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AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPREAD THE FLOW."

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Potato Planting Details Ignored.

Otherwise progressive potato farmers often fail of the careful details incident to maximum production, such as care-
less cutting of seed in the rush of plant-
ing time. While cutting large potatoes
it many times happens the seed pieces
are not carefully observed and some do
not contain a live eye. They are many
times absent in the stem end of large
tubers. Such seed can only cause a
percentage of loss.

Sometimes seed potatoes are cut and
placed in large piles, either in bags or
bulk, and if the building is close and the
weather warm, the seed will rot. In such
cases when not planted within a
few days after being cut, the seed will
heat. If heated seed is planted it will
cause a loss of seed. It should be care-
fully examined and the entire planting, ac-
cording to condition of seed. When cut seed is to
be kept more than two or three days, it
is best to spread it out on a clean, cool
floor. Another good way is to place it
in barrels and turn from one barrel to
another every two days. A handful of
seed should be turned over after planting
of cut seed and shaken down will absorb
the potato juice and retard heating to
some extent.

FERTILIZER BURNED SEED.

Some farmers who use fertilizer in the
run so lightly it just makes the row; the
mixer following does not cover the fertil-
izer. If the soil is wet and the furrow
closes the soil will burn the seed. It is
best to use a broadcast fertilizer, which
will cover the seed. In other cases where high grade
fertilizer, used in large quantities, comes
in contact with seed its vitality is sure
to be injured. Better use a low grade
fertilizer. Being anxious to get the seed
into the ground may result in a
late season to wait for right condi-
tions.

Time to Cultivate.

If the land has been well prepared for
corn much of the work of cultivation is
already accomplished. It is generally
found that the corn is ready to be
planted in the first week of May. The
common harrow immediately after
planting. This keeps the soil in good
condition for the retention of moisture
and will destroy a multitude of weeds
that will be showing up at this time. Should
a heavy rain come after planting and the
soil become compact and hard, it will
be to the advantage to harrow once
more following the planter marks.

The purpose of cultivation is to de-
stroy weeds and hold the moisture in
the soil. It is not necessary to harrow
after the corn has begun to show in the
rows. Some of the plants will be de-
stroyed by this harrowing, but better
lose a few plants than to let the weeds
get ahead of the corn.

After the corn is 6 inches high, deep
cultivation should not be practiced. It
will destroy the roots of the young
plants which by this time have reached
nearly across the intervening space.
These roots are necessary for proper
growth and the old fashioned idea that
the cultivator should be run deep so as
to cut the roots is no longer good theory.
The cultivator should be run shallow
so that the roots do not go deeply into
the soil but spread very wide near the
surface where the ground is moist and
mellow, although much of the root may
go to a depth of 4 feet.

For this reason cultivators should be
run shallow. Various manufacturers
make special tools for this purpose, which
will cultivate the top two or three
inches thoroughly but will destroy very
few of the roots. This top surface
cultivation will destroy all the weeds and
put the soil in condition to retain the
moisture.

Cultivation should be frequent. Weed
and moisture conditions will indicate
how frequent.—Hoard's Dayman.

Planning Saves Money.

Time saved in doing chores, in going
to and from the fields or in working the
land, can often be used for the purpose
of improving the farm buildings. A
trip to the store will save a great deal
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Penny Wise and Pound Foolish.

Reports from the East state that in
New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut,
the farmers are rearing more female calves
than ever before.

The question arises as to what is the
breeding of this stock? Men who are
familiar with the situation state that
these heifer calves are just what the
farmer needs. They have only the
lowest market value if grown to maturity.
We do not consider these farmers so
foolish for getting rid of the kind of
stock as they are foolish for having it in
the first place.

There is a day in the year but there
are scores of buyers who are waiting for
cows for good grade dairy cows. The
demand for this class of cattle is so
great that prices range from \$100 to \$125
for a cow of good grade, and \$125 to \$150
for a yearling and two-year-old. There
is no realing of heifer calves where such
prices are offered.

How much extra expense is there in
breeding this kind of stock? Only the
price of a good pure-bred bull. There
is no more stable room or work required
in handling high grade cows than in
handling scrub.

The man who will deliberately, in the
interest of his pocket, continue to use
grade or scrub bulls and breed scrub
stock deserves mighty little sympathy.
He who finds his profit in the milk
link on the wrong side of the account.

This class of dairymen demand that
the consumer pay enough for his milk
to give him a profit in his tool
method of doing business. His demands
are not met, so he veils his calves, sells
his cows, and goes on to the next
business. A disgruntled and embittered man.
The man who can see beyond the end of
his nose gets the best pure-bred bull he
can afford to buy, and in doing so
saves the score of these penny wise
neighbors, and not only has high class
stock to sell but has a production of
milk that is worth while.

It may all seem like the price of a
bull and a foolish little exercise. Why
be "pound foolish"?—Hoard's Dayman.

"Synthetic Milk."

The London Times has an authority
for the statement that there has been
discovered by a London chemical labora-
tory a process of manufacturing syntheti-
cally a pure and wholesome milk.
The milk is made from a basis of
high synthetic value from a basis of
casein obtained from the soja bean. It
contains all the elements of milk. It is
exported, has been made from this
milk. It is made from the data at
hand to determine anything concerning
the authentic basis for this report, and
even if true, we are not sure that
synthetic milk will never be able to
commercially or otherwise displace the
cow. Of course, all things are possible;
but, again, milk is very susceptible to
germs, and the greatest care should
always be exercised in handling. Clean
utensils are important essentials in
dairying.

The man that is proud of his cows is
the man that will take in the money
from them.

Milk cans or utensils should never be
allowed to set around the stable, as
many careless men will thoughtless-
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If there's anything worse than know-
ing too little, it's knowing too much.

What Causes the Decrease.

We have been abundantly told, and it
is somewhat reasonable, that the present
and long continued high prices of meat
are directly attributable to the growing
decrease of live stock in the country.
The farmer is simply let go and quit
the business of live stock farming in
the face of the highest prices in the market
for beef, pork, and mutton that we have
ever known. Absolutely made money!
It could not have been a lack of profit,
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