

AGRICULTURAL

It will always pay to take a day of and visit the best farmer you know of.

The best thing to do with the hog yard is to plow it up and sow it to rape if done any time before Aug. 1.

A farmer who is going to raise a beehive with cream-bread imported at a cost of \$25 to \$100 per bee.

We saw a farmer with his wife and eight children in a carriage the other day. A pair of big draft horses with a plow harness drew the load.

About the time a fellow for the second time gathers up the remains of his windmill wrecked by a summer storm he begins to fall in love with the nasty little gasoline engine.

In a general way we much prefer the low headed fruit tree for all the prairie country.

Texas has overdone the Bermuda onion business and is sending more to market than the people can eat.

The greatest value there is connected with salt applied to the hay or fodder when put in the mow of the barn is not in its preservative quality.

Nearly all farmers in the northwest keep more or less hogs, but not one in ten of them realize the value of a rape field as a summer feed for their pigs.

We note that the production of rice in this country has more than caught up with the home demand.

As an evidence of our willingness to encourage a spirit of reciprocity with Canada we gave that country almost the whole of our foreign cheese trade.

The value of a man fixed as we value a horse, just on his physical ability, is about \$5,000.

The sum of \$100 per year in cash and what eggs and chickens the family can use are easily obtained from what poultry may be kept upon the average farm.

We are asked if there are any birds at all which will eat the Colorado potato bug.

The gospel of grass is a good gospel to study. There can be no erosion of the soil or depletion of soil fertility where grass grows.

A farm hand in Iowa had some difficulty with his employer and was discharged.

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White clover and sweet clover bloom make harvest days for the bees, and they improve them to the limit.

A good garden well cared for is worth not less than \$100 to any family where there are six or more persons to feed during the year.

Escape posts cut when the bark will peel and then thoroughly seasoned before setting will last much longer than when cut during the winter.

Never a better time to buy registered stock than now. A good start can be made for \$900, and that much money was never put to a better use.

It is the season of red roses and red clover, while everywhere is full of strawberries, green peas and new potatoes—mighty nice time of the year.

It is a good thing that children do not eat in the same proportion young birds do. If they did it would keep the old man busy with a dray bringing them food.

The pound and a half spring chicken costs the town man over 50 cents by the time it is served on his table.

The lines of the peach belt were pretty well defined by the extreme cold of last winter.

The effort being made to induce the settlement of the south by the Italians, who are coming to this country in such large numbers, has much to commend it.

The trouble is that the hired man does not intend to remain a hired man. He is figuring to boss somebody himself as soon as he can.

We have no bird in the north which can get off as fine a concert programme as can the mocking bird of the south.

No apple has come into such general favor for all the latitude north of 42 degrees as the Wealthy.

A man who fed a lot of beef cattle the past winter, buying at \$3.50 and selling at \$4.50, figures-up after he sold them that he had made just \$1.50 per head besides what the manure might be worth.

We know of one man who for years has stuck to beef making of this type. He buys up in the fall a bunch of the best early calves he can find.

It is never very hard times on that farm where there is some sort of produce ready to turn off every month.

We are asked whether the big department stores are likely to become a permanent feature of our commercial life.

The centralized creamery working with cream gathered from a wide area of territory shipped to it by express.

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CHEAP LAND

We have three inquiries relative to where is the best country for a man to go to seek a farm and home, where he has only a little money.

THE DAIRY BUSINESS

Dairying is disliked by many farmers for several reasons. It is claimed that it is dirty work; that it ties a man down for every day in the year.

WET FARMS

The big problem for a man with a wet farm is to get the land well drained. Wet farms in combination with wet seasons have been the cause of more mortgage foreclosures.

THE VALUE OF CLOVER

Perhaps there is no better thing to continually urge upon the average farmer east or west than the great value of clover as a fertilizing agent for his soil.

TRAINING HORSES

Horses may be easily trained to do many things, which would increase their usefulness. For instance, there are very few horses trained to take their place on a cart alongside a wagon.

CO-OP CULTIVATION

The co-operative system of agriculture has been discussed with increasing interest by many men who will not take the trouble to go through their fields and pull out the milkweed.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y. Press Correspondent New York State Granges

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