

**Lime as a Fertilizer.**  
The country gentleman—I think the question of the fertilizing of his land is of considerable importance to a very large number of your readers. There are many persons who have never considered in what manner it acts upon the soil, who are therefore very often dissatisfied with the results.

Mr. Seaman says: "Lime employed in various periods three well-worked fields, at least—perhaps more; and it is a powerful accelerator of soil, and under two series of conditions it should be used in different forms. New barns cause a lime in a powerful corrosive body, when brought into contact with animal and vegetable wastes, it rapidly decomposes them. Even if the wastes be living, still the quicklime will effect the decomposition. Hence arise the following deductions: When we have to deal with a rank new soil, teaching with noxious weeds, and with seeds ready to spring into life, the first application, or when the object is to convert hard annual timbers, such as hewn or split, or even split ones, or clippings of wood, into a useful manure, unskilful lime is used. In the other hand, when the object is adding lime to the soil to supply the calcareous element as a mechanical means of ameliorating the texture of the soil, and a physiological means of supplying food to certain crops, and where there are no weeds or noxious germs to destroy, nor organic tissues to decompose, then the employment of lime should be in the mild or slaked state."

"I think the readers of the Cultivator will understand from the above account the propriety of lime in both its forms of quick and slaked lime. My own experience teaches me to use slaked and limed mixed—five bushels of the former to 200 of the latter; that is about the quantity which will be sold. Never use salt on land inclined to work heavy. Apply the salt and lime to the soil before sowing wheat. I have never used lime on soil. From experiments with various manures, I prefer nitrate of soda or nitrate of potash for grass or clover—1-2 cwt. per acre applied in the spring just as they commence growth."

"While writing of artificial manures, the bogwart adulteration is ever present to the imagination—guano and guano-like, sawdust, bird-droppings, lime, nitrate of soda and calcium salt, and other adulterations. N. F. P. Buxes—Small boxes are much better than large ones. Be careful and do not break the skin on them, and on no account cut off any of the fine roots; for so surely as you do, so surely will you be troubled with rot. Put them over to boil in a kettle of cold water. When partly done throw in some salt. When they are done, put into a dish of cold water, which will keep them from becoming so hard as to rub off the skins and fill them in the slices—put into a bowl—sprinkle them with pepper, and pour over them some hot vinegar in which you have melted a piece of salt butter. To be eaten while warm. The tops of young beets are good cooked with them."

"Bad Water in Cisterns—A correspondent of the Queensland, published in Brisbane, Australia, gives the following recipe for the water, which we let rain water into the cisterns. The reason why so many people complain of bad water in their tanks and cisterns is plain enough, and can easily be remedied. As a rule the water runs in on the surface, and thus the older water is kept under by reason of its weight. If had a tank we never could see, through the water, but when an iron roof. To force the tank the pipe was let down to within a foot of the bottom, so that all the water that was in the tank was fresh. Let this water be kept in the tank for a few days, which was the best sweet or run off from the water pipe when the tank was full. Since then we have had sweet water."

"Y. Ferris in the Western Rural gives the following method of raising green corn: Pick them after they get their full growth, but before they commence ripening. Pick them from the stems carefully; put them in the cans dry without heating either the corn or fruit. Seal tight, and set in a cool dry place. This method may not be new to some, but those that have tried it can assure me it is the easiest and best way. There is no trouble about their keeping nicely, for I have canned them this way for a number of years and I have never lost any."

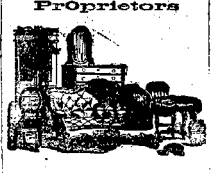
"Corn Meal Waffles—Pour into one pint of corn meal, twice sifted, one cup of boiling milk. Pour in one cup of butter, one of sugar, and a teaspoonful of salt. Let this stand till cold, then add half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little cold water; the yolks of two eggs well beaten, the whites whisked very light and stiff, to be added the last thing, when just ready to bake."

"Lemonade—Those who live where hot lemons cannot be obtained when wanted, will find a very nice substitute for lemonade can be made by adding a small portion of citric acid to water, flavored with good essence of lemon, and sweeten to taste. A quarter of a pound will make gallons of lemonade, and is much preferable to tartaric acid, being made from lemons themselves. It will also take the place of lemon juice in making lemon pies."

"When a hoop skirt is soiled, put it into a tub of hot suds, and rub it with a clean scrubbing brush or whip sponge. Rinse it and hang it in the sun. It will be whitened, but a little oil should be used before hanging it."

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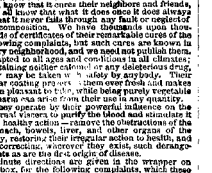
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