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THE MANAGEMENT OF WEEDS.

Close Cropping and Thorough Cultivation the Best Preventatives Known.

Weeds grow low with every year of cropping and thorough cultivation. Constant stirring of the soil prevents weed seeds from doing more than germinate. Killed at this early stage, but little trouble is experienced. One of the worst giant pests the farmer has to contend with is the Canada thistle. When

FLOWER SPIKES OF RAGWEED.

once his fields are infested, it is next to impossible to circumvent this foe, which, however, in the garden, by constant cultivation, is easily eradicated. Prevent all growth above ground. No thistle root, nor any other perennial root will live long without a chance to breathe through its foliage.

The annual weeds must be conquered by destroying them before they perfect their seeds. Numbered with the most troublesome of these are purslane, chickweed, wild mustard and the ragweed, here depicted. Everywhere along roadsides may be seen the coarse, dusty foliage and dull green spikes laden with pollen, of the unsightly plant known as ragweed in some sections and as horseweed in others. When growing in situations where it is practicable to run the mower before the flowers are sufficiently advanced to perfect their seeds this will be found to be a good plan. Being an annual, this method when thoroughly will destroy the crop for another year. Sheep will eradicate this weed if pastured on the ground infested. In the cut, reproduced from The Prairie Farmer, is shown the flower spikes of ragweed about one-fourth natural size.

As a substitute for patent weeders, Gardner suggests common iron spoons and broken case knives, properly ground to an edge on both sides and bent in the shape of a curve. In fact, any small, sharp edged tool can be utilized as a hand weeder.

The instrument shown at the top of the second illustration can be made by any blacksmith, using an old spade handle and a piece of wagon spring. To utterly demolish burdock, set this cutter about two inches from the plant at an angle of about 30 degs. from the perpendicular; with the foot press the cutter down far enough to cut off the root. Now lift the burdock by the hand from its place and the work for that burdock is done. This instrument and process severs the roots below the crown, and it will not sprout again. The blade of the other instrument, shown at bottom, is a wide piece of old wagon spring, twenty inches in length, sharpened at both ends. A block of hard wood, seven inches long, is bolted to center of blade to hold the wooden handle, forty inches in length. With this implement one stroke is required, and one can take out weed roots at a rapid rate. These burdock cutters were originally illustrated by The Country Gentleman.

BURDOCK CUTTERS.

Pop Corn.

Any whim variety is marketable. The rice variety is preferred by some connoisseurs, but the white flint generally sells as readily, and is a better yielder. The cultivation is similar to that of field corn, only it should be better than that often given. The ground must be in good order, as the plants are much less sturdy when coming up than those of other corn. Plant in drills about three feet apart, and leave two stalks every fifteen or eighteen inches. The rice corn can be planted a little thicker than this, but the flint grows a larger stalk, and four stalks for each nine feet of ground is about right.

Buyers do not want pop corn less than one year old, as it will not pop well any sooner unless artificially dried. One can raise from 60 to 100 bushels, of forty pounds each, of pop corn on an acre, depending upon soil and variety. It is a crop that pays big when one is able and willing to wait for the right year to sell, which comes once or twice in five years, possibly oftener. Plant white flint, keep pure seed, store the crop secure from mice, and when it is a year old get the names of seedsmen and leading confectioners in cities and write them, advises Ohio Farmer.

Agricultural Items.

It is claimed for Burpee's extra early potato that it is not only very early in maturing, but immensely productive of fine quality tubers.

For the first early crop many gardeners plant the Alaska pea; for a wrinkled pea, the American Wonder; others like McLean's Little Gem.

News from various parts of the cotton belt indicate a decreased acreage in cotton and an increased acreage in other crops.

Preparing for World's Fair Year.

She was seated at her little desk, with memoranda, writing paper and envelopes piled up around her, and was hard at work when her friend and neighbor dropped in to see her.

"I'm making my plans for World's fair year," she explained.

The visitor shuddered.

"For some reason," she went on, "I dread to think of it. There'll be a fearful crush. What plans are you making?"

"Why, I've made up a list of my out-of-town friends, decided on the accommodations I have here and I'm sending an invitation to each to visit me at a specified time."

"Dear me, but you are hospitable."

"Not at all; I'm wise. I'd go away if I could, but I can't, and my only hope is to have the house filled with my friends. If I don't—"

"Well, if you don't?"

"If I don't acquaintance will keep it full anyway, and it won't be half so pleasant. As a matter of precaution I am made sure of the friends."—Chicago Tribune.

Dore's "Genius and Fate."

I wish that some one would buy and bear away a group in terra cotta by Gustave Dore, which is on view at a bric-a-brac shop that lies within the radius of my daily walks, and that whenever I pass the place fills my soul with vain longings for its possession. It is a replica, one-quarter the size of life, of what was probably his most powerful effort as a sculptor, his group of "Genius and Destiny." The former, personified as a slender youth with ruffled wings and languid aspect, leans against the knee of the aged crone, the crouiest of the Fates, who, with her extended shears, is just about to cut in twain the thread of life that her young companion holds in his listless hands.

It is a wonderful conception, at once weird and poetic. The price asked for the group is $100. It is rather remarkable to find so important a work by Dore offered in a shop for sale so long after his death.—Paris Cor. Philadelphia Telegraph.

Postage Stamps of Spain.

Baby Alfonso, king of Spain, enjoys a distinction unique in infantile monarchs. His picture is sold by the millions, and his subjects—Spaniards and Cubans, rich and poor, whether royalists, anarchists, republicans, revolutionists or bandits—press the vignette to their lips. The six-year-old ruler's face is engraved on Spanish and Cuban postage stamps.

To the practical American eye the baby stamp is an oddity, but a passing Spanish gentleman is authority for the statement that when the stamp bearing the portrait of Alfonso XIII was issued, the people hailed it with delight and renewed their interest in the royal boy.—Chicago Times.

Following an Apparition's Advice.

At Albany a night or two ago a mugwump dreamed that an Indian angel appeared and, hovering over her couch, imparted to her the spot where a golden treasure lies hidden. When she awoke she told her husband of it and described the spot as being on the east side of Flint river, about a hundred yards below the bridge. Together they repaired to the spot, the husband armed with pick, spade and shovel, and as his wife located the spot he set to work and has dug a large hole. He has not found the treasure yet, but is still digging. While he digs his wife sits on the bank praying devoutly and earnestly.—Savannah News.

Georgia Centenarian.

John Leak, of Molena district, has recently celebrated his 100th birthday by tendering to his hundreds of friends an old fashioned reception at his residence. He is a notable character. He is a cousin of Governor Clark and a nephew of General Elijah Clark of Revolutionary fame. There is one other man in the county who is older than Mr. Leak—Uncle Leonard Harris is 105 years of age, and a remarkably hale and hearty old gentleman. Uncle Leonard has been physically active on his feet for more than a century, and yet his step is elastic.—Georgia Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Lightning Strikes a Gas Well.

During Friday night's storm lightning struck a gas well on the Simpson farm, eight miles southeast of town, belonging to the Diamond Plate Glass company. The occurrence created a big excitement in the neighborhood, some of the near residents believing the world was coming to an end. The gate valve was blown off, and the escaping gas lighted by the electric current roared like a Niagara, illuminating the heavens for miles.—Kokomo (Ind.) Gazette-Tribune.

Always Something Going On.

Times are dull, indeed, when we can't get up an election or incorporate something. Yesterday was election day in upper Creede and everything passed off quietly. There was no disturbance of any kind. About 300 votes were cast. Some facetious individuals tried to run Bob Mann's dog, Pete, for mayor and he received two votes, but they were included in the scattering list.—Creede (Colo.) Chronicle.

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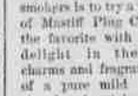

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