

Poultry.

ED. FARMER: I would acknowledge the reception of the basket of prize eggs from Mr. F. E. Marsh, Manhattan, Kansas.

Poultry and the Poultry Essays.

ED. FARMER: Upon unfolding the paper this week we were just a little surprised to learn that you had rejected our humble essay upon poultry, although written the first week in March and sent from the Larned post office.

We have just finished reading the very comprehensive article of Mrs. Walters, which in a brief manner really covers the whole argument. But we wish to ask one question relating to this subject, which we hope some one will consent to reply to if it is not consigned to the waste basket.

We enjoy the letters from your very able corps of contributors. Have been both entertained and benefited by reading from the different experiences given in your friendly columns.

MRS. GEORGE W. SPRING, Pawnee, Kansas.

Raising Fowls for Profit.

The layers must be of a breed that affords chickens easily reared, for success in the nursery department is all important; they must be at the head of the list, of fair-sized eggs.

My method of raising chickens is to place the eggs under the hens in boxes, in the bottom of which dry earth is placed six inches deep. In very cold weather a newspaper folded several times is placed upon the earth.

To have plenty of fresh eggs all the year, you must take good care of your hens. Provide them with a dry, airy house and keep it clean.

I have lived on a farm the last six years, and raise on an average six hundred chickens a year. I am not troubled with diseases among them.

In the summer I save the egg shells, and when the ground is covered with snow, in winter, I pound the shells up fine and mix with their food, or else put them in piles in the hen-house.

When you boil vegetables save the water you cook them in, and use it to mix your chicken feed with.

bles are good to feed either cooked or raw. They are very fond of onions. I keep a trough by the side of the hen house, and feed all my spare milk to the chickens.

Fowls require plenty of fresh water in winter and summer, and need a variety of food. Oats, millet, buckwheat and corn are all good feed.

When hens are twenty months old sell them and keep your pullets, if you want plenty of eggs. Chickens require a warm place to roost in winter.

MAGGIE J. SIKORE, Camden, Morris Co., Kansas.

Apiary.

Cyprian Bees, a Superior Race.

No doubt the thousands of readers of the American Bee Journal will be glad to hear that the Cyprian bees are superior to any other in the hands of some of the most experienced European bee-keepers.

Mr. Editor, if you will publish what I have written, and we can only induce one reader to heed what I have counselled, we should be satisfied, for the one example of discreet practice cannot fail to exert a wholesome and extended influence.

Whether drains to be executed are open surface ditches, or underdrains, and it is practicable to use plows for the entire construction, or for preparing the soil for shoveling, the economy of their use will be immense.

I have constructed miles of open ditches solely by the use of the plow, by opening a marginal furrow on either side so remote from the proposed center and deposit portion of the ditch that the banks of earth moved by repeated plowings will not be unsightly, nor so high and steep that they will obstruct the crossing of carts, wagons, mowing-machines and hay-rakes when the work has been completed.

We shall doubtless be able to start a large apiary, in spite of the superstition of the natives on the island, who stop up all their hive entrances, and fumigate the hives and yards to drive away the influence of the witchcraft that might be practiced on them, after one of us has been around.

Miscellaneous.

The Construction of Drains.

A portion of almost every farm would be benefited by proper drainage, some by surface drains and others by underdraining, but many farmers are deterred from attempting either, owing to the general want of knowledge in the art of draining and its advantages.

There is no method by which earth can be moved so cheaply as by plowing, when the use

of the plow is practicable. Allowing a pair of horses to walk with the plow twenty miles per day, and plow a furrow one foot in width and six inches in depth, they would move 52,800 cubic feet of earth one foot every day.

I have used in drain construction both open and underdrains, two plows, manufactured by Speer Bros., of Pittsburg, Pa., more than twenty years, and have found them to be the only plows made that are perfectly adapted to ditch construction.

These plows may be used instead of picks in the excavation of underdrains, in which work a pair of horses, plow and man will do more and better work than eighty men with picks.

As the straw manure applied on the newly seeded surface described, is liable to be blown off, and thus expose the young grass plants to destruction by drought, I have adopted a method of anchoring it effectually, that is inexpensive.

J. WILKINSON, Brooklyn, New York.

Some of Our Feathered Friends. Birds have always been the companions of man in his rural labors. With their beautiful, ever-varying plumage, their swift, graceful motions, and their delightful, melodious songs, they have ever cheered his labors, lightened his care, and made life brighter and its burdens lighter by their presence.

Swallows destroy vast numbers of insects. It is asserted that a pair of swallows while feeding a brood of young, will destroy 3,360 caterpillars in one week.

These are but few of hundreds of instances that might be mentioned to show that the feathered tribes are very efficient auxiliaries in subduing the noxious insect tribes.

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had so increased that the crops were in danger of total destruction, and the authorities hastened to encourage and protect the birds. In Virginia and Carolina a war was waged against the woodpeckers under the mistaken idea that they were injuring the timber, but when the birds were gone the larvae of certain timber beetles so multiplied that thousands of acres of pine timber was soon killed by their injuries.

At Bridgewater, Mass., in 1820, at a great shooting-match, birds were killed in such numbers that they were sold to farmers by the cart-load for fertilizers.

Similar examples might be multiplied almost indefinitely, all going to illustrate and prove the fact that the presence and assistance of birds are necessary to enable us to contend successfully with the injurious tribes of insects.

L. J. TEMPLIN, Hutchison, Reno Co., Kansas.

Tree Experience.—No. 8.

BY B. F. HANAN.

MULBERRY.

I bought a few white mulberry and six black mulberry trees from my Missouri nursery, and set them out in the spring of 1878. The white variety has made a strong growth, very bushy and spreading; but the black sort have grown very slowly, and branched but little.

I bought one hundred Russian mulberry trees, one year old, in the spring of 1877, and set them out in the most sandy part of my timber claim.

I have planted a few Balsam poplar or Balm of Gilead trees, which flourish as well as cottonwoods and grow nearly as fast.

On the 26th of April, 1880, the thermometer stood at 30 degrees above zero at sunrise, and the young leaves on my White and Russian mulberry trees were frozen until they dried to a crisp; but the black sort were not injured at all.

POPLAR.

I have planted a few Balsam poplar or Balm of Gilead trees, which flourish as well as cottonwoods and grow nearly as fast. I have also planted a few hundreds of Lombardy poplars. Those planted out in the spring of 1876 had all their leaves eaten off in the fall of that year by Rocky Mountain locusts.

I have tried the Golden, Basket, Gray or White, and Weeping Willow—the old Babylonian variety. None of them have done well, in fact nearly all are entirely dead except one clump of White willows on very sandy ground.

I brought one wild cherry tree with me from Missouri, which grows well and is healthy, although on almost pure sand.

I have a tree or two each of Red and White elm, birch, coffee bean, sycamore, and Medicine River Mountain ash. They all seem healthy but grow slowly, and are not valuable for timber or windbreaks, in my opinion.

WAKEFIELD, Clay Co., May 3.—We have had a shower! It wet down about four inches. It will save the Red May winter wheat, but the rest will probably not be worth cutting.

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M. S. F. BURTT.

Literary and Domestic

Faint Heart.

She stood before him, tall and fair,
And gazed on that summer day,
With June's first roses in her hair.

Literary Items.—No. 38.

ORIGIN OF A FEW COMMON EMBLEMS—DEMOCRATIC ROOSTER.

The rooster is an emblem of the democratic party. A very good figure, by the way to represent success.

In Persia, and most eastern countries of antiquity, fire was an emblem of divinity. The followers of Pythagoras described God under the image of "a circle whose centre is everywhere, and circumference nowhere."

In a later period of the world's history, emblems have been introduced which owe their origin to particular circumstances, many of which, without an explanation are void of meaning.

The olive branch has ever been the symbol of peace. Crown of laurels, or the palm of victory, was a Grecian emblem of success, and these expressions are still retained in our language as figures of speech, and are most interesting to those who have studied their origin.

The Romans held geese in high respect. The Gauls attempted at night to climb the Tarpan Rock and take possession of the Roman Capitol. They were discovered by certain sacred geese, kept near Juno's temple, which alarmed the guards, and thus the Capitol was saved.

We might multiply many other cases in support of the democratic emblem—the rooster, in the attitude of crowing, and since other political parties have adopted the emblem, whenever success has perched on their banner it is only proper that it should have honorable mention, and its origin should be recorded.

In the year 1840, political matters were at the highest pitch. The whigs, under the leadership of General Harrison, were gaining proselytes from the democratic party.

Chapman to crow; crow, Chapman, crow." This letter was shown to a political friend who read it and laid it on the counter in the store.

The log-cabins, hard cider, corn skins, hoop pole currency, which the old whig party ornamented their large mass meeting in 1840 originated somewhat in the same way.

That eastern letter, which was written to cast disrepute on the character of Gen'l Harrison, brought forth the opposite results.

Lane, Kan.-as.

The Frolics of Fashion.

But fashion knows nothing of beauty, cares nothing for beauty. Fashion, as people say, now-a-days, "goes in" for novelty.

Fashion steps aside in the most summary manner, all attempts of nature to interfere with, hinder or baffle her. It takes no account of native beauties, native defects.

Why cannot individual women make a stand, once for all, and say, each in turn, "I have found out what suits me. I am tall, or short, or middle-sized, slim, stout, or dumpy."

The former would be yet more numerous, and the latter yet rarer, if fitness instead of fashion were their habitual study.

Among our earliest shrubs to blossom are Daphne Mezereum, a little European whose branches in March and April are clothed with purple blossoms to be succeeded, by midsummer, with brilliant berries.

The world made advantage that would accrue is variety. It is often urged in palliation of the

shifting moods of fashion, that man hates monotony, that we grow tired of the most beautiful objects if they never change.

Pastry.

C. H. King gives the following experience of twenty-five years in the Housekeeper:

Mrs. Glass prefaces her receipts for cooking here, with the remark, first catch the hare.

First, take three quarters of a pound of butter, free it from salt and buttermilk, (by washing it in water), then form it into a square lump and place it by in some flour for half an hour.

Now, roll it out to its original size, dust it with flour, fold it as before, then roll out again. Dust with more, thus giving it four rollings and foldings.

Notes.—In warm weather it is necessary to place it in a cool place every second rolling—in very warm weather at each rolling, and sometimes on ice.

A good, firm, tough butter is best for the purpose. Be careful not to use carbonate of soda or saleratus instead of cream of tartar.

Cut your tartlets with as sharp a cutter as possible, and with a rapid, downward motion, so that it may cut through quick, not drag through.

After they are cut, place them on the pans, or in the patty pans upside down. The reason for this is the cutter or knife in dividing or cutting the paste, presses the layers downward.

In washing or eggging pastry, be careful not to allow the eggs, milk, or what you are using, to run down over the edges, or as it sets by the heat of the oven.

In rolling use the rolling-pin as lightly as possible, also with as even a pressure as possible. Your layers will be even or uneven, just in proportion as you roll even or uneven.

If you should break the dough, cover it over with a piece of "plain dough," dust it well with flour and continue the rolling.

If you follow these instructions and pay attention to the notes, I think you will succeed to your entire satisfaction.

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leaf of our northern states. Spiraea Thunbergii dons its snowy cloak as April makes its exit, and at the same time the Japanese Quince, Cydonia Japonica, displays its wealth of scarlet red.

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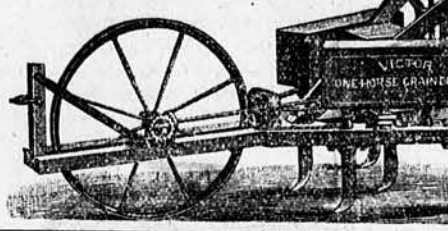
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Farm Letters.

SMOXY HILL, McPherson Co., April 25.—This is what tries a man's soul, having had no rain for six months, and seeing the fall wheat heading out when only four inches high.

We usually, here, have plenty of grass for stock this time of the year, but at present writing there is not enough grass for one head of stock now where ten head had plenty last year.

We have had considerable sickness here this spring, but among the most prominent is the "blues," especially among the farmers.

The city of Lindsburg is improving very fast. Several substantial houses are being built, and a large number of shade trees, especially soft maple, have been planted this spring.

BUTTERFLY, Kingman Co., May 4.—Farmers are somewhat encouraged by the late rain. Corn that is up looks well and seems to be growing.

Farmers generally seem to think that stock raising is more profitable than farming. They have got the sheep fever badly in this locality.

The railroad is drawing the attention of the farmers at present. The engineers are in this locality at work locating a route from Wichita to Kingman.

Roy, Sumner Co., May 3.—I have waited in vain for a boom in the prospects of the farmers in this community to report to the readers of the KANSAS FARMER, but everything is dry and still drying.

From practice I find wheat is doing best where ground was plowed the deepest and earliest, and then rolled early in the spring, and there seems to be no difference in that which was drilled and sowed broadcast.

I have also learned, from sad experience, that it will not do to put wheat on millet ground, as the ground will not retain the moisture and growing properties enough to produce two heavy crops in fourteen months.

In my estimation, those who leave the country this summer are going to miss it. It may be dry the rest of this season.

Cattle and hogs are doing well. Twenty-seven carloads of fat stock started to Chicago a few days ago, and more are ready to follow as soon as cars can be procured.

There is a great demand made for the seed of Rice corn in this part of Kansas, as many are going to plant it. I see Mr. Dickinson writes an article for the FARMER about this plant, in which he gives it considerable praise.

There is another subject that I would like to see discussed in the FARMER, and that is the two hundred dollar exemption law. For what purpose could any one have in framing a law of this nature?

NORTH CEDAR, (22 miles north of Topeka), April 28th.—On Sunday, the 18th inst., the wind blew a tremendous steady gale from the southwest, with clouds of dust, that did almost obscure the sun.

On the 23d inst. I visited the old orchard of A. Dodson, of North Cedar, and I never saw a better prospect for peaches and apples.

orchard, in the distance, looked like a snow-bank. His eight hundred bearing apple trees were all full of bloom, except the Fameuses which were little short.

Our fall orchards this year will put the price of apples low enough. All can have their wants supplied especially in summer and fall varieties, which will call for the American Fruit Dryer, of which we see mention made in the FARMER.

I am highly pleased with the information on Rice corn given by Mrs. A. B. Prescott, in your last issue. Would send stamps for seed if she will give her address through the FARMER.

I concur with Mr. H. C. St. Clair, of Bell Plain, and L. H. Gest, of Valley Falls, in urging farmers to keep a systematic run of their business.

And now to you that write to our farm paper, the KANSAS FARMER, do not forget to give date, address, distance and direction from Topeka.

BELLE PLAINE, Sumner Co., May 3.—It is said, in Holy Writ, that the rain shall fall on the just and the unjust, but up to the present time a large portion of our country has not had rain to amount to much.

Many of our farmers have sown large fields of timothy and clover, but we fear a failure this year.

Our corn has been cut down three times by the frost, which was very severe on the morning of the 26th and 29th.

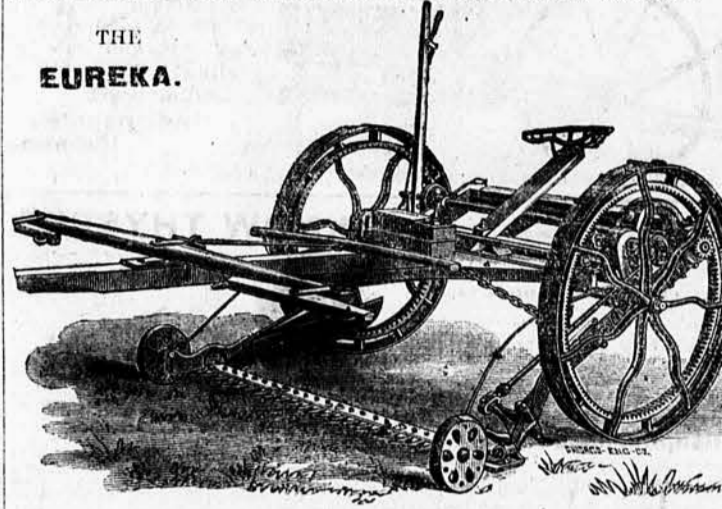
The farmers are patiently waiting for the price of lumber to go down so that they can build and fence.

From present appearances we will have rain before long, yet our farmers are in good spirits, and are going to fight it out behind the plow if it takes till Christmas.

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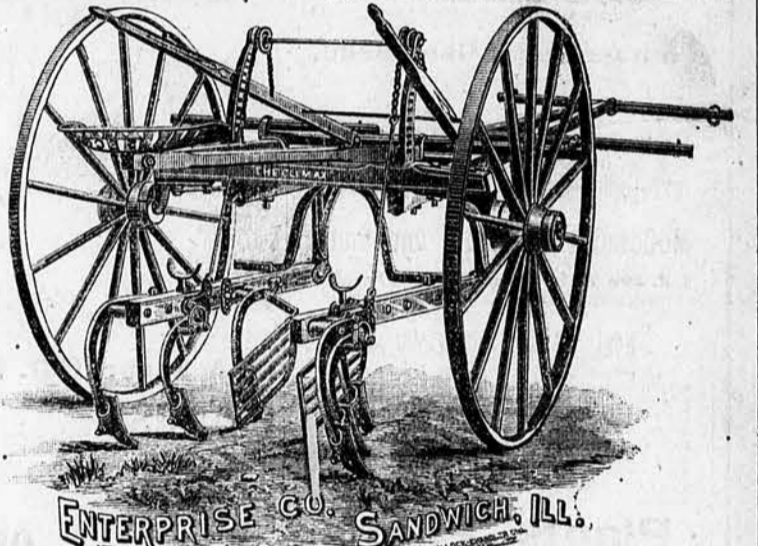


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