

WITH THE FARMERS

Orchard and Garden.

Clemson College, S. C., Nov. 3.—
Leaves raked up now may be piled in some out-of-the-way place and will give a supply of leaf mould for next year or the year later. They may be used to cover plants in the garden, although clean straw is better.

Are you making any provisions to help the birds through the winter?

Now is a good time to purchase books and send for bulletins or magazines in order to get new ideas for making the work more profitable next year.

It is a good time now to handle, or begin the handling of celery. Press the leaves together with one hand and with the other pull the soil well up around the plant, taking care not to get dirt in the heart. This will train the leaf stalk to an upright position, allowing the blanching process to be continued by any desired method.

Grow a few bulbs in pots; they make nice house plants for winter blooming.

Make cuttings of bedding plants before they are killed by frost. Tip cuttings are best.

Why envy your city neighbor his nice lawn? At small cost you can have one equally as pretty.

A good rule to follow in gathering apples or other fruit is to handle them "like eggs." Bruised fruit will not keep.

If it was not possible for you to sow your orchard to clover or vetch, plant rye or oats as a winter cover.

Wintering Bees.

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In the North wintering bees is a more serious question than here in the South. Nevertheless, there are several pointers which should be kept in mind by beekeepers in South Carolina. In the North double walled hives are used, but as a rule single walled hives will be sufficient in this State.

Whenever possible the hives ought to be located in an enclosure of trees, a private hedge, or so as to be protected as much as possible by buildings.

Perhaps the most important consideration is the danger of starvation. Where the temperature is warm enough so there is more or less activity in the colony during the winter there is a large amount of honey consumed by the bees than in cooler climates. So it is very important to examine all colonies prior to the preparation for winter.

See if they are supplied with enough honey. A colony should have 20 to 25 pounds of sealed honey when it goes into the winter. It is desirable that this should be provided a month or so before winter comes on. Sufficient stores may be supplied by placing in the frames with sealed comb or by feeding them with granulated sugar syrup.

Another danger is robbing. If their stores run short. This can be avoided by supplying them with a plentiful amount of honey.

The size of the entrance should be lessened also to reduce the entrance of cold air and lessen the danger of robbing.

The Peach Tree Borer.

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Did the wise thing last June. Raked the dirt up around the base of your peach trees, and you will have much trouble with the tree borer.

The first of October was the time to tear this mound down, but in some cases they have not yet been moved. Tear down the mound around the trunk of the tree to the top of the mound and look for any borers that you may see. They can be located by looking for little piles of gummy substance which is usually over the hole through which they entered. The borers can be successfully removed before they have done much damage by cutting

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out the bark where the gummy substance is found.

In case you did not mound your trees, scrape the dirt from around the trunk down to the roots and look for the borers in that part of the trunk that was under ground. Don't put the dirt back, but leave the hole open until the middle of next June, then build a mound around the tree about one foot high. This will cause the moths resulting from any borers that you failed to kill to be born under the ground, and as they cannot dig through the dirt, they die.

It is dangerous to the trees to let this insect go without attention. He lives under the bark during the winter months feeding on the soft wood layer, thus sapping the life out of the tree and making it susceptible to many other diseases.

Clean Up in the Fall.

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Sanitation is just as necessary in the field and garden as in the household. It is of the utmost importance in the control and prevention of plant disease and insects. Many fungus diseases rest over winter on or in decayed stalks, leaves or fruit. These resting stages of the fungi are resistant to winter conditions. Among these diseases may be mentioned club root of cabbage, onion mildew, leaf spot of strawberry and beets, early and late blight of celery, and asparagus rust. Many eggs of insects are also deposited on decaying rubbish in the garden. If this is allowed to remain, the eggs hatch out in the spring. Cleaning up and plowing or spading the garden in the fall will help a great deal the next season. All weeds and trash in the garden and in fence corners should be raked up and burned if the garden is to be free from insects and plant diseases. Gardens that are plowed up or spaded in the fall will have no cut worms the next spring. If a disease is not destructive one season it is no sign that it will not be another season. A field that grew up to weeds this year and which you expect to plant next year should by all means be plowed this fall to destroy the eggs of insects.

Good Investments for the Farmers.
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Some good brood sows.

Some good dairy cows.

- A flock of purebred poultry.
- Several hives of bees.
- A farm accounting system.
- A good agricultural journal
- A silo.
- A dipping vat (for tick infested territory.)

Cover crops for as much land as can be planted to them.

A home orchard and a spray pump.

A home waterworks system.

Substituting brood mares for horses.

Good roads on the farm and to the market.

A gasoline engine.

A feeding of balanced rations.

A year round garden.

Permanent pastures for cattle and hogs.

Strong durable fences.

Close co-operation with your county agents, Agricultural College and Experiment Station.

Quality Not Size Counts in Seed.

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In this season of seed selecting and many fairs the man selecting seed for next year's planting should avoid the too frequent mistake of putting excessive emphasis on size. Select not the massive, unshapely hollow potato, but the shapely, true to type, medium-sized tuber. When we grow mangels, turnips, or rutabagas for livestock, we consider size of prime importance, but when we grow such roots for the table we look more for smoothness, quality and uniformity. For fodder corn we wish a plant of heavy leafage, of moderate height, and some degree of maturity before frost time. For ear corn we prefer a small ear that matures and hardens before killing frosts come. The tendency to grow a large number of crops is also rather unwise. Nothing is to be gained by trying to force a crop that does not belong in one's county to the neglect of crops that grow well.

Sticker or Quitter?

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Some of the club member's pigs died during the summer. In the storm swept section of the State probably some of the corn club member's crops were destroyed, and the tomato club patches may have been ruined. In fact a number of

things might have occurred to discourage the young farmers who are just launching out into business.

But the United States Department of Agriculture and the State officials do not consider a boy or girl a failure who has tried his or her best to complete the work. There is a way for every member in the State to show that he has tried. That way is to make out a record and story of the work as far as possible and mail it to the State agent of club work. Many of the members may have no results to show, but they can show that they are stickers by sending in the incomplete records. Credit will be given in such cases.

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