

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

CULTIVATED ORCHARDS

Have Advantages Over Trees Planted in Sod, Say Fruit Specialists.

Based on long-continued experiments and on observation in many fruit sections throughout the state, horticulturists at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva advocate the cultivation of most New York orchards during the summer followed by a cover crop, preferably a legume, in the early fall. This practice is said to have some decided advantages over the system of orchard management that keeps the trees in a permanent sod, at least for most apple districts in the state.

In the Station experiments an average yield per acre of 69.16 barrels of apples was secured over a ten-year period from an orchard left in sod, as compared with 116.8 barrels per acre from a cultivated orchard during the same period. In growth and vigor of trees the cultivated orchard showed a decided improvement over the one in sod, it is said.

The beneficial effects of cultivation are believed to be due to the saving in soil moisture and to the lack of competition between the trees and the sod for moisture and plant food. Also, insect pests and disease are noticeably better controlled in cultivated orchards than in sod orchards, due to the protection afforded the insects and disease organisms during the winter by the sod, declare the Station specialists.

Where soils wash badly or on rocky land where cultivation would be difficult, tillage may not be practicable, it is pointed out. Also, the cost of tillage is greater than maintaining a sod, so that unless the net returns are greater from tillage there would be no advantage for the latter method. On most apple soils in New York, however, it is believed that tillage will prove more profitable than a sod.

Around Our House

HOW DO YOU WEAR YOUR HAT

Your hat may provide the finishing touch in a costume to make its wearer distinguished or dowdy, individual or common, and, particularly old or young. A lot lies in the way one wears it. The hat should be placed firmly on the head, usually with a slight slant to one side to take away the mathematical stiffness of the absolutely horizontal lines. A hair arrangement showing a little on the forehead and over the ears gives a softness that is desirable and becoming. Never should the hat be perched on top of the hair; in these days of no hatpins hats belong well down on the head. An extreme in the other direction is almost as bad, for a hat pulled viciously over the eyes gives a determined aspect that is seldom attractive. A looking glass and a hand mirror will help in the placing of one's hat to the best advantage and in achieving its greatest becomingness.

Homespun Yarn

Tight hinges and latches on refrigerator doors help preserve both food and ice.

Flowers cut early in the morning keep longer than those cut after the sun has heated them.

Before punishing a youngster for a display of bad temper, be sure that the bad temper is shown only by the child.

A newspaper lining in the garbage can, removable each time the can is emptied, keeps the can clean and odorless.

If your broom gets dry and brittle leave it in a pail of water over night. An occasional water treatment will lengthen its life.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: The people who have the best time don't always have the most time, but most of the time they make the best of their time.

PUBLIC TO TRY CHEESE

Dairy Specialists to Hand Cut Samples at State Fair.

Visitors to the dairy building at the New York State Fair at Syracuse next month will be given an opportunity to test different grades of cheese in connection with an exhibit of the dairy specialists from the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, according to an announcement made by station officials recently. The station specialists hope to make this feature of their exhibit not only pleasant but instructive as well, and the public will be invited to express their preference for the different kinds of cheese offered for trial.

One section of the station exhibit, which will be located in the room with the "Niagara of Milk" will be devoted to the distribution of samples of loaf cheese and of ordinary cheddar cheese; while the other part of the exhibit will be given over to a comparison of cream cheeses. The samples of the different materials will be sufficient to enable one to determine the relative merits of the several cheeses, say the Station specialists.

Representatives from both the Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture will be in attendance at the booth to meet the dairymen of the state and others who are interested in the dairy industry. Arrangements have been made for a comfortable meeting place in connection with the exhibit, and State fair visitors are urged to make this exhibit their headquarters while on the fair grounds. Many other features of interest will be found in the big joint exhibit of the dairy industries of New York, it is said.

WILL INSPECT APPLE TREE LIMB THAT SOLD FOR \$6,000

On Monday, August 31st, on Mood Farm near Glassboro and Mullica Hill, New Jersey, (20 miles from Philadelphia) a great gathering of government officials, state horticulturists and fruit growers is to have a meeting to inspect the phenomenal apple bud-sport found there. This limb sold for \$6,000 and promises to be of tremendous importance to fruit growers.

Speakers invited include former Sec'y. of Agriculture, Meredith Governor Silzer of New Jersey; Governor Baker of Missouri; Prof. W. S. Brown, Oregon state horticulturist, (who is travelling 3,000 miles to see this remarkable apple in bearing); Prof. Hedrick, New York State horticulturist, Prof. Talbert, Missouri state horticulturist and many others of national prominence. Guests include national fruit authorities from almost every state in the Union.

A fine free program and concert by Philadelphia band have been arranged and the committee in charge cordially invites fruit growers, farmers and all fruit lovers everywhere to attend.

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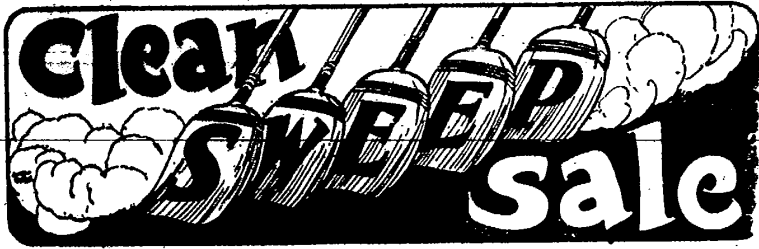
ONIONS

From days of Pliny we've been told Onions are good to cure a cold.

Late August or early September should see home garden onions ripened and ready for pulling. If they are still green, it may be well to check their growth, say gardeners at the state college of agriculture. Rolling a barrel over them will break down and kill the tops, and hurry their ripening. Pull the onions in dry weather and let them cure in the field for two or three days. Before storing them, cut the tops away to within an inch or two of the bulbs, the care must be used, as too close cutting may make them rot. Store onions in a dry place, cool but safe from freezing.

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