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Made Fertile By Sheep.

When a flock of sheep is kept on a field the land will be made fertile in a short time, as the sheep not only distribute the manure, but press it into the ground by trampling, the loss being but little. For that reason it has been said that "the foot of the sheep is gold to the land." A flock of sheep, however, can not add anything to the land other than to prevent waste of materials, which they naturally consume and are therefore more valuable when they are fed at a barn at night, the additional food rendering the manure more valuable.—The Epitomist.

Live Stock Notes.

Always raise enough sugar beets for the cows. They greatly improve the quantity and quality of the milk.

Sweet corn makes the finest green fodder while for cured fodder in the winter there is nothing cattle relish better. It is unsurpassed for growing pigs during the summer and early fall.

One of the best things in the world to give a horse, after he has been driven, is a quart of oatmeal stirred in a pail of water. It freshens and strengthens him, relieves his immediate thirst, and prepares his stomach for more solid food.

Never leave the animals to stand in mud and wet places.

Poultry Notes.

In the dry, warm shed provided for the hens in cold or rainy weather, keep both straw and gravel. There will be no better dust bath for them than fresh coal ashes. If a box of this is kept convenient, the fowls will rid themselves of vermin and will find necessary adjuncts to their rations in the cinders which they may pick out.

See that the hens have plenty of grit. Break up some rock, old crocks or dishes, moderately fine, if there is not plenty of coarse sand or fine gravel in the ground and put it where they can get it at all times.

Clover hay scalded and chopped is an excellent food for laying hens. It should be made fine through the feed cutter. Green food is positively necessary to health and happiness as well as productiveness. Chickens can not obtain it in winter unless we are careful to supply their wants.

If you have a board floor in your poultry house (as you should have) it is a good idea to cover it with sand. It is then much easier to clean it off. Frequently, layers of dry leaves are preferred by some, which should be often applied and they answer the same purpose. In any event, keep the poultry house well cleaned all the time.

A supply of lime is absolutely necessary for the hens and there is no better way to give this than pounded oyster shells. Bones, pounded fine, so as to have no long splinters, may also be used, or fine gravel which contain limestone. Attention to these things is what makes poultry pay in winter.—The Epitomist.

Adaptation of Plants to Soil.

A sandy loam has been considered desirable and even very sandy lands have given satisfactory results to the farmer, but there are so many varieties of soil and so much depends upon climate and kinds of crops, as to demand that the farmer not only study his soils, but also retain fertility by thorough tillage and feeding with suitable plant foods. If tracts of land which have not been cultivated are examined it will be found that nature has adapted different kinds of plants to most of the distinguished varieties of soils; and although some belonging to one may, from one cause or another be found on lands of a different quality, they seldom thrive or perfect their seeds so as to become general. The great care of the farmer ought therefore, to be, by proper mixtures, to reduce his land to that state and temperature in which the extremes of heat and cold and wet and dry are best corrected by each other; to give them every possible advantage flowing from the influence of the sun and air; to adopt such kinds of plants as they afford in this condition the greatest nourishment to, and to renew their fertility by a judicious allowance of the most proper manures. When these things are done, there are but few spots so unfriendly to cultivation as not to repay his expense and labor with a plentiful increase. But without these the best tract of land will, in time, become a barren waste or produce little but weeds. The intelligent farmer will constantly study his soil to ascertain what crops are best adapted to different localities and the kinds of fertilizers required to bring the largest possible yield and leave the ground in good condition for another season. On all farms there are many different kinds of soil requiring different fertilizing and cultivation and naturally adapted to the growth of different kinds of plants.

The Brood Sow.

One of the essentials of successful pig breeding is to carefully select the sows from which future litters are to be obtained. It is just as necessary to save the most thrifty and growthy sows as breeders as it is to breed them to a good boar; indeed of the two, it is more important, from the fact that upon the thrift and capacity of the sow will depend, to a large extent, not only the size of the litter, but their food during infancy. It is only the thrifty sow that will be able to feed a large litter of pigs during the first few weeks of their lives, a time when it is all important that they should be well fed.

The breeding sows should be selected early, fed properly, bred to selected boars and give them good care and the result will be the right kind of pigs. A little extra effort in this direction is well worth the attention of any farmer and is one of the ways in which he can make more by good management than he could by many days of hard work. The man who only keeps one or two brood sows is likely to neglect the matter of making his selections until the time for breeding has arrived and he is too often inclined to keep as a breeder, a sow from a little that was not fit to sell at the time her companions were disposed of.

From the standpoint of profit in pig-keeping, this is a great mistake. No farmer or breeder can afford to maintain any but the best individuals as breeders and the man who keeps but one or two breeding sows can afford it less even than any others. It is also just as important that breeding sows should have the right kind of feed during their growing period, as it is that the fattening pigs should have the right kind during their feeding period; but the food which gives the best results in connection with the latter, is not suitable for the breeding sows.

They should be fed on a more nearly balanced ration, higher in its content of protein and more bulky in its composition. They should also be allowed to run to pasture, or be given plenty of green feed as long as it is available. When it fails ensilage of some kind should be provided. With careful selection and proper care and feed one good young sow will be more profitable than two or more different animals indifferently fed.—W. R. Gilbert.

Random Jottings.

Never use a graft from a tree that is in the least degree unhealthy. Any neglect in selecting the grafts may result in the destruction of the orchard.

The sudden weather changes, the cold rains, the mud and the natural craving for grass, make early spring the most trying time for stock and stockmen, requiring unusual vigilance and care, coupled with judicious feeding, to bring all through without loss.

Take the first chance in spring to set out strawberry plants, that they may start to root freely before the drouths of summer catch them. Then when fall comes they are well rooted and make a strong growth, being then in readiness to give a good crop of fruit the following season.

Evergreens should be planted as early in the spring as the state of the ground will permit. It used to be the practice to plant them late, but this is a mistake. All trees, evergreens or deciduous, are the better for being set out early as they become settled before the season commences.

Tests of wheat, oats, and barley second year from alfalfa sod, as compared with similar contiguous land that had not been in alfalfa, were made by the Colorado experiment station and in each case the alfalfa sod produced much the best results. With wheat, it was as 100 to 90; oats, 100 to 60; and barley as 100 to 45.

Work a little more by plan and system this spring. It is the only way out of trouble. The conditions which confront the farmer of today make discretion, careful calculation and a keen sense of business management absolutely essential to success. The sooner we can bring ourselves to realize this self-evident truth the better it will be for us all.

Make an estimate of the number of animals your pasture will probably carry through the summer in good shape. If you find you have a surplus of stock, it will be well to finish off and sell before they taste grass. If on the other hand there is an excess in pasture, keep your eyes open for bargains and pick up some well-bred young animals at the right price.

When it is desired to graft several kinds of fruit on one tree, the tree selected should be one where its shape is not to be valued. Very few trees having more than one kind of fruit on them make good shaped ones, as hardly two kinds of trees can be found growing alike. Some fruit trees make a short thick growth, while others a long spreading one. These two sorts on one tree would look odd but not at all pretty.

Most thrifty farmers manage to finish the cutting and hauling of wood for the season before the outdoor work of spring begins. The hauling of manure also, is pushed forward as fast as convenient, so as to leave more leisure for teams and men in spring for plowing and planting. The days are now long enough for a man to do a good day's work and it pays to hire help as early as work can be found for them, so as to be ready to push the work as soon as spring begins.

THE M'KINLEY MONUMENT.

Plan of the Memorial to Be Built at Canton.

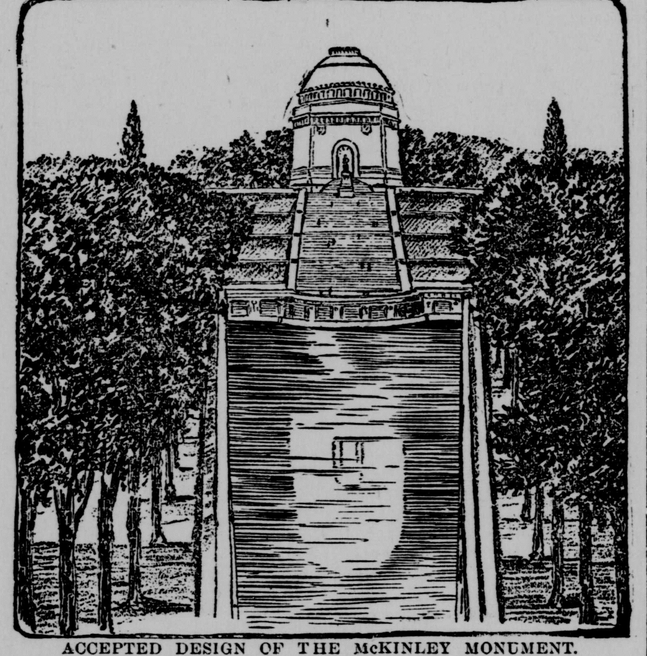
The accompanying picture shows the design accepted by the McKinley National Memorial Association for the monument to be erected at Canton, Ohio, President McKinley's home. The contract for its erection has been awarded and the association has collected $500,000 to pay all expenses of the work.

The association has purchased about twenty-five acres of land adjoining Westlawn Cemetery in the western portion of Canton, Ohio, including a mound some seventy feet in height. Upon this will be built a mausoleum of pink Milford granite, circular in form, seventy-five feet in diameter at the base, and about 100 feet in height from the foundation.

This structure will be reached by a flight of approach steps fifty feet in width, in four runs, with wide landings between, constituting a rise of fifty-five feet in all. The hill will be terraced to conform with the landings on the staircase, presenting on the whole a terraced mound surmounted by the structure proper.

At the base of the staircase will be built a plaza 200 feet in width. The main approach will be a mall about 1000 feet in length, 170 feet in width, with a waterway in the centre, and on either side a double row of trees paralleling driveways.

The jury appointed to select the architect was composed of two architects, Walter Cook, of New York, and Robert S. Peabody, of Boston, and Daniel Chester French, of New York, the sculptor. They chose the design submitted by H. Van Buren Magonigle, of New York City.



ACCEPTED DESIGN OF THE McKINLEY MONUMENT.

The interior of the mausoleum will be circular and finished in light gray Knoxville marble. Excepting the doorway there will be no opening but that through the crown of the dome. In the centre of this mortuary chamber will be the sarcophagi, so designed that they appear as two in one. They are cut from single blocks of polished granite. In front of the mausoleum a statue of President McKinley will stand.—New York Sun.

What Industry Did.

Thomas Shaw, the new lord advocate of London, is a self-made man. The son of a baker, he earned his living as a lawyer's clerk while attending the university. His industry was tremendous and the soundness of his scholarship may be judged from the fact that he contributed the article on Talleyrand to the Encyclopedia Britannica. He is a notable fly-fisher.

The adverse vote of Bath, England, on Carnegie's offer of $65,000 for a public library was taken by means of postal cards sent out by the City Council.

Invitations are to be issued by Belgium to other nations to send representatives to an international conference on the study of the polar regions.

CURTAIN FOR FIREMEN.

Portable Shield Which Protects the Flame-Fighters.

An ingenious Omaha inventor has designed an entirely new fire-fighting appliance. While its use is entirely restricted to fires in building of small proportions, such as low stores and dwellings etc., the portable fire shield will, no doubt, find many advocates. It consists of a wheel truck carrying a folding fire screen of fireproof material. When collapsed the entire outfit does not take up as much room as a hook and ladder, and is drawn to the scene by horses, who are immediately detached and taken out of harm's way. The truck is then wheeled in front of the burning building and the shield raised by means of a hand gear operated by the firemen, the general plan of arrangement being apparent from an inspection of the accompanying cut. Such a portable shield would prevent the spread of the flames to adjacent property, and occasionally it might enable firemen to approach near enough to a building which was burning briskly to effect a rescue of a life or property which ordinarily would not be attempted because of the danger involved from intense heat, but from which the shield would screen the fireman.—Philadelphia Record.



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Baltimore		† 4.10 P. M.
Claiborne	7.45 A. M.	† 7.45 "
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Hurlock	*10.53 "	† 8.56 "
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