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RAILROADS.

PERKIONEN RAILROAD.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows: FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes routes to Philadelphia and points south.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes Sunday routes to Philadelphia and points south.

NORTH.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes northbound routes.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R.

SHORT AND DIRECT ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, THE SOUTH AND WEST.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes routes to Philadelphia, New York, and New England.

PHOENIXVILLE, POTTSWOM AND READING.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes routes to Phoenixville, Pottstown, and Reading.

ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.

Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Wharf and South Street Wharf, FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes routes to Atlantic City.

RETURNING, LEAVE ATLANTIC CITY.

Depot, corner of Atlantic and Arkansas Avenues.

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RENTING, LEAVE ATLANTIC CITY.

Depot, corner of Atlantic and Arkansas Avenues.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time. Includes renting routes from Atlantic City.

A. A. McLEOD, Pres. and Gen. Manager.

Department of Agriculture.

FARM NOTES.

There is more mineral matter in clover than in corn, but bran is rich in the minerals. Onions and peas are the first Spring crops in the garden. The ground cannot be made ready too soon.

Rye will produce the first early green food for the animals, but it must be used with caution or it may cause scouring.

Do not place your reliance on one crop, as it may meet an unfavorable season. A diversity of crops is the surest method.

The commercial ground meat is an excellent food for laying hens. Hens require animal food when laying, and they will also relish clover that has been finely cut and scalded.

A walk about the farm in Winter is not devoid of interest, even in reference to plant life. Every old lichen-covered fence rail, stump or rock serves as a study to an observant eye.

A churn should never be more than half full of cream, to insure which it should not be quite half full before starting, for after a few revolutions the cream swells to the extent of increasing its bulk.

Floor of pig pens should be raised up from the ground high enough to allow a cat to go under, in order to prevent the sty from becoming a harboring place for rats, or the floor and yard should be underlaid with half-inch wire netting.

The Country Gentleman says an Albany county farmer placed on each bale of hay shipped the information that it was grown on gravelly loam and was free from dust and chaff.

Linseed meal, or cotton seed meal, added to the rations, may supply a deficiency in the food. It is cheap, and may be safely used. It is an old maxim that all sums expended in linseed meal come back again in the manure, and there is much truth in it.

There is no necessity for keeping the stable dark, unless at times during the summer, as a protection against insects. Animals love the light and will seek it if they have the opportunity.

Cows endure severe cold in the barnyard rather than remain in a gloomy stable. There should be windows on all sides and the stable will be more comfortable.

Tests have been made to determine the variations in the length of time that is required to produce decay in different kinds of woods when buried under the surface of the ground.

The birch and aspen were both found to decay in three years; the willow and the buckeye in four years; the maple and the red beech in five years; elm and ash in seven, while the larch, juniper and arbor vitae were unimpaired at the expiration of eight years.

Do not waste dead animals. Take the carcass to some appropriate place, cover it with unslaked lime, and then make a mound of earth over the carcass. The earth will absorb the escaping gases, and in a short time the entire carcass will be reduced to compost, except the bones, which, however, will be soft and may be soon disintegrated by placing them in wood ashes.

It is safer, cleaner and more profitable to thus dispose of carcasses than to haul them out for the use of dogs and buzzards, and to pollute the atmosphere.

Last November a neighbor had as thrifty a lot of Fall pigs as I ever saw. They were smooth-haired and clean, and weighed 60 or 70 pounds each.

Seen again last week, I found them long-haired, slab-sided and scurvy, not a pound heavier than five months before, and so stunted that no one could afford to take them as a gift.

The cause was underfeeding and allowing them to sleep in a manure pile.

Waldo F. Brown, in New York Tribune.

It is advisable to keep at least one pig, in order to utilize much of the wastes on the farm. Vegetable tops, weeds, grass and other substances will keep a pig growing until the time arrives for feeding corn.

Plaster is an excellent fertilizer for all kinds of leguminous plants, such as clover, peas, beans, etc. It is sulphate of lime and is slightly soluble in water.

It is a common belief among farmers of some communities that to plow the ground when it is covered with snow is beneficial.

A writer for the National Stockman says: Last Spring, having some spoiled hay stack that took wet, I used it mulching a small lot of raspberry vines.

I had enough hay to go over the lot all but two rows. Hay was put on thick enough to keep grass and weeds down.

When picking berries I found the rows that were not mulched did not produce as many berries and they were of inferior quality.

Waste hay or straw can be used to advantage in this way.

Miss Frances E. Willard calls attention to the fact that "within the last twenty-five years the fruit-producing resources of the United States have increased just ten times as fast as have the meat-producing resources.

Apples, oranges and grapes are growing cheaper every year, but meats are growing dearer.

This means clearer heads, cooler blood, and better equipoise of brain and brawn.

When a bone is in the ground it gives off its particles very slowly, and always from the outside, upon which other substances act.

The smaller the surface the sooner the bone is dissolved. An ordinary piece of bone may remain in the soil for twenty years before it entirely decays.

When using ground bone, therefore, have it in as fine condition as possible.

For immediate results use the superphosphate (dissolved bone), but for more permanent and lasting results, especially on heavy soils, the bone meal is better.

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