

Of Interest to Farmers

GARDEN TALKS

The Best Spring Tonics Come Out of the Ground. Parsnips Grow Slowly

Parsnips require the whole season for their growth and may well be placed, together with salsify, at one side of the garden where they can remain undisturbed. Working the soil deep and fine helps long, straight well-shaped roots to develop...

Onions Test Ability

If you are a beginner in gardening, plant onion sets instead of onion seeds, is the advice of the State Agricultural College gardeners. Raising onions successfully from seed they call a reasonably good test of the amateur gardener's ability...

POTATO SEED TREATMENT

The importance of potato seed treatment can not possibly be over-emphasized. For the past five years the Farm Bureaus of this state have conducted approximately 200 seed treatment demonstrations with results varying from nothing to as high as 150 bushels increase per acre...

It is so inexpensive and so easily done that it seems very queer that a great many more potato growers do not treat their seed. The cost of the operation has been figured in a great many cases and it has been found that the cost of material very seldom exceeds 4c per bushel and the cost of the time slightly more than this...

Aunt Ada's Axioms: It's nice to have money and the things that money can buy, but all of us need to take a frequent inventory to make sure we haven't missed the things that money can't buy.

The cows that stand highest in testing association records are fed grain regularly to supplement pastures.

PERSISTENTLY BROODY HENS POOR BREEDERS

Applying Leg Bands When Putting Laxy Ones in Coops Shows 'Em Up at End of Season

A method used by poultrymen to make sure that hens that go broody a number of times during a season are not used for breeders is to put a celluloid leg band on the birds each time they go broody, says the State Agricultural College at Ithaca.

Loss on Broody Ones

Figures collected by poultry specialists show that it costs eighteen to twenty cents a month to feed a hen. A hen that averages eighteen eggs a month more than pays her way, even when eggs are cheap.

The college recommends visiting the hen house each night and putting all hens found on nests in the broody coop, leg banding them at the same time. Here they are confined for 72 hours and fed laying mash, green feed and plenty of water.

Homespun Yarn

"The medicine of the future is prevention."

Spinach is the broom of the stomach. — French proverb.

Cheese, milk, legumes and eggs are good substitutes for meat.

Make daughter's graduation dress as simple as you can—too much elaborateness is out of place.

Do you know the mail carrier by his first name? He gets paid for his job, but a little friendliness doesn't hurt.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: "Servants may keep a house in order, but no house is a home unless there is more than a pocketbook interest in it."

There is no such thing as "luck" in cookery. Good cooking always means accurate measurements, careful manipulation and thoughtfulness.

The best way to teach a child to be honest is by always telling him the truth. Encourage him to do likewise and let him see that you are living up to your responsibilities.

Going to have some flowers this summer? Digging in the dirt is an excellent antidote for tired nerves. The College of Agriculture at Ithaca has a number of flower bulletins it sends for the asking.

Agrigraphs

Uncle Ab says: "Some folks are good at wishing, but it's the willing ones who get there."

"By guess and by golly" plowing probably causes more poor crops than any other farm operation.

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds. — Prov. 27:23.

Not the least important feed for the hens is plenty of pure clean water. — Grit, greens and oyster shells are also to be found in the profitable poultry houses.

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This cow, H. C. P. Lady Paul, is reported as having made at the age of three years and ten months, a record of 455.4 lbs. of milk and 18.017 lbs. of butter fat, in seven days, equivalent to 22.5 lbs. of butter.

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