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How to Deal With Chinch Bugs—The Dairies of the World—Draped With Climbers—Blooded Eggs—Farm Notes.

How to Deal with Chinch Bugs.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 26.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Although the chinch bug has never done as much damage in Nebraska as in other states more subject to drouth, it did secure sufficient foothold in many localities last year to give observant farmers serious apprehensions as to the safety of their crops the coming season. But thanks to the long continued, cold rains of the early part of the month, a vast number of these pests were destroyed, yet in the more protected places enough escaped to do great damage unless killed by some other means. If farmers will go about it vigorously, I believe we can finish up the remnants left by the cold rains, by carefully burning every patch of old grass, stubble, loose hay or straw, and all rubbish under which they take shelter found on the farm or roadside. Farmers should co-operate in this very important work, and see that neighborhoods are thoroughly rid of all their breeding places. The continued cool weather is greatly in our favor, but these insects are very tenacious of life and propagate with wonderful rapidity, under circumstances at all favorable. Hence this work should be thoroughly done, and its importance cannot be over-estimated. In some localities in other states when there have been two consecutive dry seasons, the damage was fearful last year, and the insects appeared in such numbers this spring as to almost discourage the farmers from putting their crop in at all. The terrible ravages of these pests when they once get a foothold, are little known in our state, and like many other evils, they will be more easily kept out than put out after once in. Fire has been proven an efficient means in exterminating them. Let us follow up our advantage by using it vigorously, and rid our farmers of our worst enemies.

J. H. R.

The Number of Dairies in the World.

The number of cows in milk or in calf is 1,910,000 for England and Wales, 395,000 for Scotland, and 1,400,000 for Ireland, whereas Denmark has nearly a million, Norway three-quarters of a million, Sweden one and a half millions, Holland one million, France seven and a quarter millions. In other words, while Great Britain has only one cow to twelve cultivated acres, Norway has one to four, Sweden about one to eight, Denmark one to six and three-quarter acres, Germany one to ten, although she has nearly twice as many cutivated acres as Great Britain. The factory system is preferred, chiefly as a means of encouraging the farmer to produce milk which he certainly will not do under present circumstances, if he has to stand the risks of the trade in large cities, or to devote most of his time and that of his family to the manufacture of butter and cheese. With a factory at hand, good prices, little trouble, and a regular monthly check, the whole thing looks different."

The Various Vegetations.

President Smith, of the Wisconsin Horticultural society, has found nothing better for first planting of peas than the extra early Dan O'Rourke; and five or six seedsmen's sorts, bearing each a different name, proved to be identical with it, in growth, appearance and quality. He says, further, in "The Farmers' Review:"

Of the sweet or wrinkled varieties the American Wonder is a great acquisition, and is probably about the best the farmer can raise for his main crop. In quality they are nearly equal to Champion of England. They are about second early. None of the wrinkled varieties should be sown until the ground has become somewhat warm, or until it is nearly fit to plant corn.

Jabez of Zin would not agree with this estimate of the Wonder; he once told our readers that after trying it for years he found it quite unsatisfactory as a cropper—inferior to Alpha. President Smith adds the following estimate of various other vegetables, and a hint for labor-saving in the garden:

For first early beets I find nothing better than Egyptian, and Globe turnip for second early and main crop. For carrots try Scarlet Horn for first early and the Stump-rooted for main crop. The Long Scarlet short-top radish is about the best of any I can find, although it is an old variety. To have radishes at their best, a small bed should be sown about every ten days, as long as the family care for them. A few onion sets of some of the white varieties are best for early, and nothing is better than the Yellow Globe Danvers for main crop. The old Hollowhorn or Dutch parsnip is not yet out of date. Jersey Wakefield is best for early cabbage. The seeds for early cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant should be started in hotbed, and from there set into the open ground. Still they can generally be bought at a reasonable price, and the cost will be but little compared with the comfort and advantage of having them. The garden should be long, rather than round or square, and the seeds so planted that as much of the labor as possible can be performed with a horse and cultivator.

Draped With Climber.

"Sister Gracious" tells "The American Garden" about a possible pretty effect with a homely basis of material—as, for instance, a stump draped with climber; or of branches of dead peach trees robed in summer beauty. Having a specimen of the latter dolefully bare in the back yard, she effected its transformation by a simple expedient:

I had seen the name in a seed cataloge, Cadiospermum halicacabum, and thinking it must be a grand climber from its imposing title, invested five cents in seeds, and was soon digging around the dead tree, where I found the soil rich and soft. Cadiospermum, etc., was soon above ground, and by the aid of strings climbed into the branches. By July the poor dead tree looked as if covered by a beautiful green veil. Flowers came, but were so small and insignificant that they were hardly worth looking for. But, presto! they soon changed into lovely aerial green balls, verily fairy balloons, which hung all over the tree, and when a wandering sweet pea vine climbed up and mingled its lovely blossoms with the graceful green balls the effect was lovely. A little girl said "It was a Christmas tree in the summer time." The children never tired of picking the "balloons." They made nice rattle-boxes, and the seeds were pretty and curious. The vine lasted until late in the fall, and then we gathered many of the green balls, tied the stems together, and fastened them to a picture frame. The color faded some, but all winter they were pretty, and I hope the "balloon vine" will find its place in the gardens of all the readers of this magazine.

Raising Beans.

No one should attempt to raise field beans on land that contains the seed of weeds or to which fresh manure has been applied, says an eastern paper. A crop is raised with the least exertion on an inverted sod of clover or cultivated grass. When such land is used for raising beans the plowing should be done about the 15th of June, and a deep furrow should be turned. The harrow should be immediately used, and the beans planted before the middle of the month. The rows should be from two to three feet apart according to the width of the harrow or cultivator that is to be used in working the soil between them. The amount of seed required to plant an acre will depend on the beans and the distance between the rows. It will vary from half a bushel to a bushel. What prairie farmers call first-class corn land, rich and black soil, is not as good for beans as a poorer and lighter soil. The thin soil of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Canada produce good crops of beans, though they are not rich enough to raise large crops of corn or potatoes. There is considerable land in all the western states that is better adapted to raising beans than any other crop.

"Blooded Eggs."

If you have two or three bushels of "blooded eggs" on hand awaiting some cantankerous old hen that won't set, you should handle them every day to keep the yolk from settling to lower side of shell. Keep them where it is cool, and the air is pure. Stand them on big end. Mark every egg before you go from one yard to another. Mark with lead pencil on little end. What "little" end? Because when hatching day comes you can find the mark on that end, and ten to one if the larger end is not broken or so destroyed as to cause it to be impossible for you to read your marks.

About Runts.

In nearly every litter of pigs there will be one or two runts, says the Western Farmer. Now the question is asked, what shall be done with them? The answer is, use good judgement, be humane and kill them. It is profitable to do so because the majority of them die before they are six months old, so that all the feed consumed by them is lost and their absence leaves your herd uniform and it will bring you more money when you come to sell them. Then you will not be told by the hog buyer: "Take the rints out and I'll buy your hogs." Neither will you have to say: "Oh, take them along and I'll throw in the runts."

Get Acquainted With the Cows.

Thomas D. Baird in a recent issue of the New York Tribune says:

A neighbor who kept two cows sold me one of them, making his own choice, and two months later came and offered a bonus of $10 to get her back, having learned meanwhile that he parted with the cow which made most of the butter. This is a sample case illustrating the ignorance of most farmers as to relative merit of their milk-givers. Again, we should know our cows that we may be able to feed economically, instead of giving one more than she can profitably eat and another less. To feed the same ration irrespective of individual requirement is wasteful. After learning what ration is needed by each and what it costs, then we should know what each brings in—how much milk she averages and how much cream or butter can be secured from it. Thus we are able to keep only profitable cows. If you happen to have a "scrub" do not say she is a good-for-nothing thing, anyhow, but give her a thoroughbred chance. Provide warm, dry quarters to keep her in and store up for her plenty of good hay and roots, and likely enough she will bring a surprising return, and have no occasion to look with envy at her better-favored rival.

Farm Notes.

Hayseed swept from the barn floor is a good thing to throw into chicken yards. The birds scratch it in and when it grows up it is good for the stock.

If you want to improve your flock, a cheap way to do it is to buy eggs and raise some fine chicks.

Anybody can introduce new varieties of fruit by planting the seed, though the chances are that but one variety in a thousand will be worthy of retention.

It has been asserted that a given amount of food and attention will produce as many pounds of chicken flesh as it will of hog flesh. If so, why cannot farmers make poultry-raising profitable and eat nutritious chicken meat instead of so much bacon? A pound of fowl flesh will produce more physical strength or muscular power than a pound of fat bacon, but there are many people who do not believe it.

Beauty and ornament add to the value of a farm. A few trees around the house may sometimes be of more value than the ground.

A prominent packing firm is authority for the statement that hogs fed for lean are worth 9 cents, as against 6 cents for fat. In Germany the demand is largely in favor of the lean hog.

One benefit which the farmer who surrounds his premises with artificial groves will realize and which should by no means be lost sight of, is that such groves invite the insect destroying birds, which are the farmers' best friends in protecting fruits or other crops from the ravages of destructive insects.

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Protect the birds. Put up suitable boxes for the wrens. Prevent the shooting of firearms in the orchards and keep as few cats as possible. It is a fact that the cats destroy more birds than all other causes put together.

Clean up all piles of rubbish and any place that makes a harbor for rats. Rats and chickens can't be bred together.

Cerosene oil will kill all kinds of insects when used on trees, but the oil will injure the trees. A small quantity used in an emulsion may be sprayed on opple trees, but it will kill the peach trees, even when used on them in small quantities.

The ordinary little hand-weeder is the best implement to use for eradicating weeds among thickly grown plants, especially where the hoe may be detrimental. On heavy, hard soil its use is not profitable, but on light soils it permits of effective work, and at a low cost.

The mechanical condition of the soil has much to do with the growth of crops. Lumps, clods and crusts are drawbacks. The harrow and cultivator should be used wherever needed.

The Connecticut Farmer mentions a man who transports buttermilk from the creamery for his pigs, in "a large box lined with tin, holding four barrels, and placed on wheels."

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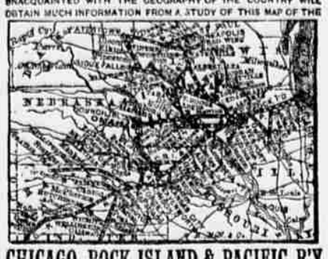

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Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Chimneys,
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