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HOW CROPS DRINK.

What is called the duty of water in irrigated regions of the West has to do with the amount of yield of a crop which may be expected from an expenditure, say, of 1,000 gallons, says the Saturday Evening Post. But the Utah experiment station, going a step farther, has been trying recently to find out just how much water will produce not only the largest output but the best in point of quality. The investigation was extended to wheat, oats, corn, potatoes and sugar beets.

The yield of wheat per acre was found to increase with the amount of water supply up to 30 inches. If more than that was allowed the crop was less in quantity. Wheat raised with least water (five inches) contained most gluten, and as the amount of water was augmented the percentage of gluten dropped in proportion. It, therefore, becomes evident that the most desirable wheat for bread-making is that which is raised with only a little water.

Water, of course, contains the principal food elements upon which all plants depend, but it is important that they should not have too much of it. Oats, it was found by the experimenters, steadily increased in yield of grain and straw with the amount of water supplied up to 30 inches; if more is given the crop is less. Twenty inches of water is enough for corn; beyond that allowance there is no gain in the yield worth mentioning.

It was further ascertained that the amount of water required to produce one pound of dry substance in potatoes was 1,778 pounds; in oats, 1,208 pounds; in wheat, 1,049 lbs; in corn, 1,029 pounds, and in sugar beets, 753 pounds. Thus it appears that the potato is an extremely thirsty vegetable, whereas corn, being far more moderate, can get along with a comparative small supply of the universal necessity.

How Ned Got Even.

"Oh, I have a lovely secret!" cried Bessy as she ran into the dining room.

"What is it?" said her twin brother Ned.

"I will not tell you. It wouldn't be a secret if I did," answered Bessy teasingly.

"All right, then, but I will get even," said Ned angrily. So he went out to Bessy's playhouse and on the chair where she generally sat playing with her dolls placed a lot of pins. After awhile in came Bessy and was just about to sit down when a playmate called her and said:

"Mamma has given me two dolls—one for you, the other for me—so let's go and dress them."

Soon after Ned went in with a book in his hand and sat plump down on the pins he had placed on the chair for Sister Bessy. It was a good lesson for Ned, and now he plays no more practical jokes on his sister.

What A Boy Can Do.

This is what a boy can do, because boys have done it:

He can write a poem. Alexander Pope wrote his famous "Ode to Solitude" when he was only 12 years old.

He can write a great book. Macaulay wrote his first volume, the "Primaaiae," which took the literary world by storm, before he was in his teens.

He can write a successful play. John O'Keefe, the famous Irish actor and play-wright, wrote a play that is considered good today, when he was only 15.

He can become famous. Charles Dickens did his "Sketches by Boz" so well that before he was 22 his name was know to all the world.

He can "make his mark" so well that it will open his career. Palmerston, England's great statesman, was admired in school for his brilliant work, and wrote letters home in English, French and Italian that are models of composition today.

He can enter a great university before he is 13. William Pitt did it.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Clover And Alfalfa Seed.

In clover and alfalfa seeds freedom from noxious weeds may be considered to be in direct relation to the amount of reclaiming done. In general, the higher grade of seeds the safer and in the end the cheaper to buy. A recommendation of one of the experiment stations is worth remembering—that no alfalfa seed be sown until carefully screened through a screen of twenty meshes to the inch to remove dodder seeds, since dodder is a menace to alfalfa growing.

A Chicago Alderman Owes His Election to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for affections of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Shenick, 220 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold, after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right on talking through the campaign, and I thank this medicine that I won my seat in the Council." This Remedy is for sale by M. A. Toulson.

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Potatoes Following Corn.

While there is much difference of opinion as to the rotatoin of crops on a medium heavy loam we have had best results from following corn with potatoes, always being careful to heavily manure the ground for the corn, and not use any stable manure at all for the potato crop. By heavily manuring we mean giving the soil more than will be required by the corn and more than will be necessary to make good to the soil any reserve fertility the corn takes from it, in other words, so that there will be some of the virtue of the manure left for the benefit of the potatoes. For the latter crop we confine ourselves to an application of a mixed fertilizer cousisting of sulphate of potash, applied at the rate of 800 pounds to the acre. There may be no objection to the use of stable manure for the potato crop, provided one can obtain it well rottened, but the fresh manure is a scabbreeder, and we never use it for potatoes.

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READ THIS TO YOUR BOY.

Judge Wofford, of Kansas City, in a recent address to boys, gave advice which, if heeded, would soon revolutionize the country. It should be read to every boy in the United States:

"I have been on the bench for fourteen years and during that time thousands of boys have been brought before me, but not one of them was a constant attendant at church or Sunday school or obedient to his father or mother. I have inquired of many boys what caused them to get into trouble and have found that staying away from home and school, playing pool, hanging around saloons and cigarette smoking are responsible. Start right, boys. To be anybody, to accomplish anything for yourself or the community you cannot be idle. Don't drink, liquor destroys the mind and body. Don't swear, gentlemen do not. It is low and vulgar. Don't read trashy literature. It leads to the devil. Don't hang around saloons. Good men are not made that way. Whenever you see a man lying around a saloon the devil is after him and will get him sooner or later. Benjamin Franklin would never have accomplished anything if he had been guilty of these practices. Be honest above all things. Poor boys make the best future citizens.

To make a good man you must be a good boy. So start right. The graveyards are filled with those who started wrong. The world is growing better. The teachings of Christ are beginning to be felt. Let me impress upon you the only road to success is by living a right life. Be honest, industrious, frugal. It is not neccessary to be sanctimonious—to wear a long face. Keep laughing. Have a good time as you go through life, but let it be the right sort of a good time. If we were all angels the world would not be fit to live in."

The Well Being of Farmers.

The diffusion of well being among farmers throughout all parts of the country is noted by Secretary Wilson as one of the most conspicuous features of the recent agricultural development. This attracted attention a year ago and is now ever more noticable, because the great south is more especially enjoying this growth of well being, owing to the enhanced value of the cotton crop in addition to the general progress in agriculture. The eastern farmer, who was long on the verge of bankruptcy in competition with the virgin soil and rapid expansion of the northern half of the Mississippi river valley, has survived that competition and now enjoys more normal conditions, owing to the creation and maintenance of many large nearby markets by many varied industries. The Pacific coast has long been prosperous with its world famed specialties. The mountain states are glad with the fruits and promises of irrigation. In the older prairie states the farmer has seen his land go from 25 cents an acre to $100 and $150, and the Great American desert, as it was called when it was nothing but a buffalo range, is now people by a progressive race of farmers, whose banks are filled to overflowing with the proceeds of their products.

The Deacon's Blunder.

In a village in Maryland an old deacon, is shaving himself on Sunday prior to church time, made a slight cut with the razor on the extreme end of his nose. Quickly calling his wife he asked her if she had any courtplaster in the house.

"You will find some in my sewing basket," she said.

Finding it he soon had the cut covered, and at church, in assisting with the collection, he noticed every one to smile as he passed the plate, and some of the younger people laughed outright. Very much annoyed, he asked one of his assistants if there was anything wrong with his appearence.

"Why, I should say there was," answered the assistant. "What is that upon your nose?"

"Courtplaster, of course."

"Why, no," said his friend; "that is the label from a spool of cotton reading: 'Warranted 200 yards long.'"

An Easy Soil Test.

The following shows how simple it is to do some things "when you know how." A writer in Country Life In America tells that an experiment station official was going over a farm with the owner when they came to a crawfishy piece of land just back of the barn. The very weeds looked yellow and unhealthful.

"I am inclined to think," remarked the agriculturist, "that this land is too acid for productivity. We can determined this in a moment.

Taking a blue piece of paper from his pocket, he stopped and dipped the paper into some of the soil water that was standing in a cow track. To the owner's astonishment the blue paper changed to a red color as soon as it was immersed.

"There," said the agriculturist, "we have our proof. This is just a piece of litmus paper. For 5 cents you can buy a similar piece at any drug store. Its change of color shows that the land is sour. Crops cannot thrive on sour land any more than children can thrive on sour milk."

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