

Agricultural.

The Vegetable Garden. There is no portion of a farm more valuable to the farmer than the vegetable garden, if well managed. But the vegetable garden means something more than a collection of potatoes, sweet corn and beans.

In a test of reliability of seeds at some experiment station, it was found that seeds grown by farmers themselves were much poorer than those obtained from the seedsmen.

In planting, regard should be had to a succession, and it is often advisable to plant at several different times, in the case of some seeds so as to obtain a succession that will be more reliable than to trust to different varieties of the same seed.

The next important step is the cultivation of the garden. Unless this is thorough no important results may be looked for; a false step, or rather the failure to take important steps in this direction may cause a total failure in the success of the garden.

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Miscellaneous.

How Much Seed Wheat per Acre. One of the questions to which there is no definite answer is, how much wheat shall be sown to the acre? Much depends on the condition of the soil, the degree of fertility, the time of sowing, the liability to injury from birds and insects, and on the subsequent character of the season.

A lady writes to the Philadelphia Press that she has secured immunity from the ravages of the buffalo moth or carpet worm, or moth of any description, in a period of twenty years' housekeeping, by the use of turpentine in the following manner:

An Expensive Trip. "Pat," he called to the man who was leveling down at the far end of the dum-scow, "why don't you bring your father over from Ireland?"

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Humorous.

The man who "found his level" was a carpenter, of course. You may wash, you may boil sauerkraut as you will, but the smell of old cabbage will hang around it still.

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.—Horace Greeley.

"Robbie," said the visitor kindly, "have you any little brothers and sisters?" "No," replied wee Robbie solemnly, "I'm all the children we've got."

The proper time to rise, says the Lancet, is when sleep ends. Dusebury thinks the proper time is when the fire has been built and the breakfast is on the table.—Boston Globe.

POVERTY has its cares, my son, but then wealth has its cares, too, more than poverty, ten to one. Look at the panic on the money market every week! Do you ever hear of a financial panic in an almshouse?

A MAN feels complimented if you tell him that he has a heart of oak; but if you carry the simile still further, and tell him that he has a wooden head also, he is apt to feel that you are pushing the joke a little too far.

"Well, how did you like the sermon to-day?" "The sermon?" "Yes; you were at church, weren't you?" "Why, yes, certainly."

"As I was goin' over the bridge the other day," said a native of Erin, "I met Pat Hewins. 'Hewins,' says I, 'how are you?' 'Pretty well, thank you, Donnelly,' says he. 'Donnelly!' says I, 'that's not my name.' 'Faith, then, no more is mine Hewins.'" So with that we looked at each other again, an' sure enough it was mayther of us."

The other day a farmer purchased a microscope for his son, a boy of ten, patted the boy on the shoulder, and said: "My son, take this microscope, and go out and study the beauties of nature."

"Did you ever look at cheese through a microscope?" "I don't think I ever did," she replied. "Well, you just ought to see the things crawl!" "John! John!" exclaimed the father, shaking his head at the boy. John subdued for a minute or two, and when his mother passed the cheese around, everybody said: "Thank you, no." Presently desiring to mollify his father, he asked: "Father, did you ever look at a toad through a microscope?"

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