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AUTUMN CULTIVATION.

Small Ploughing Wanted to Make Clean Farms.

Sir.—One of the greatest mistakes in the practice of the Ontario farmer at the present time is, without doubt, the small measure of attention given to autumn cultivation. No means can be adopted which will effect so much for the outlay in cleaning the land; and this method of doing it is within the reach of every farmer.

"Clean farms for Ontario" should be the watchword for every tiller of the soil in this Province. That our farms should be practically clean is a possibility, and every farmer who is true to his own best interests will constantly exert himself to rid his farm of every kind of noxious weeds, and also the roadsides that may border upon it.

By autumn cultivation I mean that cultivation which consists in lightly plowing the land as soon as possible after the crop is removed, and in harrowing it twice with an interval between the harrowings prior to the time of the late and deep ploughing, which precedes the coming of winter.

The two prime objects of these operations are, first, to bury any weeds growing in the stubble that would otherwise go to seed, and second, to encourage germination of seeds lying in the ground, and which are then destroyed either by the harrowing which comes later, or by the late ploughing before winter. In the accomplishment of these two objects a third is realized, although it may not be sought. Soil decomposition is promoted through the "weathering" of the exposed surfaces, and inert plant food is thus unlocked and made valuable for use by the next year's crop.

This mode of cultivation is certain destruction to the crop of weeds growing upon the soil at the close of harvest; that is, when the soil is thoroughly done. Ragweed, the sow thistle—one of the most difficult of weeds to eradicate—the Canada thistle, burdock and various kinds of cockle, all of which will be found growing in the stubbles where they exist, will thus be buried. No other means of destroying ragweed and cockle are so efficient for the outlay.

The first ploughing not only buries the weeds mentioned with many others, which though less troublesome should be given no quarter, but it brings many seeds that may be lying dormant in the soil so near the surface that they will germinate. The harrowing which follows in due time destroys these, after which other seeds germinate to be destroyed in turn by the late ploughing. By this simple mode of cultivation vast quantities of the seeds of such plants as wild oats, wild flax, the wild pea, wild mustard and pigweed will be destroyed, for, unless in the case of the wild pea and wild mustard, these naturally put forth the effort to grow in autumn.

There is ample scope for the exercise of good judgment as to the precise nature of the first ploughing, dependent upon the kinds of weeds that may be growing, and the nature and condition of the land. Where weeds are already growing it is important that they should all be put out of sight. This the gang-plough will not do effectively as at present used. If the gang-plough is to be used much for this purpose, the manufacturers will have to put some form of a skimmer upon them to make the burial of the weeds complete. The two-furrow plough does better work than the ordinary gang-plough, but it also should have a skimmer. For destroying thistles the single plough with broad shares which cuts off all the thistles is best. It also should be used with a skimmer, and the ploughing should be shallow so as not to bring up the horizontal roots near the surface, for when so placed they are sure to grow if the weather is damp. The first ploughing in any case should be shallow, as it is easily done, and answers the purpose quite as well as deep ploughing.

In some sections the farmers have been practicing autumn cultivation for years, in others it has never been attempted. It is scarcely necessary to add that where autumn cultivation has not been introduced weeds abound, and crops less remunerative are harvested. In sections where soils are naturally stiff it is less essential, for weeds do not grow there so readily, but it will prove of much advantage in any soil.

Autumn cultivation is our practice, of course, at this farm, and so beneficial are the results that we cannot for a moment think of doing without it. But we are not making much use of the gang plough; we are using the two-furrow plough instead. The gang ploughs that we have here do not turn the furrows sufficiently well and so do not for the time being destroy all weed growth. All our soils which have grown grain are so treated, except such as have been sown to grass, or are to be sown with winter wheat or rye.

I am aware there are difficulties in the way of autumn cultivation. The work to be most effective should be done at once after harvest. There is, oftentimes, no labor to be spared for this purpose. The remedy is plain, though it may be very difficult of application. It is this: Hire more labor and keep more horses. Although there is large expense connected with keeping horses in winter, the number of working horses in the Province should be increased. Yours etc., T. B. SHAW, Ontario Agricultural College, 28th Aug., 1890.

Anxious to Go.

Auntie—So your papa has decided to send you to boarding-school? Little Boy—Yes'm, and I'm goin' to study awful hard, so I can go to college. Auntie—I am delighted to hear that. You are anxious to go to college, are you? Little Boy—Yes, indeed, I love to row.

Of Interest to Toronto.

Susie—Papa, isn't it murder to kill a hog? Papa (who is a lawyer, with a sly wink at mamma)—Not exactly. Murder is assaulting with intent to kill. The other is killing with intent to sell.

Mrs. Anna A. Debar has received a license as mechanical engineer from the Chicago Board of Engineers.

It is cabled from London that the historical Drury Lane Theatre is to be pulled down at the expiration of the lease in 1894.

A WOMAN CONTOURIST.

The Young American Lady Who is Astonishing the British—Strange Feats That She Can Accomplish with Her Limbs.

In the person of Miss Emilie Sells America has produced a woman, who, during the past few months has been astonishing London Music Hall patrons by her wonderful feats of contortion, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Some of her tricks surpass the most wonderful of those performed by the "snake man," without whom no circus is complete. She discovered that she possessed her peculiar ability by pure accident.

After witnessing the feats of a male contortionist at a theatre one night Miss Sells went home, tried to imitate them, and, to her surprise, found she could do it. Then she commenced to practice, with a view to going on the stage, and in a short time she had made her spinal column and joints so flexible that the body could assume almost any position.

It is the easiest thing in the world for her to turn her back on you, and, without moving her feet, twist the upper part of her body so as to face you. Another favorite trick of hers is to lie on the stage, raise her right foot, twist her leg and use the heel of her foot as a pillow for her head. Such little things as twisting her legs around the back of her neck are common feats for her.

One day she called on Dr. Dwight, the famous Philadelphia physician, whose astonishment at her antics knew no bounds, and he said he wouldn't be surprised to hear of her snapping her spinal cord and dropping dead.

Miss Sells, however, says that she feels no pain or giddiness when she is on the stage. Many people thought she used a "snake oil" to limber her bones, and a few have offered her large prices for a few bottles, but the fact is she uses nothing. On one occasion a visitor forced his way into her dressing-room and, matching a bottle of embrocation, slipped a ten-dollar bill into her maid's hand and dashed off with the prize.

Miss Sells eats anything light and easily digested, and she nightly practises a little before going on the stage.

On the modern stage there are many men and boys who earn a living as contortionists, but very few women. The authorities, however, declare that only women are recorded as performing in ancient Egypt, and but few instances were known of men and boys contorting in Greece and Rome, while in the early Saxon translations of the Gospel it is stated that the daughter of Herodias "tumbled" before Herod.

A Few Table "Don'ts."

Don't smack your lips.
Don't take large mouthfuls.
Don't blow your food in order to cool it.
Don't use your knife instead of your fork.

Don't find fault and pick about your food.
Don't talk with your mouth filled with food.
Don't soil the table cloth with bones, parings, etc.

Don't commence eating as soon as you are seated.
Don't laugh loudly or talk boisterously at the table.
Don't retail all the slanders you can think of at the table.

Don't take bones up in your fingers to eat the meat from them.
Don't call attention to any little mistake which may have occurred.
Don't make yourself and your own affairs the chief topic of conversation.

Don't take another mouthful while any of the previous one remains in the mouth.
Don't reach across the table for anything; but wait until it is passed to you, or ask for it.

Don't put your elbows on the table, nor lounge about; if not able to sit erect ask to be excused.
Don't frown or look cross at the table; it hurts your own digestion, as well as that of those eating with you, as well as that of those eating with you, as well as that of those eating with you.

Don't pick your teeth, unless something has become wedged between them; then put up your napkin to your mouth while extracting it.—Good Housekeeping.

The Sporting Events Left Out.

Munsey's Weekly: Business man (examining it)—Do I understand you to say that this is a complete history of our country up to the present day? Canvasser—Yes sir.

Business man—Then it is very deficient. Some of the most important events in the history of the development of this glorious nation have been completely ignored!

Canvasser—What, for instance? Business man—I can see nothing in it regarding the Sullivan-Kilrain fight, the world's championship games, nor in fact any of the recent important happenings. Indeed, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Kilrain, Anson, Comiskey and a number of other men whose names should go down to posterity are not even mentioned. I do not care for your book. Good day sir.

Couldn't Escape.

"Have you boarded last at this house?" inquired the new boarder of the sour, dejected man sitting next to him.

"About ten years."

"I don't see how you stand it. Why haven't you left long ago?"

"No other place to go to," said the other, dismally. "The landlady's my wife."

Conclusive.

Hiram—Wal, Maria, I got lots of proof that I'm a good-looking man, when I was up in New York.

Maria—You don't say so? Hiram—Yes. Even the cab drivers spoke to me as "Handsome sir."

How Fruit Gets In the Cane.

Visitor (at a canning factory)—Wal, I suppose summer is your busiest season. Canner—Yes, we have to put up or shut up.

Jimson (during a lull in the conversation)—However it may appear to you, I don't think I ever thought of Miss Snubb (reassuringly)—No, I hardly thought so myself.

The Aberdeen Appeal has for its motto: "Under God the people rule. Women are people."—Waltham (S. D.) Record.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Practical Philosophy.

Be gentle to the new-laid egg.
For eggs are little things;
They cannot fly until they're hatched,
And have a pair of wings;
If once you break the tender shell
The wrong you can't redress;
The yolk and white will all run out,
And make a dreadful mess.
'Tis but a little while at best,
That hens have power to lay;
Tomorrow eggs may addled be,
Although quite fresh to-day.
So let the touch be very light
That takes it from the leg;
There is no hand whose cunning skill
Can mend a broken egg.

—The hotel waitress is maid to order.
—Half a lemon squeezed over a baked fish makes it epicurean.

—Fashionable women, like salads, are frequently over-dressed.

—When a silent man opens his mouth look out for a flood of talk.

—At the rate of seventy a minute the baby crop is never a failure.

—The race isn't always to the swift. Sometimes it is to the pool-sellers.

—It is a question which is the more helpless, a baby or the man who is trying to hold it.

How It Happens.

A man who had labored and toiled
Wore a negligee shirt that was soiled;
When asked why it was,
He said 'twas because
His wife wore the shirt that was boiled.

—Before you do anything wicked, remember that the papers will probably want to mention it.

—The following motto can be seen in a shop on Ontario street: "In God we trust; all others cash down."—Kingston Whig.

—In going up stairs, the body should be held erect, with chest extended, the lungs filled with air, and the mouth kept closed.

—Henry George, who is now in England, will address the Financial Reform Club at Liverpool August 22nd, and sail afterward for home.

—Father—Young man, I do not like you to kiss my daughter. Young man—Well, all I've got to say is that you don't know what's good.

A CLUE.

Within a hammock snug they sat,
But how the two behaved
One could not tell, it was so dark,
Had it not been for the remark:
"Oh, George, you must get shaved."

—It is a sign that her husband is making money when a woman begins to get the look on her face of looking at you without seeing you.—Atchison Globe.

The trunk line passenger agents have decided to give a two cent per mile rate for ten or more persons travelling on one ticket on any road of the association.

—"Dismissing women," said Snoggs, "let us view the bare facts." "Yes," assented Wiggs, "we'll take the next train for the shore."

How happy is the thrifty man,
What peace attends his task,
Who in the winter lays in ice,
And in the summer coals.

—The young Duke of Orleans has been detected by his fiancée in a desperate flirtation with a pretty opera singer, and the young man who was to have saved France is having a hard time to save himself.

—Good intentions are often thwarted in the most mysterious ways," as the young man remarked when his best girl sneezed just as he was on the point of kissing her.

—"I think it's a sort of swag," said Chappie. "She's awfully fond of dogs, but she won't have anything to do with me." "That does seem rather contradictory," put in Cynicus.

—At Bar Harbor—What a number of these Boston girls wear glasses; have you noticed? Yes, very few Boston women think it proper to look at anything with the naked eye.

A CHILD'S VOICE.

The sweetest note of the clearest flute,
The fall the water where all is nature
Save the fountain's flow, is far less dear
Than a pure child's voice to my waiting ear;
For heaven's light is those innocent eyes,
And the lips breathe the music of paradise.

—What a fine carriage that woman has," said Spilkins enthusiastically as Mrs. Jennings said by. "You ought to see my baby carriage," said Jones. "It is much finer."

—Trainboy—Have a copy of "Baled Hay," sir? Pennib (author of the book)—Ah, um, do you sell many copies of "Baled Hay"? Trainboy—Oh, I catch a sucker once in a while.—Puck.

—Queen Victoria pays great attention to the floral wreaths which she sends out. Inquiry is made as to what were the favorite flowers of the deceased person, and if it be possible they are obtained.

DON'T NOTICE THE DIDDLE NOW.
When love was strong and love was young,
And she was yet to win,
He used to praise with flattering tongue
For heavenly smiles and music of paradise.
Now, though she's still his heart's delight,
As in the bygone years,
When home he's going late at night,
It is her chin he fears.

—Where are all those people going to officer," asked a man from up the country late Sunday morning, "to a fire?" "No, I should say they were trying to get away from one. They're going to church."

—Mr. Ringruled—That Englishman appears to know a good deal about this country. Mr. Taxedhigh—Why so? Mr. Ringruled—When I spoke of the glories of freedom and self-government, he laughed.

Just a little lemon,
Just a little ice,
Just a little sugar,
Just to make it nice.

Just a little shady nook,
Just to sit and draw
Just a little comfort through
Just a little straw.

—American girl (at Windsor Castle)—Porter, is there any chance to get a glimpse of the Queen? Gentleman at the gate—I am not the porter. I am the Prince of Wales. American girl—How lucky I am! Is your mother in?

TWO CONSTANT STARRERS.

Poor Billy Patterson is gone; grim death saw fit to pluck him.
Before we clearly ascertained just who it was And while from other Bills each day we're forced to sadly sever.
Our tariff and our pension bills, they cling to us forever.—Chicago Post.

—Would you like to leave?" said the

wood-chopper to a small tree. "I don't know but I would," was the answer; "can you take me down with a hack?" "I guess so," said the chopper, "seeing you've got got one small trunk."

—Complimentary to the Duchess of Fife the English ladies have taken to wearing plaid silk hosiery. This is one of the novelties of the hour, and those fortunate enough to wear them have no fear of imitation, as it is not possible to produce the bright rich coloring in cheap loom or poor dye. As a result the members of the pure-silk stocking circle are allowed the sweet privilege of paying \$5 a pair for Duchess of Fife full regular silk hose.

A MIDNIGHT MURDER.
Only a cat in the moonlight;
Only a cat, that's all;
Only a song at midnight,
Only a wild, weird wail.

Only a man impulsive,
Only a reason down;
Only a clutch conclusive,
Only a bootjack thrown.

Only a sudden snail,
Only an uttered "Scat!"
Only a corpse in the alley,
Only a poor dead cat.

Fairs and Exhibitions.

Following is a list of the dates for the leading fairs and exhibitions:

Great Central Fair, at Hamilton, Sept. 22nd to 29th.
Dominion and Industrial, Toronto, Sept. 26th to 30th.
Western Fair, London, Sept. 18th to 27th.
Guelph Centre, Guelph, Sept. 25th and 26th.
West Branch Co. Month Agricultural Society, Dunville, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Central Canada, Ottawa, Sept. 22nd to 27th.
South Norwich Fair, Otterville, Oct. 2nd and 4th.

Midland Central, Kingston, Sept. 1st to 6th.
Southern Fair, Brantford, Sept. 24th to 29th.
Great Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Sept. 30th to 3rd Oct.

South Ontario Union Exhibition, Norwich, Sept. 1st and 2nd.
Peninsular Fair, Chatham, Sept. 1st and 3rd.
County of Haldimand Fair, Cayuga, Sept. 30th and 1st Oct.

Southern Counties Fair, St. Thomas, Sept. 15th to 18th.
North Perth Exhibition, Stratford, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Northwestern Exhibition, Goderich, Sept. 15th to 18th.

Norfolk Union Fair, Simcoe, Oct. 15th and 16th.
North Brant Exhibition, Paris, Oct. 1st and 2nd.
Caledonia Fall Fair, Caledonia, Oct. 10th and 11th.

Ontario and Durham Exhibition, Whitby, Sept. 23rd to 25th.
Brampton Central Fair, Brampton, Sept. 30th to 1st Oct.

Northern Exhibition, Walkerton, Oct. 1st to 4th.
County of Lincoln Exhibition, St. Catharines, Sept. 25th to Oct. 1st.

County of Cambridge Exhibition, Smithville, Oct. 6th and 7th.
Peterborough Central Exhibition, Peterboro', Sept. 24th to 26th.
Bay of Quinte District Exhibition, Belleville, Sept. 23rd to 25th.

Eastern Townships Agri. Ass'n, Sherbrooke, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
North Riding of Oxford, Woodstock, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.

Barrie Fair, Barrie, Sept. 24th to 26th.
Trenton Exhibition, Trenton, Sept. 11th to 13th.
North Wellington, Mount Forest, Sept. 15th to 17th.

North and West Oxford, Ingersoll, Sept. 17th to 19th.
Bentley, Hanover, Sept. 18th to 19th.
Clark Township, Newcastle, Sept. 23rd to 24th.

East Grey, Fisherton, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
Hortonland, Mitchell, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
Wellesley, Wellesley, Sept. 23rd to 24th.

South Grey, Durham, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
Georgia, North Gwillimbury, Sutton, Sept. 23rd to 24th.

Mara, Brechin, Sept. 25th.
Clark Township, Perth, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
Huron Central, Huron, Sept. 23rd to 24th.

South Grey, Prescott, Sept. 23rd to 24th.
West Wellington, Harrison, Sept. 24th to 25th.
Centre Huron, Markdale, Sept. 24th to 25th.

North Huron, Newmarket, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Normanby, Neustadt, Sept. 25th to 26th.
South Renfrew, Renfrew, Sept. 25th to 26th.

West Durham, Bowmanville, Sept. 25th to 26th.
Essex, Windsor, Sept. 25th to 30th.
East Huron, Sarnia, Sept. 25th to 30th.

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North Waterloo, Berlin, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
North Ontario, Uxbridge, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.

Palmerston, St. Palmerston, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
West Middlesex, Glencoe, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
East Simcoe, Orillia, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.

Central Agricultural, Walter's Falls, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
York Colony, Yorkton, N.W.T., Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.

Mornington, Milverton, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
North Lanark, Almonte, Sept. 30th to Oct. 1st.
Carleton Place, Blackstock, Oct. 1st to 2nd.

Huron Central, Huron, Oct. 1st to 2nd.
St. S. Western, Essex, Centre, Sept. 30, Oct. 1st and 2nd.

Art. Ind. and Agr., Windsor, Oct. 1st to 31st.
Central, Cannanville, Sept. 25th to 27th.
Esqueving, Georgetown, Sept. 25th to 27th.

Arthur Union, Arthur, Oct. 1st and 2nd.
Penitentiary, Chatham, Oct. 1st to 3rd.
South Middlesex, Belmont, Oct. 2nd.

Scarboro, Woburn, Oct. 2nd.
East Huron, Brussels, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
South Waterloo, Ayr, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

North York, Newmarket, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
North Renfrew, Beachburg, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Melancthon, Shelburne, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

Clinton and Louth, Beamsville, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
St. Vincent, Meaford, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Huron Central, Huron, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

Caledonia, Caledonia, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
North Grey, Owen Sound, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.
Aldon and Bolton, Bolton, Oct. 7th and 8th.

North Brant, Paris, Oct. 7th and 8th.
Proton, Dundalk, Oct. 7th and 8th.
Bolton, Bolton, Oct. 7th and 8th.

East Garafraxa, Bellwood, Oct. 7th and 8th.
East Aurora, Sarnia, Oct. 7th and 8th.
Huron Central, Huron, Oct. 7th and 8th.

Simcoe Union, Elmville, Oct. 8th and 9th.
Haitra, Milton, October 9th and 10th.
East York, Markham, October 9th and 10th.

Central Wellington, Elora, October 9th and 10th.
Durham, Orangeville, October 9th and 10th.
Toscoronto, Alliston, October 9th and 10th.