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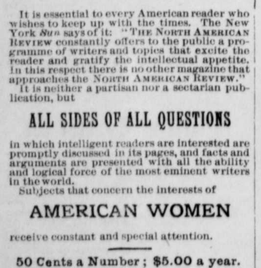
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LIMING THE SOIL.

Top Dressing Versus Harrowing In Before Seeding.

Among many questions that have come to the Rhode Island station, which has for some time been carrying on thorough investigations in regard to liming the soil, the most frequently asked is "Will the results not be just as good by top dressing my grass land with lime as by harrowing it into the soil before seeding?" This question comes chiefly from those who have either postponed or not thought of using lime until the seeding was accomplished. The response, as given in bulletin No. 49 of the station, is:

It has been stated that the best plan was to thoroughly work the lime into the soil, the success from its use depending in a large measure upon the thoroughness with which this is accomplished. In order to test the question in a practical way three sections, each 30 by 30 feet, were laid out. They were plowed Sept. 23, 1897, and manured and seeded two days later with timothy at the rate of three pecks of seed per acre. The following manures were applied to each plot just before seeding, per acre: 150 pounds nitrate of soda, 200 pounds double superphosphate, 150 pounds muriate of potash. Lime was applied to sections 2 and 3 at the rate of 2,000 pounds per acre. In the case of section 2 it was weighed out and put aside until March 29, 1898, when it was applied as a top dressing. Upon section 3, however, it was applied to the surface after plowing and thoroughly worked into the soil. Section 1 was not treated with lime in any manner.

During the autumn of 1897 the grass upon the section where the lime was worked into the soil appeared green and vigorous, while little or no grass was to be seen upon either of the other sections. With the advance of the spring of 1898, it was observable that a little grass was present upon the section which was top dressed with lime, while that where no lime was applied seemed almost free from grass. Where the lime was worked into the soil the preceding autumn, however, the young grass looked vigorous and made a reasonable growth considering the fact that no further manures were applied in the spring.

On July 29 the grass was cut. Upon the section where the lime was worked into the soil before seeding, 15 pounds of undried material were obtained. This consisted almost entirely of timothy and contained very few weeds. Where the lime was applied as a top dressing in the spring, 17 pounds of material were cut, consisting almost wholly of weeds, in which, however, a little timothy was discernible. Upon the plot which was not limed it was practically impossible to observe any timothy, only seven plants having been found upon the entire section. In this case the weeds weighed 3.1 pounds, so that comparing this with the top dressed section it was evident that where lime had been applied to the surface the growth of weeds was much increased. Where lime was worked into the soil at the proper time the grass obtained such a foothold that it pushed ahead of the weeds in the early spring and thus practically kept them from appearing, even though lime under other circumstances is beneficial to them.

From these results it seems that the recommendation to lime land before seeding is one that should be adhered to if the best results are to be obtained. There is no time when plants are so susceptible to injury by unfavorable soil conditions as in the early period of their growth, and consequently the land should be put in a proper condition at the start in order that as many as possible of the young plants may develop and a good, compact sod be formed.

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wheel large loads of fodder. This came very handy for moving fodder when it was not thought advisable to employ the team. It is better to move it this way than by the arm load, says a correspondent of the the Iowa Homestead.

News and Notes.

The potato stalk borer, which appeared as a new pest in Missouri in 1869 and in Iowa was recorded as doing much damage in 1890, appears to be working east, as did the Colorado beetle, but not as rapidly as did that insect. It was reported in New Jersey in July, 1895, and in Maryland the past year, and we think has been at work in some parts of New York state also, says an exchange.

According to A. J. Root, it is a fact that melon growers have been compelled to keep bees—some of the larger growers getting them by the hundreds of colonies.

In response to the question whether any sugar or sirup known to be made from the pure juice of the cane would not be good for feeding bees in the spring, for increase, whether it is granulated, clarified or not, The American Bee Journal says that any molasses, sugar or anything of the sort may be fed to the bees when they are flying daily providing it be not stored for winter. In the fall it would not do. Dr. Neale of the Delaware station is credited with the opinion that the soil of New Jersey, except in little spots here and there, is not deep enough for sugar beet culture. Sorghum is better suited to New Jersey conditions.

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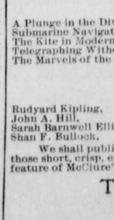
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Redingotes, polonaises, tunics or something which simulates them are the present fad of fashion, and the most novel feature is the straight effect in front, where the redingote falls from the bust in a scant plait on either side. The back and sides are fitted in closely and worn with or without a belt which passes underneath these plaits. The latest redingotes all round up a little shorter in front than at the back and are sometimes completed with a circular flounce, which extends up the front, gradually narrowing to an edge at the bust. Wide revers of fur or embroidery or both combined are the usual finish, with a high fluted or flaring collar of fur at the back. Little fur trimmed shoulder capes cut in one with the high


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A very stunning black cloth costume of the latest cut, illustrated by The Sun, has a long tunic, which, like the skirt, is trimmed with tiny pipings and stitchings of white and fastened with ornaments which are a combination of black taffeta and black and white silk cord. The revers are stitched and piped with white, and the yoke is of tucked white chiffon, the groups being divided by frills of white baby ribbon.

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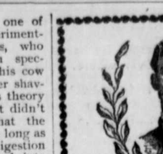
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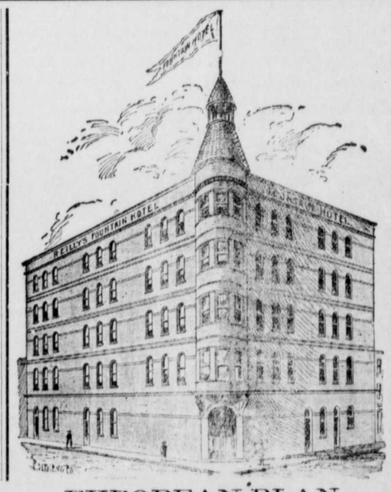
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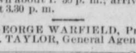
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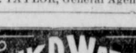


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WILLIAM CUNDIFF,
March 9, 1899. Superintendent.

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Change of Schedule



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