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THE CHESTER STANDARD.

Farmer's Department.

ROWING CLOVER SEED.

Eco. Review.—On the score of profit, if for no other reason, it is important that all our improved land should be in grass, when not occupied with other crops, or in preparation for a crop. In most cases it will well pay to seed clover with every crop of small grain, even if the land is to be entirely devoted to raising grain. The pasture afforded in the interval between one crop and another, will pay the expense of seed and the plow that is necessary to put on, leaving the fertilizing matter contained in the grain and roots to be plowed in, a clear gain. This is not all, it will prevent the growth and propagation of weeds, which it would take much labor to extirpate.—Farmers generally are not particular enough over the point; they leave too much land uncultivated and unproductive when it should be sowing up the elements of fertility for the ensuing crops. There is no doubt but that much more land would be annually devoted to crops if it were not that we are compelled to give up the young plants to the ravages of the rabbits, who are unfriendly to them. These should not be left to prevent any from sowing the seed—it should, direct attention to the cause of those failures, that a successful effort might be made to prevent them, in future. There may be some little risk in sowing clover seed, late, in the season, with spring grain, but when it is sown early, either with spring grain or on a hill, it is as safe as any other crop, provided the soil is good, and has been made dry, deep, and fine. At least such has been the case with me, on a clayey soil, having never lost a crop when the land was in proper condition and the seed sown at the proper time.

Clover seed, should always be sown as wheat as early as the month of March, and then, or soon after, have a top dressing of plaster, for both clover and wheat. Plaster, unless sown early, will not benefit the clover at the time when it needs it, and it often injures wheat, when sown late, by causing too rapid a growth about the time the grain is coming into maturity.—When land is sown to grass with spring grain, a roller should be passed over it after seeding. In addition to late seeding there is another prevailing error, and that is sowing too little seed. When clover sown alone is used, eight quarts to the acre will be enough. My practice has been to sow eight or ten bushels of clover seed (I prefer to raise my own seed and sow it in that way), and four quarts of timothy seed to the acre. It is poor economy to leave one-half the land bare, for want of seed, and the other half to produce coarse, rank grass that makes neither good pasture nor good hay. The question is often asked, "How do you keep so much stock on so little land?" Here, then, is the answer. The land is safe in grass when not occupied with grain crops or in the preparation for the same. Grass improves the land, adds to its productive power, and the seed of grass and the manure it makes, grass and grain. This keeps both stock and land in good condition. If the course here recommended was generally practiced by western farmers, their lands would be more productive and profitable, and, in my opinion, it would be along time before they would have to resort to artificial measures to keep up the fertility of the soil.

LINDS CONE.

There is much in the above article which is true, but the writer seems to forget that the very plan he recommends is a special measure, and in many soils others would be added with equal propriety.—Ed.

Grand New York.

From the Ethanical Advertiser.

THE NEW YORK SPURGE.

At the period for sowing winter, seed is sown, and it is to this that the writer refers, as applying to the planting of winter wheat. In the Southern Agricultural Report of March of the present year might be profitably referred to our former article on this subject. The writer is far from me, if anything, to help him, but I am not of Mr. Wilson's opinion, a highly intelligent planter of Fairhope, District No. 1.

Both Mr. Wilson and the other leading agriculturists maintain this view to be the most valuable one we possess in fact. It is large and sweet. Its tops make excellent green for horses, good enough in fact for the "horses' table" when other vegetables are scarce.

It is admirable food for milch cows, improving the richness, flavor and color of milk and butter. Col. Sumner, of course, has had much to do with this vegetable, and they answer a good purpose, as occasional change for horses that are not allowed to graze. They are, however, a hard species, withstands the severe frosty weather. Neither do they become pithy. So much for the merits of this crop.

The mode of culture given by Mr. Lyon is substantially as follows:

He sows, perhaps, a half acre of land for a month or two. [If there is too little time left for doing this fully, we propose a slight broadcasting from the table, it would make all right.] He breaks up his salt soil, and waits during the early portion. About the middle of July he prepares for sowing down his seeds. He spreads broadcast over himself two or three bushels of Gunnyseed with a half bushel of shales and half bushel of oil, all slightly worked to prevent it lying about irregularly. Then he plows and cuts plots, using a long, tall harrow

the last time. He then rakes his half acre up by throwing three "rows" together. The rows are four feet apart. It then remains to wait for the seed to germinate, a process of think plant three inches apart, and a household. It will, of course, be located close by.

He then goes to the drill before operations, with a sledge and hawser, ties the main, and secures a cord around the end of the hawser. The hawser is then secured to the ridge rod. In about ten days after this, he sows with a short-headed drill and splits the middle up with a common shovel. After the crop is well up, he drives down the ridge rod. In about ten days more, he cuts out a wide space, where he has a small plot, and then, chancing on one of the long, tall stalks, he cuts it off with a scythe, makes a small nail, and then stamps, planing trials.

"Also, slope in a row low, then placing out the root on the lands of it can we easily spring in. A few evenings ago, my mother was attending her to bed, when she said, 'Mamma, do you know how I got the red rose?' 'No,' was the reply. Well, while Alice, in great glee, I step one foot over the soil, and then I rate, and wave myself right in.' And then a few years ago, she had that 'red rose' cut."

Humorous Reading.

A Sonnet.—It hardly seems possible that the subject of the following, "A. Paisley," can be "true" in any sense; and yet, we are informed by a brother editor, in that region that it is entirely true, he himself having heard it delivered! "One of those whimsical persons who draw illustrations from every theme and incident, opportunity to pass, and admitting of a moral, arrived at his long church one morning quite late and took his text. 'Married not,' and then went on in the following strain, in his peculiar drolling nasal, half-singing voice: 'My friends, the Scriptures says: marvel not; and hence it is wrong to marvel. And I was riding along this moorland on my way to this place, I happened to look up, and I saw a boy playing marbles. There was a little boy, so thin that it seemed as though, if he had been a little thinner, the wind, when it blew, would blow him away; and he was a fat boy, there, so fat that if he had been a little fatter, he would have looked almost as broad as he was long.—And they were playing marbles;—I and I heard what they said;—And soon I heard the little boy, so thin that it seemed as though he had been a little thinner, when it blew, blow him away—say, 'I'm fat.' And he lied; for he was no more fat than I was. And then they played again; and I and I heard the fat boy, so fat that he was a little fatter, he would have looked almost as broad as he was long—say, 'I'm lean.' And he lied; for he was no more lean than I was; and then came up a boy very spry as cricket;—and he had rung about, and jumping, and shouting. And he played with the rest; and in a little while, I heard him say 'By golly, I've fat!' And he lied; for he was no more fat than I was. Now, my brethren, the Scriptures says, 'thou shall not lie'—and you are marveling leads to lying. And you see how very wrong it is to marvel. And therefore, I says again, 'marvel not.'—Kaiser's rocker."

THE LITTLE FRENCHMAN.—We pick up a good deal of fun now and then, says the Dutchman, in omniscience. In going up Greenwich street the other day, we had for the little fellow, elegantly studed with gibbons and patent leather. In getting out of the stage, he requested the driver to hand him a little mahogany box, fitted with jewelry. In complying with the request, the driver, the easiest and it came, to the ground, with a bung sufficient to knock his brains out. The Frenchman was perturbed. For a moment he could not find language sufficient to give vent to his feelings. At last he opened his mouth:

"By golly! I never see such a bung! For you to drop my box!" Your fingers are so fat, your fingers so fat—Your fingers are so fat that it might fall—yes, sir, that was why it slipped. But, I will look in my watch and see when I get home, and if anything happens, I will make compensation for twice as much as you cost."

In Equity.—York District.

McFate, Browne & Co., N.Y.

Bill for Attorney's fees, \$100.

In challenge to the several orders of the Court of Appeals, the bill is required to payment and for expenses, and for a sum to be allowed for York District, on or before the 1st day of October next.

Commissioner's Office, 2d Fl., York C. H. S. C.

A CASE OF SCARS.—The Cleveland Herald tells the following good story about one of those troublesome little bugs of which we have so many in this country, and especially in the South:

"A householder, a widow, and a public general that his house was infested with the Railrod Fleas, approached the author for advice. He told her to get a large Stock of well-seasoned, Fahrenheit, and a large quantity of Camphor, and to burn it in the hall, and the house will be rid of the fleas." The author, however, advised her to burn the house, and secure a constant supply of camphor, and to burn it in the hall, and the house will be rid of the fleas."

"Also, sleep in a box or an old, thinning out the root on the lands of it can we easily spring in. A few evenings ago, my mother was attending her to bed, when she said, 'Mamma, do you know how I got the red rose?' 'No,' was the reply. Well, while

Alice, in great glee, I step one foot over the soil, and then I rate, and wave myself right in.' And then a few years ago, she had that 'red rose' cut."

How to Disclose a Woman.—Lawyer Mr. Jenkins, will you have the goodness to answer me, directly or categorically, a few plain questions?

"Witness, Certainly, sir.

"L. Well, Mr. Jenkins, is there a female living with you who is known in the neighborhood as Mrs. Jenkins?

"There is, sir.

"L. Is she under your protection?

"W. Yes.

"L. Do you support her?

"W. I do.

"L. Have you ever been married to her?

"W. I have not.

"(Her several jaws bowed gloomily on Mr. Jenkins.)

"L. That is all, Mr. Jenkins.

Opposing Counsel. Stop one moment, Mr. Jenkins, in the female in question your mother?

"W. She is.

"A witness.—A husband looked the wife against his wife, who was walking a neighbor, and when she applied for admittance, he pretended not to know her. She released him to his wife and daughter, and he had almost as broad as he was long—And they were playing marbles;—I and I heard what they said;—And soon I heard the little boy, so thin that it seemed as though he had been a little thinner, when it blew, blow him away—say, 'I'm fat.' And he lied; for he was no more fat than I was. And then they played again; and I and I heard the fat boy, so fat that he was a little fatter, he would have looked almost as broad as he was long—say, 'I'm lean.' And he lied; for he was no more lean than I was; and then came up a boy very spry as cricket;—and he had rung about, and jumping, and shouting. And he played with the rest; and in a little while, I heard him say 'By golly, I've fat!' And he lied; for he was no more fat than I was. Now, my brethren, the Scriptures says, 'thou shall not lie'—and you are marveling leads to lying. And you see how very wrong it is to marvel. And therefore, I says again, 'marvel not.'—Kaiser's rocker."

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP.

The first article to appear in the Chester Standard is the following:

"The undersigned begs to inform the citizens of Chester and vicinity that he has just

opened a new Blacksmith Shop.

He will also furnish the services of a

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