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Experiments Prove Use Of Fertilizers In The Spring Most Profitable.

NICKOLAS SCHMITZ,
Maryland Agricultural College Extension Service.

The production of the average timothy meadow in Maryland is very far below what it can be made to yield profitably in both quality and yield per acre. The low yields and poor quality are not due so much to poor germination and poor stand in the spring after seeding as to the crowding out of the timothy by weeds. Where weeds are the determining factor the remedy is sowing the timothy, or timothy and clover, alone in the early fall, not with a grain crop, but after the grain crop has been harvested and a fine, firm seedbed prepared.

Where the stand of timothy is fair the yield can be profitably increased by the use of commercial fertilizers. Extensive tests at the Maryland Experiment Station with various kinds and combinations of fertilizers have shown beyond question that the best fertilizer for timothy is nitrate of soda or a combination of nitrate of soda and acid rock. The proper amount to apply depends of course upon the fertility of the soil, but ordinarily nitrate of soda should be applied at the rate of from 150 to 250 pounds per acre, and if a combination of acid rock and nitrate of soda is used, equal parts, the mixture should be applied at the rate of 200 to 450 pounds per acre. Such an application under ordinary conditions may be expected to give an increase in yield of from 1 to 1½ tons per acre.

The time of applying the fertilizer is very important. It should be applied as soon as the grass begins to green, which is usually the latter part of March or the first of April. The early application of the fertilizer is absolutely necessary for maximum returns, for the fertilizer can not be made use of by the plant until it has been dissolved and carried down into the soil. The early application makes use of the early rains.

Many farmers have been disappointed when using nitrate of soda because they have applied it too late or at a time when there was not sufficient moisture to dissolve it, so that the timothy would get full use of what was applied before maturing.

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Seed testing, soil examination, stock judging and selecting, garden planting, and working, household management and routine, canning fruit and vegetables, milk management, egg testing, incubating, brooding, balancing rations and feeding the rations, recording progress, and studying results, learning to reason on homely subjects and to solve personal problems, learning to think and to work efficiently—these are some of the items of real rural education—is this narrow educating? No! It is as broad as the life and the work of the world. Are we leaving out culture? No! The highest and best culture comes through studying intelligently the country, the life about us, nature, human nature, and the work of the world—this we cannot do without knowing something of the thoughts of our poets, our philosophers, our historians, and our writers as well as our scientists and our teachers of practical things. We should have all of the best that we have now, but so applied as to make the life we live brighter and more satisfying to our children. Educate to this end!

SOW SWEET PEAS EARLY.

B. W. ANSPON,
Maryland Agricultural College.

This flower will grow in any good garden soil that is well drained, provided it is in a sunny and open location. To secure early flowers and best results, spring sowing is generally used. In order to have the plants strong, they should be sown early. They should be sown just as soon as the ground can be worked. To determine when the ground is dry enough to work, take up some of the soil and form it into a ball with the hand. If it falls apart, the ground is dry enough to work. Some start the plants in paper pots or thumb pots in the hot bed, but especially good results are obtained by sowing outdoors.

Prepare the soil well by spading deeply. Adding well rotted manure will be a great benefit. Then make a shallow trench about 4 inches deep, in the bottom of this, plant the seed two inches apart. Where one uses poultry netting or brush, to serve as trellis, two rows may be sown 6 to 8 inches apart.

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PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

The Aryan or White Race and Its Numerous Divisions.

The division of the earth's population according to race is as follows: Indo-Germanic or Aryan race (white), occupying Europe, America, Persia, India and Australia, about 775,000,000; Mongolian or Turanian (yellow and brown), living in Asia, about 682,000,000; Semitic (white), living in Asia, Arabia, etc., about 65,000,000; negro and Bantu (black), found in Africa, about 150,000,000; Malay and Polynesian (brown), inhabiting Australasia, about 35,000,000; American (Indian red), found in North and South America, number, including halfbreeds, about 25,000,000.

The Slavs are one of the chief divisions of the Aryan race. They are divided, as a race, into two leading families, the eastern and western Slavs. The eastern Slavs comprise the Russians (Great Russians, Little Russians and White Russians); Bulgarians, Serbo-Croats, including the Servians and Montenegrins, and Slovenes in Carinthia, Carniola and part of Syria. The western Slav family is divided into the Poles, in Russia, Austria and Prussia, and the Kassubes; the Czechs, or Bohemians, and the Moravians, with the Slovaks in Hungary, and the Lusatian Wends or Sarbs in Saxony and Prussia. The theory is that their original home was in Volhynia and White Russia.

VICTIMS OF NIAGARA.

Water Birds Go to Sleep and Are Swept Over the Falls.

Swimming too near the brink of the falls, hundreds of water birds, even swans, ducks and geese, go over Niagara falls to their death each year in the migratory season. So many birds pay the penalty for their daring each year that bird lovers on both the American and Canadian sides of the falls are considering steps to lessen the annual toll of the feathered life.

Since a majority of the victims are claimed in the night, the theory is advanced that the birds go to sleep while swimming and don't wake up until the rapids have carried them over the danger line. Usually they are killed outright in the fall. Sometimes they are only stunned and are picked out of the river below the falls and sold for food.

In 1912, so Ernest Harold Baynes, the naturalist, relates, 140 whistling swans went over Horseshoe falls. Boys and men fished the birds out, knocked them on the head and sold them.

"James Savage of Buffalo," Mr. Baynes says, "with some friends once saved a flock of swans by chasing them in a power boat and making them fly away just before nightfall. It was a daring thing for these men to do, for if by any chance the engine had become disabled nothing could have prevented their going over the falls."—Philadelphia North American.

African Marriage System.

You cannot fancy how deeply complicated the African marriage system is nor how many ramifications there may be to a woman palaver. One day Mr. Heminger was sitting in a hut talking with two members of his congregation, wives of one husband. He was talking to them about their sins, which were of an obvious character. The younger woman had been accused of stealing food. Then he turned to the elder, Wawa, she of the ten children, five of them dead and five of them cruel.

"Wawa," said he, "why cannot you live at peace with this wife of your husband? Why are you always quarreling?" (They are notorious scrappers.) "Well," said Wawa, "she was bought with one of my children, and I cannot forget it."—Jean Kenyon Mackenzie in Atlantic.

Turks' Names For Greeks.

The Turks have definite names for the Greeks who inhabit Ottoman territory and for those who are their own masters. The latter are Yunan and their country Yunanistan—names derived from "Ionia"—while the Greeks and Turks are Rum. By origin this is simply "Romans" and is an inheritance from the Byzantine days, when the inhabitants of Constantinople, the New Rome, were called Romaioi, while the provincials were known as Helladikoi. "Rum" was the conquering Turks' name for the Byzantine empire. It survives in Roumelia, while the popular Greek language of the present day is still known as Romaic. But every Greek, in Greece or in Turkey, calls himself a Hellene.—London Chronicle.

An Ominous Symptom.

"A good wife is heaven's greatest gift to man and the rarest gem the earth holds," remarked Mr. Jarphly the other morning. "She is his joy, his inspiration and his very soul. Through her he learns to reach the pure and true, and her loving hands lead him softly over the rough places. She is"—

"Jeremiah," said Mrs. Jarphly solemnly—"Jeremiah, what wickedness have you been up to now?"

Even Break.

"Well, did your husband succeed in beating the carpet?"

"My sportily inclined brother says that the contest was a draw."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Just What Did He Mean?

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PREPAREDNESS IN FARM PRACTICE MOST NECESSARY

New Bulletin Offers Timely Suggestions In Farm Management.

During the month of March continue plowing. Harrow and reharrow until a perfect seed bed is secured. An ounce of preparation is worth a pound of cultivation. Apply lime to the corn land as the seed bed is prepared. Where grass lands have not had a sufficient amount of stable manure applied previously there should now be an application of commercial fertilizers. As the grass becomes green is the proper time to make the application.

Go over your drainage systems and see that they are working properly. Often earth from the sides is thrown into the bottom of open ditches by the freezing and thawing of winter. This may so choke up the ditch as to interfere with the outflow of water or the earth slide may cause the flow to cut into and undermine the opposite bank. Where there is under-drainage, see that the outlets are open. Examine the fields of winter wheat, rye and other winter grains and see if the crop has been killed, injured in spots by "heaving" or "spewing" or has been drowned out by water standing on the surface during the winter. If any such spots are found plan to give them better drainage.

Mend Your Fences.

The time will soon come for turning stock on pasture. Trouble may be saved if the fences are gone over at this time and loose wires tightened up and defective posts or rails replaced.

Continue hauling manure on the fields intended for corn. Fresh manure spread on the top of plowed land and worked in with the harrow will give better results than if spread before plowing at this season unless the manure be very coarse.

The too common practice of burning over old fields at this season preparatory to plowing is strongly to be reprobated. It is much better practice to go over such fields with the disk harrow once or twice to chop up the dry vegetable matter and mix it with the soil and then plow, rather than to burn the vegetable matter, which is the life of the soil.—From Maryland Agricultural College Bulletin, "Elementary Vocational Agriculture for Maryland Schools."

DISCING LAND BEFORE PLOWING DESIRABLE.

NICKOLAS SCHMITZ,
Maryland Agricultural College Extension Service.

Discing a sod before plowing makes the plowing easier and greatly facilitates the preparation of a good seedbed. It is as important to have the bottom of the seedbed finely pulverized as it is to have the surface well worked.

The easiest way to do this is to disc before plowing. It may seem that this is an extra operation, but land that is well disced before plowing will not need as much working after plowing in order to get it in first class condition, and there is no question of the bottom of the seedbed being as well worked as the surface.

It is also a good plan to disc rye or rye and clover before plowing under. This aids the complete turning under and at the same time helps to mix it with the soil, which is necessary in order to get the most rapid decomposition. It also insures against the difficulty of preventing the clover from being turned under in a mat, in which case it simply acts as a blanket in preventing the upward movement of moisture.

CANADA FIELD PEAS SHOULD BE SOWN EARLY.

Canada field peas are especially well adapted to the climate of Canada and the northern tier of states where there is sufficient moisture. In Maryland they will succeed much better in the northern and mountainous sections of the State than elsewhere.

Like the garden pea, they will not make much growth after hot, muggy weather sets in, along about harvest time or a little before, and for that reason should not be considered in the light of a grain crop with a mixture of oats as they are in the northern states and Canada.

Where oats is sown in the spring for soiling or for hay the feeding value may be greatly increased by mixing Canada field peas with the oats. The quantity of seed per acre varies from 1½ bushels of oats and 1½ bushels of peas to 2 bushels of each. It is very important that the crop should be sown in early spring, for the earlier the crop is planted the greater will be the likelihood of the maximum returns, as both oats and peas suffer in the hot days of late spring and early summer. Although some growers recommend that the peas be planted much deeper than the oats and a few days before planting the oats, there is, however, no good reason for this practice, as experiments have shown that even distribution and as large yields can be secured when the oats and peas are mixed together with the grain drill and seeded together.

Where land has never grown garden or field peas it is usually advisable to inoculate, otherwise the growth will not be sufficient to pay for the seed and the extra labor.

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