

FALL SEEDING.

Lengthy and suggestive Mr. J. F. Keating read an essay before the St. Louis Farmers Club, at its last meeting, on the subject of fall seeding. He said that in bringing before the club the results of his practice and observation on the subject of fall seeding, he would confine himself merely to those species of vegetation most allied to the interests of the farmer, namely:

CEREALS AND GRASSES.—There are two species of wheat in cultivation, Triticum Hybernum, or winter, and Triticum Estivum, or spring wheat. To the former of these we shall confine our attention. The preparation of the soil for the reception of the seed will very much depend upon the preceding crop. In the British Isles, where the crops follow each other in systematic order, it usually follows a green crop. Very often, however, as here, it succeeds a clover crop. In this case, the land should be neatly plowed to the depth of six or eight inches, the seed sown broadcast and harrowed in. If a good seed bed can not be obtained, the best plan is to harrow down and sow with a drill across the line of plowing.

USE OF LIME.—The use of lime to the soil as a finale to the preparatory cultivation will be found most beneficial. Lime enters into the constitution of both plants and animals, it forms a large percentage of the bones of man and beast, and is found in no inconsiderable proportion in the ashes of our cultivated plants. The soil best suited to wheat is a calcareous loam, and hence the importance of lime being present in the soil. Lime acts chemically and mechanically upon the soil. It tears asunder the constitution of the soil and liberates plant food. "All plants excrete matter deleterious in their system, which is continually accumulating in the soil. In this country, where the crop is consecutive for a number of years, there is no material which can be more judiciously applied to the soil than lime. A short time ago it was my good fortune to spend an evening with a friend, a farmer in the Illinois bottom. In walking over the farm my attention was attracted by a crop of winter cabbages (in reality it was only half a crop). On inquiry, I found the same crop to have been grown on the same field for the past six or eight years.

By adding one bushel of fresh wood-ashes to ten of stable manure, and leaching soap-suds, etc., through it, he found the alkali addition had the effect of maturing the woody parts of plants, and diminishing the vine-growing plants. Leaching soap-suds, etc., through a peck of fresh cow droppings, produces a liquid which had a very beneficial effect upon vine-growing plants, and the contrary effect on fruit-growing ones.

During his experiments, in order to obtain a valuable liquid manure for universal use, Mr. Rand filled his hopper with a variety of decaying animal and vegetable matter, such as rotten wood, decayed weeds, refuse meats, old bones, lime, ashes, old leather, slops, etc., in fact, everything of a perishable nature on the farm. A covering of lime, ashes and sand, kept fermentation beneath the surface of the mass. In the liquid which oozed through, a bag of charcoal was placed, to deodorize it.

In order to test the value of this liquid, he made three beds for onions sets. One of these was made of good soil, into which rotten compost, and well decomposed barn-yard manure was worked. In another phosphates and patent fertilizers were incorporated with the soil. In the third bed the soil was spaded up and saturated with the liquid manure. The result was decidedly in favor of the latter, for the soil prepared with it was so productive that the onions matured and were eaten in the spring, before the remainder were large enough for use. A similar result attended the application of the liquid to parsnips, beets and cabbages. Liquid manure is much more beneficial in a dry season than in a moist one; its advantages over solid manure being very striking during the former season and very slight during the latter.

Bauky Horses. Professor Jennings, of the Veterinary College of Philadelphia says: "A man to control a horse, must first learn to control himself." Baulking is the most aggravating of all faults to which the horse is subject, yet, by patience, perseverance and good management, even this habit can be broken up. They resist because we fail to make them understand what we require of them; or it may occur from overloading, sore shoulders, or working till tired out. Particular is this the case with young animals.

As soon as a horse is made to understand what is required of him, he becomes a willing subject. To attempt to force him to do what he does not comprehend, or to use the whip under such circumstances, only excites him to more determined resistance. Professor Jennings' remedy, which fully sustains the opinion of other great horse students, is as follows:

"On the first attempt of your horse to balk, get out, pat and reassure him with kind words, carefully examine the harness, then jump in and speak to him as if you expected him to go. This is generally effectual."

Bentwright, the American horse-tamer, says of this subject: "If you have a bauky horse it is your own fault and not the horse's. If a team does not pull true there is some cause for it, and if you will remove the cause the effect will cease. When your horse balks he is excited, and does not know what you want him to do.

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HARD TIMES FOR THE DRUMMERS.—It is not improbable that the prolonged dullness of trade will greatly curtail the system of commercial traveling. It is an extravagant practice, and must necessarily involve more outlay in many branches of trade than for the retailer to have established relations with a few houses, from which he can order at any time by telegraph, or by visitation twice a year. The American Grocer, in discussing the question, gives the following opinion as that of a prominent merchant: "My salesmen on the road cost me three times as much, in proportion to the amount of goods sold, as my house salesmen do." The reason is plain. The salesman on the road is not dealing with customers more than one or two hours a day, being obliged to spend the rest of his time and considerable money in shifting about.

—On the morning of September 4th, in a house on Great Peter Street, London, a sideboard, a book-case and an iron chest were found which were made by Peter the Great when he was living as a workman in England. The London Gazette of February 9th, 1838, describes these articles, which are said to have remained where the Czar left them, and as he left them, since that time. Latterly they have been considered rather in the light of lumber; but having been seen by M. Stanislaus, a Pole, they have become the property of a Russian nobleman, (Grenoire Tschertkoff, who intends presenting them to the Emperor of Russia, to be placed among other relics of Peter the Great at Moscow.

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