#### About Alfalfa.

and the winter is favorable, with der such circumstances the hay one particular-a greater growth. oats, or even barley, on the surface, counteracted to a certain extent by ed for a year or two, or until it is er quantity and greater variety of produced from this mixture is of find it to their advantage to resow ramento Record-Union. now. We have not personally examined any fields sown last fall, but from the fact that we had in December and January a long spell of frosty nights and cold weather, we conclude that a great many of the small plants are killed out, and if so, weeds have doubtless filled their places. If the stand of clover is too thin, and weeds are think and luxuriant, the best plan is to replow and reseed; but if there is half a stand, and the surface of the soil is not too hard and too weedy, then the better plan will be to sow directly on the present surface, and board it in with a heavy M. Bosquin, singing in "Favoon the contrary, will be a benefit to the enormous drop curtain, which it by pulverizing the surface of the weighs over 500 pounds. soil. Alfalfa sown in this month generally escapes serious injury from frost, and, coming on rapidly, gets the start of weeds, and, consequently, makes a better stand than that planted in the fall or later in the spring.

MOW EARLY.

Some recommend pasturing alfalfa the first year to make it stool better, but we do not concur in this view, and for this reason. If stock of any kind be turned into a field of yourg and tender alfalfa they will eat it greedily, cutting it off lood, too close to the ground, while they will not interfere with the weeds with which it is struggling for the ascendancy. This gives the weeds the start of the young plants, and between the stock and the weeds even a good stand of alfalfa will most likely be greatly injured and damaged, if not ruined. The better plan is to mow both weeds and alfalfa as soon as it has a growth of last the sluggish or disordered organ into four or five inches. This will secure the same advantage as to stooling, and will at least give the skilful physicians most ambitude of district of gair into action; and they impart health and tone to the whole being. They care not only the every day complaints of everybody, but formidable and cangerous diseases. Most alfalfa an equal show with the weeds. It will, in fact, give it the of cures performed and of great benefits advantage over the weeds, for the they have derived from these Pills. They reason that alfalfa will start out are the safest and best physic for children, because mild as well as effectual. Being quicker after being cut off than sugar coated, they are easy to take; and most any variety of weeds, and will being purely vegetable, they are entirely thus be able to get the start of harmless. them, and from the nature of the plant-throwing down a tap root DR. J. C. AYER & OO., LOWELL, MASS., and drawing its nourishment from below where the roots of the weeds penetrate, will keep the advantage thus secured.

#### CAUTION.

Sometimes the hot sun will wilt and injure the young plants if allowed to fall directly upon the stub ble after mowing. To prevent this it is better to allow the weed tops and clover thus cut off to remain as they fall over the blade of the mower. If not too heavy they should not be raked up at all. The shade thus made will gradually grow less as these weeds are dried in the sun, and as the young alfalfa becomes able to bear it without injury. If managed in this way on good soil, two crops of hay may generally be secured the first season. The time to pasture to make the alfalfa stool, is the following spring, when, if the stand is for the Fever and Ague of the West, and not thick enough, a real advantage in this respect may be secured.

#### ITS ENEMIES.

The chief enemies to alfalfa are standing water and gophers. The former does its chief injury on the river bottoms, though sometimes is lands. The gopher, on the other hand, is most injurious on the table lands not subject to overflow. Standing water, whether on the surface or near it, rots off the root of the alfalfa and thus kills it by of the alfalfa and thus kills it by remedy. degrees. Even the sipage-water where the lands are well leveed will frequently do great injury to alfalfa fields, especially if the rivers are high and the sipage takes place late in the season. The gophers gnaw and eat the roots, leaving the top to wilt and die. When the clover has

been thinned out by either cause it is very difficult to bring it up to The month of March in most required thickness by sewing seed portions of this State, all things on the surface, for the reason that considered, is the best time to sow the old plants shade the young alfalfa seed. If sown in the fall, so ones and kill them out before they as to come up after the first rains, are able to cope with the eld. Unbut little frost, an advantage for crop of an alfalfa field may be helpthe next summer will be secured in ed very materially by sowing wild But this advantage will, under and dragging it in with a heavy most favorable circumstances, be harrow. This plan may be followthe more vigorous growth of a larg- best to replow and reseed. The hay weeds. Those who sowed their the best quality and commands the seed last fall may many of them highest price in the markets.-Sac-

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> Mansfield, Conn., has one teacher who has been at the same school for thirty-one years, and another one who has occupied his post for forty-nine winters.

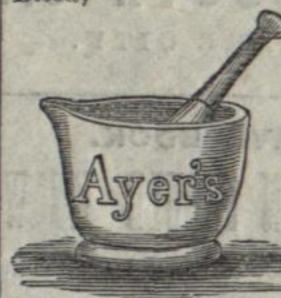
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