HINTS FOR FARMERS

A Cover Crop.

We do not like to see land remain bare during the fall and winter. There are stronger reasons this year than ever why soil should be covered with some growing crop, even though it be late sown rye. Of course all hilly land is better for a cover crop, since it prevents washing, but the chief reason why some living crop should occupy the land is that during the fall a great loss of nitrates occurs. The humus or vegetable matter in the soil furnishes organic nitrogen. This is usually not put into such a form that plants can use it until the hot weather at the end of an ordinary summer. Then it is made over into nitrates rapidly. These nitrates are soluble in water and are easily washed out of the soil by surface washing or by drainage water. If some thrifty crop like rye, clover or turnips follows corn or potatoes the greater part of the nitrates will feed them and thus be saved. Even weeds are useful to follow a crop, since they hold the nitrates, but of course it means much better farming to follow one farm crop with another. This year the weather has been so cold and wet that the nitrates have not been formed as usual. Should there be warm weather in October this most valuable form of nitrogen will be rapidly formed and lost if the ground is bare. It is therefore good practice to sow rye or vetch after the corn is cut.—Rural New Yorker.

Concerning Corn.

With a crop of corn 500,000,000 bushels less than that of last year in prospect many people are jumping to the conclusion that prices for that grain will be proportionately higher than they are now. Therefore they reason this will be a better year to sell corn than to feed it. Corn may be higher than it is now, for the crop is not safe yet, but the effect of the lessened yield has already been discounted in market as shown by the present high price level. Furthermore, it is very likely that much less corn will be needed than last year. Not so much stock will be fed, nor will so much of the crop be devoted to replenishing the reserves which were practically exhausted when the last crop was harvested. Under these conditions unless there is great damage to the crop by early frost it is well not to expect too much of corn prices.—Stockman and Farmer.

Purchasing Byproducts.

The farmer who has a high grade class of animals, if he knows how to feed them for greatest gains or growth, need not be afraid of investing in some byproducts to balance his farm foods. If the manure is saved its value is greatly improved by feeding rich foods. The cottonseed meal, the wheat bran or gluten meal makes a good profit when fed to well bred animals. In addition to this profit these byproducts add largely of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash to the fertilizer from the stables.

Increasing the fertility of the land increases the income from the farm. Where farms are getting richer their owners are becoming educated. They surround themselves with the comforts and even with the luxuries of life. They are progressive and feel contented upon the farm.—Indianapolis News.

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Perhaps the most interesting and certain evidence of their use in old times is a piece of sculpture shown in Wilkinson's "Ancient Egyptians." The king is represented as having assumed the double crown of upper and lower Egypt, while a priest is letting loose four pigeons with messages concerning the coronation of King Rameses III. to go north, south, east and west of the kingdom.

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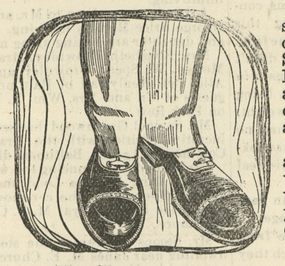
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