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The Farm.

Early Cut Grass for Hay.

The question as to the best time to cut grass for hay was discussed at the meeting of the Little Falls Farmers' Club on the 14th of May. It will be seen by the extracts from the report of the discussion which we annex, that the members agree with the views recently expressed in the *Country Gentleman*:
Hon. Josiah Shall said:—The best for wintering dairy stock is continued pruning to hay and cornstalks. I shall say only to hay and cornstalks. I say that cutting grass to the club when I say that the hay should consist of grass dried in part of letting it stand to become dry on the stalk. This practice of cutting grass for dairy stock is obtaining, and I think it cannot be too highly commended. Experiments that I have made from early cut grass and late cutting, have satisfied me that the early cutting is the best for the stock. Stack the two kinds before the cattle, and they will readily pick out the early cut grass. There is more weight in the late cutting, but it is not so nutritious; the additional weight being made up of woody fibre of little or no value for food.

Mr. Whitman called attention to the revolution which had taken place in reference to the cutting of hay, and which he believed to have resulted in part from the action of the Little Falls Club. Farmers generally were now in favor of cutting hay early. He asked the opinion of the club as to whether hay thus cut would keep the cows in perfect condition through the winter.

Mr. Van Vrankenburgh said that he kept thirty one cows and cut his hay as recommended by the club. One of his neighbors kept hay, and cut his late. His neighbor's cows were in much poorer condition than his, furnishing to the factory only about 50 pounds of milk more than his own.

The editor of the *Canada Farmer* for June, says:

"Timothy if left to ripen its seed, as soon as the case, the juices become turned into woody fibre, and although it that state it will perhaps yield a heavier crop of hay, the hay is of considerable less nutritious value to feed stock than if it had been cut earlier, when the grass was full of succulent juices. In this respect, however, the result in a measure lies with the city or town consumers of hay, who, knowing about the chemistry of nutritive values, continue to pay the highest price for that article of timothy hay which contains the most stiff stalks and ripened seeds. When the prejudice existing against early cut hay has become dissipated, through a better understanding of the value of the general public of late cut woody fibre, we may expect to see a change for the better in the *modus operandi* of hay-making, and in the meantime let the farmer save the early cut, well cured hay for his own use, and sell the other to city consumers."
Chautauque Journal.

Agricultural—The poorest farmer in the land, if unable to feed his calves, can always graze his shins.

Some Giants.

In 1718 a French academecian named Horion endeavored to show a great decrease in the height of men between the periods of the Creation and the Christian Era. Adam, he says, was 125 feet 9 inches high; Eve, 118 feet 9 inches; Noah, 27 feet; Abraham, 20 feet; Moses, 13 feet. The allegation about Adam is moderate compared with that made by early Biblical writers, who affirm that his head overtopped the atmosphere, and that he touched the Arctic Pole with one hand and the Antarctic with the other. Traditional memorials of the primeval giants still exist in Palestine in the form of graves of enormous dimensions; as the grave of Abel near Damascus, which is 30 feet long; that of Seth, in Lebanon, which is 70 yards long!

Story says that by an earthquake in China a mountain was opened, and in it was discovered a skeleton standing upright, 46 cubic long, which was supposed to be that of Orion or Otus. The same author relates that in the time of Claudius Cæsar there was a man, named Gabbarna, brought by that Emperor from Arabia to Rome, who was 9 feet 4 inches high, "the tallest man that had been seen in our times." But this giant was not so tall as Pösis and Scædallin, in the reign of Augustus Cæsar, whose bodies were preserved as curiosities in a museum in the Salus

temple, and each of whom measured in height 10 feet 8 inches.

The Emperor Maximus (very much of a giant) was 9 feet high, and was in the habit of using his wife's bracelet for a thumb ring. His shoe was a foot longer than that of any other man, and his strength so great that he could throw a cartilage which two oxen could not move.

He generally ate forty pounds weight of flesh and drank six gallons of wine every day. Not at all a desirable or profitable guest for the 'St. Nicholas,' even at the current price of board! Though not so tall as one of whom Josephus tells viz.: Cæsar, a Jew, who was one of the hostages whom the King of Persia sent to Rome after a peace. This giant was over 10 feet high. But these are pigmies compared with him of whom Kircher writes (though this is what a Yankee philosopher would denominate a whopper). The skeleton of this giant was dug out of a stone sepulchre near Rome in the reign of the Emperor Henry II. and which, by an inscription attached to it, was known to be that of Pallas, who was slain by Turnus, and was higher than the walls of the city! The same author tells us that another skeleton was found near Padova that must have belonged to a man 400 feet high.

In times more modern (1613) some masons digging near the ruins of a castle in Dauphine, in a field which by tradition had long been called 'The Giants Field' at the depth of 18 feet discovered a brick tomb 30 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 8 feet high, on which was a gray stone with the words 'Theobaldus Rex' cut thereon. When the tomb was opened they found a human skeleton entire 25 1/2 feet long, 1 1/2 feet wide across the shoulders, and 5 feet deep from the breast to the back. His teeth were about the size of an ox's foot, and his shin-bone measured 4 feet in length.

Plot, in his 'Oxfordshire,' 1676, says that a skeleton 17 feet high was then to be seen in the town-hall in Lucerne. It had been found under an oak in Wiltshire, near the village of Reyden. He instances numerous gigantic bones which had been dug up in England, and adds: "It seems that (notwithstanding their extravagant magnitude) they must have been the bones of men or women nor does anything hinder but they may have been so, provided it be clearly made out that there have been men and women of proportionable stature in all ages of the world, down even to our own days."

Old Custom Mather held the belief that there had been in the world men of very prodigious stature, in consequence of the falling of houses and teeth of great size, which he judged to be human; in Albany. He describes one particular grinder weighing 43.4 pounds, and a broad, flat, four-toothed finger in breadth; also a bone, supposed to be a thigh-bone, 17 feet long, which, with the others, amounted to pieces as soon as it was exposed to the air—*Harper's Magazine.*

Legal Notices.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one writ of execution, issued out of the Supreme Court against the lands and tenements of John L. Lewis, Lemar R. Lewis and Isaac S. Lewis, I have seized and taken possession of the following property, to wit: The interest of said Lewis in and to that tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Amity, county of Allegany, and State of New York. It being all that part of lot No. 93, lying between South street and the lands now owned by Avery S. Allen, in the village of Belmont, in said town of Amity, and lot No. 95, being according to a map and survey of said village made by Samuel Van Winkle, surveyor, and recorded in the clerk's office of Allegany county, to which map and survey reference is made to ascertain the location of said lot 93; which I shall sell at Public Vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of the American Hotel, in the village of Belmont, Allegany county, New York, on the 15th day of July, 1869, at Two o'clock P. M. of that day.
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