

Farm, Garden and Household.

FARMERS WHO TAKE THE PAPERS AND FARMERS WHO DO NOT.

A Southern writer thus describes two classes of farmers: One thing we have noticed from the time we entered upon our apprenticeship, forty-eight years ago the 10th of this month, that Providence generally smiles benignantly and prosperously upon the man who keeps himself square on the printer's books.

You take the subscription list of any paper where the advance system is not religiously adhered to, call out the names of those who pay promptly, then visit their habitations, and in nine cases out of ten you will find them in the enjoyment of all the ordinary comforts of life—pleasant and contented households—the husband kind and industrious, the wife happy and affectionate, children sprightly and well-behaved at home and abroad, sleek cattle grazing in the green pastures and good stock feeding in the stalls, thrifty fruit and shade trees around, flowers blooming in the garden and about the yard, and an air of neatness, comfort and substance without and within.

Now, take that other class of patrons—those that never pay at all, or have to be "ding-doned out off" at the end of the third year; or what is still worse, the newspaper sponge, who is not able to pay for a paper, but ever ready to borrow from his neighbor—ten to one you will find a majority of them always afflicted with "short crops," always "hard run," always "out of kelter," axes, plows and hoes eternally dull, horses that look like the genus of famine, cattle nearly related to Pharaoh's lean kine, and too poor to low without leaning up against the rickety fence; gates of the hinges, doors half hung, windows guiltless of glass, not a fruit or shade tree in sight, rank Jamestown weeds blooming around the door sills, and instead of luxuriant meadows and perennial pastures, sassafras and briar bushes growing in the fence-rows and broken places, and hill-sides strewed with gullies, and bunches of tall sedge waving mournfully in the breeze all over the farm, and worse than all, a morose and unhappy husband, a discontented and ill-natured wife, and disobedient, intractable children.

The reader may think this is a fancy sketch; but it ain't by a good deal. "There is more truth than poetry in it."

ATTENTION TO FRUITS—FEBRUARY WORK.—As a rule, it is better not to prune at all than to prune too much, especially if fruit trees have attained sufficient size to produce good crops of fruit. Peach trees, differing somewhat from other classes of trees in forming large quantities of fruit-bearing wood in a short time, need annual shortening in the previous year's growth. Falling in this will cause the fruit to be rust in numbers, but small in size, and often from this defect will hardly pay marketing expenses.

Fruit trees of all kinds can be transplanted with success during this month. Grape vines, figs, etc., are best set out after the first of the month than before. All orchards should be plowed during February, and manured before the trees bloom. Apply manure broadcast, and not close to the trees, and use such fertilizers as are easily converted into plant food, rather than in an insoluble state.—Farmer and Gardener.

HOW TO SELECT FLOUR.—1. Look at its color; if it is white, with a slightly yellowish or straw-colored tint, it is a very good sign. If it is white, with a bluish cast, or with black specks in it, the flour is not good. 2. Examine its adhesiveness—wet and knead a little of it between the fingers, if it works dry and elastic, it is good; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Flour made from spring wheat is likely to be sticky. 3. Throw a lump of dry flour against a dry, perpendicular surface; if it adheres in a lump, the flour has life in it; if it falls like powder, it is bad. 4. Squeeze some of the flour in your hand; if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that too is a good sign. Flour that will stand all these tests is safe to buy.

SCRAMBLE.—Take a hog's liver, lights, heart, tongue, and the head, except the jaws, and offal pieces, both lean and fat, from other parts of the animal; boil them thoroughly in a small quantity of water; chop all pretty fine, after taking out of the liquor; season for use; chop all pretty fine, after taking out of the liquor; season for use; chop all pretty fine, after taking out of the liquor; season for use.

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE COOK.—Pumpkins, when very green; say of four to six inches diameter, make a delicious fry. Slice them about half an inch thick, sprinkle them with salt, and let them stand overnight. Dredge with Indian meal and fry thoroughly till tender throughout. Cucumbers nearly ripe are also excellent, but green squashes are not. Take the pumpkins in October, when there is no chance of their ripening if left.

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