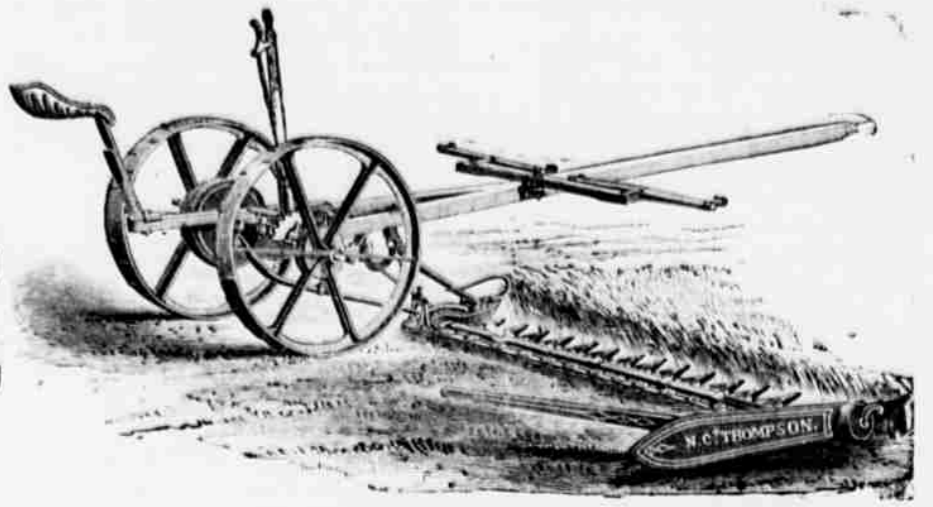
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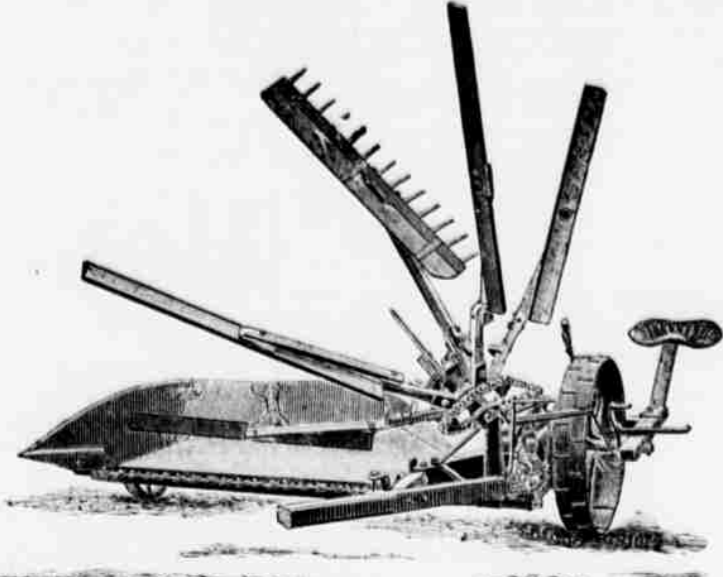
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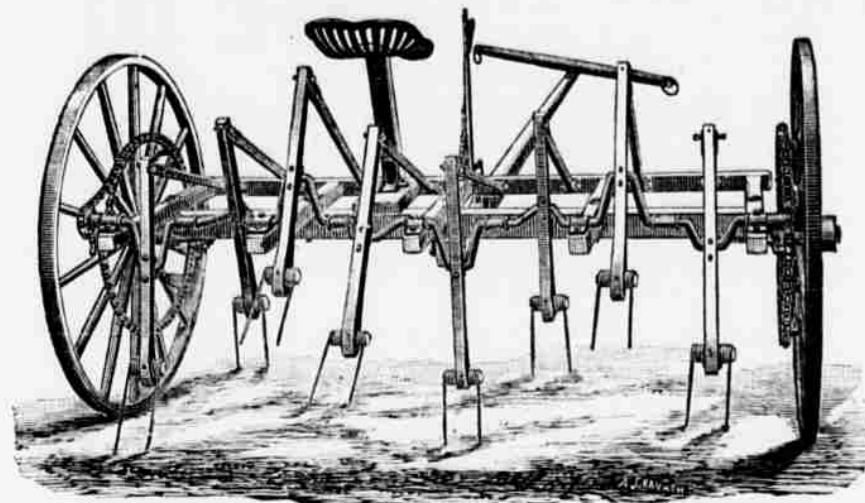
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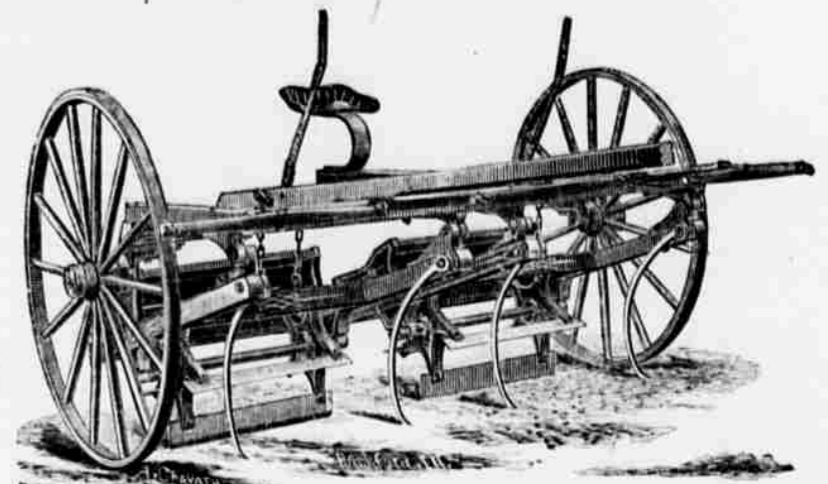
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FARM MATTERS

Eggs in Winter.

With those who manage poultry for profit much depends on the person in control, as well as the fowls, if a fair supply of eggs is to be obtained. It is not alone sufficient to provide a liberal supply of food, but it must also be of a character to more thoroughly accomplish the object desired. Corn is the staple article of diet, and answers well in one respect, which is to keep the fowl warm; but corn is lacking in many elements that enter into the composition of an egg. As the eggs are really manufactured by the hen, she serving as a factory in that respect, it becomes apparent that in order to produce eggs she must receive egg-producing material. We have in the egg the shell (carbonate of lime), and in the yolk and albumen (white) everything that serves to create bone, meat, feathers and fat. The food that is to be given, therefore, should contain lime, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and carbon, substances which exist in variable quantity in different foods. The lime is easily supplied in excess by placing ground or powdered oyster shells within reach, and corn easily sustains the system with carbon, of which it contains a large proportion. Most of some kind is best for furnishing nitrogen, but in winter it is a difficult matter to procure it in some localities, and a partial substitute may be had for it in linseed meal, which contains nitrogen in sufficient quantity for the purpose. The phosphates are found in ground bone, wheat, and nearly all grains.

When in confinement there is a necessity for adding to the comfort of fowls by providing warm but well ventilated quarters. These should be roomy, and the fowls must not be crowded, as more eggs are usually produced from a small number, in proportion, than from larger, and the roosts should all be on the same level, and low. Oyster shells not only furnish carbonate of lime but assist in grinding the food in the gizzard. No matter how sharp or hard any substance may be that is swallowed by the fowl, the gizzard completely demolishes it and grinds it into an impalpable powder, from whence it is passed into the intestines, where the digestive organs extract all that can be appropriated for the nourishment of the body and eggs. In winter it must be borne in mind that animal heat is to be kept up as the first importance to egg production, and any deficiency of food will quickly be made manifest in that respect, but less food will be required when the quarters are warm and dry. Tonics are sometimes helpful, and a little copperas occasionally in the drinking water is very invigorating.

But sometimes, with the best of feeding and care the hens will not lay. That is because some breeds, such as the Brahmas, Cochins and Plymouth Rocks fatten very readily, and when a hen is too fat she will not lay. The Plymouth Rocks, especially, are famous for being the best and poorest layers, for they keep fat on very little, and, unless they can be made to work for a living, are dilatory in the matter of laying. To do this it is best to give the morning meal very early, which may be of mixed soft food, and as it will quickly digest, along in the evening they begin to get hungry. If

a few inches of cut salt hay or leaves are thrown upon the floor of the fowl house, and the grains scattered through it and upon the floor, the fowls will scratch for them and be exercised, which will not only add to their health and comfort, but prevent the excessive accumulation of fat. Corn should not be avoided altogether as food for fowls in good condition. Pure water and strict cleanliness are also necessary; and with systematic management and arrangement a greater number of eggs will be secured.

Fertilizing Fruit Trees.

Many orchardists in California are awakening to the necessity of maintaining the fertility of their orchards by the application of manures of different kinds, and it will be timely to introduce some facts concerning the method of application. There is a wrong way and a right way, and fortunately the proper method can be shown by a series of systematic experiments. A writer in the Country Gentleman gives the following: A rule adopted by old writers gave the length of the roots as equal to the length of the branches above. It is safe to say that this rule does not indicate generally more than a tenth of the ground which the entire roots really occupy. Many years ago I made an experiment on a row of peach trees planted in grass and within a few feet of each other. They had been set three or four years, and were eight or nine feet high. Within a few feet of the end of the row the ground was very rich with a heap of manure. Its stimulating effect on the nearest tree was such that the shoots made in one season were two feet and a half long. The tree which stood seven feet from the manured ground made shoots fifteen inches long, and at eleven feet distance the shoots grew seven or eight inches. At fifteen feet no perceptible effect of the manure was visible, the growth not exceeding three inches. The experiment showed that a decided benefit was gained to the tree at eleven feet distance through the roots on the one side, and that the roots formed a radiating circle at least twenty-two feet in diameter. The absurdity of the practice of applying a small heap of manure at the base of the trunk of the tree is obvious.

Making Good Butter.

Butter is finished in the dairy, but not made there. The stamp of the dairywoman puts the gold in market form; but the work must be commenced in the field or in the feeding stable; and this leads at once to the consideration of feeding for butter. During the early, sunny summer months, when nature is profuse of favors, there is little to be done beyond accepting her bounty. The tender grasses are full of the needed nutrition, and they afford the constant supply of moisture without which the secretion of milk is greatly lessened. Yet, at this season, as well as all others, a pure supply of water is absolutely necessary. It does not meet the requirement if cattle have a wet hole full of surface drainage in the pasture, or a frog pond. While it is not probable that the tadpoles and

wrigglers sometimes found in city milk have been drank by the thirsty cow, many infusions do exist in such pools that are hardly eliminated or rendered entirely harmless by the wonderful milk secretions of the animal. The cattle should drink from spring-fed boxes; and as often as these, under the hot sun, are seen to produce green growth or floating scum a pail of coarse salt may be put in, and the currents checked until the froth-growths are killed; the salt water is then drawn off, and for a long time the trough will remain pure and the water bright.

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