Keep Manures in Summer.

Most farmers lose the bulk of all summer fertilizers by suffering it to be washed away in the ponds and creeks, or else by allowing it to leach and lose the chief essential which makes plant-food, by exposure to the sun’s rays or the winds and rains during warm weather.

Now, to keep manure mature by sowing green crops or by feeding with dry manure. It is necessary to “fix” the valuable particles that naturally waste themselves in the surrounding atmosphere. To do this the farmer must turn chemist for the moment and see what other ingredients will neutralize valuable substances and hold them in the compost until they be used as one of the best fertilizers for almost all classes of crops grown in the temperate zone.

In order to make land-plaster available, the manure should be heaped up; and whenever six to twelve inches deep, a good coating of “land-plaster” should be scattered over it, and the process continued during winter or summer, as long as the compost is being increased. It is best to keep the compost heap sheltered, to prevent unnecessary leaching; but even without shelter, this treatment will preserve the greater part of the strength of the fertilizing particles of the manures.

Gypsum costs less than any other kind of fertilizer. As a top dressing for clover, corn, tobacco, wheat or grasses, and from its power of attracting ammonia, phosphorous, etc., from the atmosphere, adds more to the strength of the soil than any other fertilizer of equal cost.

Millions might be saved to the farmer’s country each year if our farmers would properly preserve all the manures that can be made on the farm, and then skillfully use them. We come in every year to awaken an interest in a source of profit that ought to be familiar to every farmer in the land.—Ez.

Good Advice.

“Make few promises. Always speak the truth. Never speak evil of any one. Keep good company or none. Live up to your engagements. Never play a game of chance. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Good character is above all things else. Keep your own secrets if you have any. Never borrow if you can help it. Do not marry until you are able to support a home. Keep yourself; you would be happy. When you speak to a person look in his face. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Ever live (mis-spent) within your income. Save when you are young to spend when you are old. Avoid temptation through fear you may not withstand it. Never run into debt unless you see a way to get out again. Small and steady gains give competency with a tranquil mind. Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue. Your character can not be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speak evil of you let your life be so that no one will believe him. When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day. Never be idle; if your hands can’t be employed usefully attend to the cultivation of your mind. Read over the above maxims carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.”

Grange Visitations.

One of the most important movements yet made in this State since the organization of the State Grange is that just inaugurated in Erie County, and noted in our columns this week, by State Deputy Kennedy and Brothers Everson and Wilson, viz: A systematic visitation of every Grange in that county. These visits will undoubtedly result in much encouragement to the Granges, and will draw the attention of farmers outside of the Order to its aims and objects, whereby much good will be attained. If the deputy of each county in the State will call to his aid two or three active Patrons, and follow the example set in Erie County, we may look for a general revival in the Grange.

Farmer’s Friend.
Master's Department.

J. J. WOODMAN, PAW PAW.

Constitutional Amendments.

Since the publication of the last edition of the "Grange Visitor," the following amendments have been ratified by the State Granges; and are now a part of the Constitution.

1st. The following has been submitted for section 2 of article 7: "The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the secretary of the State Grange, the number of persons initiated since his last report; and also the number who, by death, expulsion, removal or otherwise, have ceased to be members within the same time; and shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange such an amount of disbursements per person, and fees for each person initiated during the quarter, as the State Grange may determine; provided that the State Grange may require such reports and payments to be made thro' the secretaries of the County Granges."

2d. The following has been added to section 2 article 1: "Any 4th degree member in good standing, shall be eligible to office or receive the degrees in the County, District, State, or National Grange, within whose jurisdiction such member may reside, but shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie."

3d. Section 4 of article 1 has been amended so as to read as follows: There shall be an Executive Committee of five members, consisting of three members, whose term of office shall be two years. The Master of the National Grange shall be ex officio, a member of the Executive Committee, but shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie."

The following letter from the chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Grange explains itself; and it is read by many I regret, by the Patrons of Michigan:

COKEBURY, S. C., April 11, '77.

J. J. Woodman, Esq.:

My necessary expenses were a part of the education and business interests of the Order, Bro. Gladding: I should have them in Philadelphia.

We are not wrong in our conclusions, if there is a Subordinate Orange which is not represented at the meeting of the Executive Committee, but shall not be entitled to receive without them?" Patron let this be meditated upon carefully, and left, fore and aft, but on the higher degree we are not entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

In looking over the "Grange Visitor," I find an article from the pen of our Worthy Master, that I cannot harmonize with the Constitution. It is in the July number of 1879. If I can have the privilege, I should like to call attention to the subject, not that I wish to bias the reader, but I wish to bring to his mind the true meaning of the Constitution. I believe it would be granted. Let the east and west, north and south, speak with the voice of the people at our next session of the National Grange."

A. P. SUTTENPANNON.

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I discover but two points in the brothers' letters which I have been instructed to write you, as I do now at the first opportunity, and inform you, that the Committee have determined to send the Lecturer out no future period during the year. I was instructed then to write you, as I do now at the first opportunity, and inform you, that the Committee have determined to send the Lecturer out no future period during the year. I was instructed then to write you, as I do now at the first opportunity, and inform you, that the Committee have determined to send the Lecturer out no future period during the year.

I believe our law making department will grant us the right of petition. Let petitions go up from the majority of the Subordinate Granges, for the abolishing of the higher degrees, and we believe it would be granted. Let the east and west, north and south, speak with the voice of this question, if there is a Subordinate Grange which is not represented therein, they will not receive and act upon the petition of this question.

I am, truly yours.

Fraternally, D. WYATT AIKEN.

Tons of Pepper, &c., for the Patrons of Pennsylvania.

While in Philadelphia a short time since we called at the Pennsylvania State Agency, and in talking of the business interests of the Order, Bro. Gladding: I happened to mention that during the past year he had purchased and delivered business for the benefit of the Subordinate Granges, and I think they "may encourage, strengthen and aid Subordinate Granges and presented therein." J. J. WOODMAN.
The good Patron.—The good Patron is no office seeker. He maintains that the office should seek the man. He does not discuss political questions in the Grange, and strives outside the gates to put down all bribery and corruption. He uses his influence for the nomination and election of competent, faithful, and honest men, who will stand by the industrial population and work for their interests. The true great enterprise is about to be inaugurated in Great Britain. The Graphic says:—

"An immense co-operative enterprise is about to be started by meat consumers in Great Britain, consisting of a sort of Grange, with headquarters at Edinburgh, having for its object the purchase at first cost of meat, vegetables and dairy products in the United States for consumption in England, Scotland, and Ireland. The point of attack is of course the middlemen, whose sales and services the new company will dispense with the beef which now sells in Liverpool at 16s. 6d. per pound and be delivered at 18s. This is all very well. An increase of good food for the millions means an increase of wealth, health, and happiness. Now let us organize a company in New York, having for its object the attainment of American beef as cheap as Scotch cannot get it. Are we not paying 2 or 3 cents more a pound? It is likely that the interflow of supplies and demand will soon regulate this, either by cheating the Scotch or by the whole world. It may be in New York or stopping the exportation altogether. If not we will get up a benevolent and import American meat from Edinburgh. Fulton Market via Edinburgh at about three cents cheaper than current prices. We want American meat as cheap as foreigners can get it. Too many things to do and too little money to do them with. The true company will be started by the members of the Order in the United States and will be a part of which was for farmers outside the States."

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Fremont Center, March 20, 1877.

Bro. J. T. Cobb:

YOURS of the 17th inst., is received containing information about a seat, as requested, for which accept my thanks. You ask the time of tomorrow the next meeting, which will be held here at 10 o'clock A.M., in the Grange Hall in the village.

We have held several meetings to complete a business organization, and get ready for work, our next meeting. We are now ready to make the effort, and see us. Yours Fraternally,

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As a direct result of our successful resistance to the demands of the Plaster Association, other farmers have bought their supply of plaster this year at a saving of from 20 to 50 percent.

The farmers of Michigan will this year buy as much or more plaster than usual, and will pay less for it by more than $40,000.

The Executive Committee of the State Grange, by whose management this has been accomplished, are well pleased with results so far. The Committee are also fully aware that it is not safe to stop here. The future of this important interest must be secured not only against "The Michigan and Ohio Plaster Association," but against any other monopoly under another name.

The co-operation of the members of the Order to carry out the programme as set forth by the circular directed to the Masters of the Granges of the State, is earnestly solicited.

The Committee, as they have heretofore done, will take the lead in this new enterprise and I believe will do their whole duty. Brother Patrons, will you do yours?

Quarterly Reports.

An examination of our books shows that 45 Granges made no report whatever during the year 1876. Such Granges are certainly dormant if not dead. It will be remembered that the Secretary of the State Grange is required to keep a list of Granges delinquent more than one quarter in reports or payment of dues, standing in the official paper of the State Grange and correct the same monthly. Aside from the 45 delinquent for a full year, I find the following are delinquent in reports for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1876, and some of them for the quarter ending June 30th: 467, 477, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561.

Quite a number of those whose reports have been neglected will be reported in the quarter ending Dec. 31st.

If reports are not received from them before the issue of May, these will have to be added to the above list.

That list is too large now—we shall be sorry to be compelled to make additions to it in the next Visitor.

The Visitor.

We receive some complaints that the Visitor is not received,—some from Masters of Granges of our State, that in their case the attempts never would have been made but for our organization.

The Order has not been benefited in dollars and cents as much as the farmers outside "the gate," though Patrons have paid less than ever before for what plaster they have bought.

The farmers of Michigan are nearly over. Day & Taylor have made good their contract with the Executive Committee of the State Grange.

The quality of the plaster has been prompt if we are notified of the failure by card or otherwise.

COUNTY GRANGES.

There are now eighteen County or District Grange organizations in the State. The first was organized June 11th, 1875, the last March 29th, 1877. Elsewhere have been organized County Grange, No. 1, that indicates that the first one has in its business department been a success. I should like to hear from others. Let the Patrons of the State know through the Visitor what is being done, and when and where quarterly meetings are held. Under the Rules of Organization, County Granges are required to meet once in three months and may hold intermediate meetings. Secretaries of County Granges are required to report quarterly to this office.

Several of these County Granges have not yet been reported, and some that have reported have not done so uniformly. It becomes our duty to look after these matters, and we hope this reminder will be sufficient.

We have just printed another lot of "Applications for Membership" in County Granges. These are furnished from Consolidations.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

We have been called upon from time to time for Consolidation Blanks. These have always been furnished. In several instances more have been heard from them.

Herewith I give the consolidations as I find them recorded in this office, which will be complete, I desire returns should be made showing the fact.

It is important that the records of this office be correct. They cannot be unless Secretaries of Subordinate Granges do their duty.

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Do not forget that we invite correspondents from our brother farmers of the State upon any subject connected with the Order. Brief letters from Brothers and Sisters are always in order and eagerly read by every true Patron.

Long articles containing abstract propositions or fundamental truths, are well enough, in fact, useful, but do not make a great mass of the Order. Let us have short lively letters. Tell us anything that will encourage or stimulate action on the Order. Even a brief statement of failure is not without its val-
the condition and prospects of the crops. Small as is the
Virtuous, yet it has room for a good
many short articles, though we don’t
promise to print every thing we re-
ceive.
In a number of instances money or-
ders have been received in envelopes
without anything to indicate by whom
sent or for what purpose. The last
one received in that way was dated
Ionia, April 4th, and calls for $5.10.
Though out the Post Office we may find
out the sender of an order, that comes
in this way, but it is rather an un-
finished way of doing business and I
hope Michigan Patrons will all do better in the future.

National Grange.
The Executive Committee have se-
lected Cincinnati as the place for
holding the next session of the Na-
tional Grange, which meets Nov. 21,
1857.

The True Test.
Success depends not so much on a
Grange having a large membership as in
the effectiveness of the members.
Effectiveness is the true test.
We all remember some little people
who can walk clear around an over-
grown, lubberly neighbor every hour in
grow, Granges of twenty wide
awned, devoted members can be, and
and often are, more at heart, Patrons
of Husbandry than some similar or-
ganizations with over 50 on the rolls.
This is so in every state, and before
we begin praising a Grange with a
large membership, simply because
the membership is large, we ought to
compare it with some of apparently
smaller growth. The cedar doesn’t
grow like the hemlock, but which of
the two do we prefer for our fence
posts? By the comparison it is not
intended to discountenance large
Granges, but to cause Patrons to look
around and see for once, if they have
not seen, that some of our brightest
gems, as Granges, are not the least,
humble ones; who speak not of them-
selves, but pursue an even tenor of
way altogether charming.

The Vermont Granges are gener-
ally very prosperous. Bridgewater
Grange has built a hall, costing near-
ly $4,900. South Shaftsbury Grange
hall and store cost $3,000. St. Johns-
bury has a very prosperous Grange
store, which supplies the Granges in the
country with dry goods and gro-
cerics, and also purchases the farmers
products and ships them to cities.
Essex Center, Westford, Bovdvll,
Andover, Cavendish and many other
Granges have built halls during the
season. Many other Granges will
follow their example during the com-
ing year.

Farmers of Lower Germany are
organization and activities similar to the
Farmers of Husbandry.

A number of prominent English
papers are agitating the Grange move-
ment.

THE GRANGE VISITOR.

Lecturer’s Department.

C. L. WHITNEY.

New Pomona Granges.

Since the State Grange meeting
three County and District Granges
have been instituted and another will
be in being before this reaches the
readers of the VISITOR.

On the 9th day of February, in an-
wre to the proper application, we met
the Worthy Patrons of Ionia County Grange at Adrian. There was a large
attendance and a general interest was
manifest. We missed one brother and
sister who are usually foremost
in every good work pertaining to the
advancement of our Order, and re-
gretted to learn that they had that
orning lost their residence by fire.
A great deal of sympathy was ex-
pressed by Brother and Sister Bush
by those present, and a resolution of
sympathy placed upon the records of
the meeting.

Little did Brother and Sister Bush
think, when they, at the State Grange
were hearty in condoling with us,
that we should so soon have an op-
portunity to return their sympathy.
Such times prove friends and develop
fraternal relations.

The following persons were elected
and duly installed officers of Lenawe-
ne County Grange, No. 15, and with the
large membership present, duly
installed in the higher work of the
Order:

Master, Geo. B. Horton; Steward,
H. S. Powney; Asst. Steward, H. B.
Robb; Chaplain, J. L. Rummington;
Treasurer, A. P. Kimball; Secretary,
James Cook; Gate Keeper, H. C. Brad-
ish; Pomona, Sister M. A. Briggs;
Corea, Jane Linsday; Flora, E. H.
Remmington; L. A. S., Carrie Brad-
ish. Ex. Com.: Bro’s E. A. Jordan,
J. W. Baker and Martin Poucher.

On the 15th of February we met
the members of the several (Granges
of Ionia County and duly instituted
Ionia County Grange, No. 16, with
the following for officers, to-wit:

Master, Geo. Prey; Overseer, E.
R. Williams; Lecturer, D. L. Wal-
dron; Steward, A. W. Sherwood;
Asst. Steward, Wm. Hixon; Chap-
lain, H. Cheene; Treasurer, W. A.
Imman; Secretary, M. M. Currier; G.
W. K. Yance; Pomona, Sister H. L.
Mattison; Ceres, Sister H. Cheene;
Flora, Sister A. W. Sherwood; L. A.
S., Sister A. Hubble, also three Bro’s.
who with M. and S. constitute the
Executive Committee. The organi-
zation was large and enthusiastic, and
means business.

We have just returned from Tran-
vise City, where was held on March
22d, the Dist. Grange, No. 17, com-
pising the Counties of Grand Trav-
ness, Benzie and Leelanaw. Forty-four
members were present and took part
in the organization, and elected the
following to office and they were duly
installed and instructed:

Master, D. C. D. Brooks; Overseer,
R. P. Latell; Lecturer, W. W. Tracy;
Steward, L. A. Ditchie; Asst. Stew-
A. C. Gardner; Chaplain, Sister
L. A. S., Sister A. Hubble; also three Bro’s.

We wish to remark for the benefit
of a few members who are not very
well “up” as yet on the true intent
and meaning of some of the doctrines
of the Order, that the clause in our
Declaration of Purposes, which reads
that one of the objects of the Order
is to discontinue the credit system
does not mean the credit system sim-
ply as practiced by others, but also as
practiced by ourselves. It is of course
highly desirable that we should so far
as possible, discontinue everything
like a credit system on the part of
those who buy of us. Indeed, the
advantages of selling for cash are so
readily apparent that, perhaps the
merciful reader will excuse us from
stopping to enlarge upon them. But
the benefits of buying for cash seem
not to be so readily discerned. They
are however, just as real and just as
numerous as those of selling for cash.

The best Granges are not in the
villages, but right back in the coun-
ty where the potent sneer of some
per credit juniper is not felt and the
pleasures of lounging about the stores
can’t be indulged in.
The Grange News of Illinois says:

That if some pretended Patrons fall by the wayside, induced to do so by the merchants or smooth talker in the little village, let them go back to their three pots. They are men who will do you no good because they are only fit to follow their masters, and the Grange only wants men who will think for themselves.

It would be a great advantage to our cause if those who still pretend to be Patrons, could be got clear off. They are in almost every Grange, opposing every measure which is brought up for the good of the Order. They never join in any purse which is made up to send off for supplies, and go and tell the village merchant who credits them, and use their agents primarily as a lever to beat down the local dealers. "Keep out of debt!" "Keep out of debt!" Never spend money until you have it, and then cooperate with your neighbor and get what you want.

The man who spends less money than he makes ends in competency, while he who owes credit, lives hard up and is in straightened circumstances, with his farm mortgaged, and sometimes sold out by the Sheriff, compelled to turn up as a local politician, seeking for some office or want to maintain the State to maintain him. Therefore keep out of debt.

Some manufacturers do not like to have their names and terms published as they have trade with dealers which they wish to keep, but are willing to send out their wares on my orders.

I believe that I have now arrangements sufficient to satisfy all for plows, cultivation, wagons, carriages, hay rakes and small tools for the season. The Jonesville, Mishawaka, Battle Creek and Buckeye chilled plows, manufactory at the cost, mold-board and steel plows; also the Union City plow together, must suffice for all kinds of work and soil. I have a few four ton scales from the Magnetic Manufacturing Company of Hay rakes to be sent here soon, so that I can furnish at once on receiving orders, all that may be needed in the State. The new Victor self-dumping rake is equal to any made. Wagons are $65.00 each, not $55.00 as published in March Visiter, and good as made. Carriages of all descriptions can be had at Grand Rapids, Elkhart, Niles or Battle Creek.

P. D. Wetmore, the agent at New Orleans, has failed, I am informed; and if anything is wanted from him, send to me, as I have dealings with a wholesale house in the city of whom I have always had good articles at fair rates and orders filled promptly.

I have a few iron beam chilled plows on hand at $8.00 for plow and clevis, $11.00 for plows, clevis, wheel and jointer, which I desire to close out. They are in good order and good plows, and to those that use iron beam plows, will give satisfaction.

Four ton scales from the Chinese Scale Company can be had for $55.00 at the manufactory, and small scales at proportionate prices. I have had one in use for two years and find it to be a good scales.

I shall hold granges responsible for orders under the seal of this office. We do not want to allow the constitution, and prosperity will crown our efforts.

In conclusion, I say, stand by the constitution, for it is the only sure way to peace and prosperity, and if persons offering themselves after we have borne the burden during the heat of the day, started the machine and kept it running, if they can't pay what the constitution demands that they pay, let say, let them stay out. We don't want a few for they would only be a damage to us, and would soon be on the list of delinquents.

A. MIDGLEY, Sec'y.
Harmony Grange, No. 387.

Worthy Brother:
Harmony Grange, No. 387, is still thriving, we have 134 members and a prospect of some more. We are trying to perfect our organization, and advancement is our motto.

Last Saturday we visited our Past Master, Bro. Smith Thorlinton, with a pair of silver girls presented by Bro. E. M. Bullard, ex-Secretary, in behalf of the Grange, and a neat and appropriate address made on each side. We had a good time and what is still better perhaps, on Monday, Feb. 26th, we visited the premises of a widow member of our Order, armed with axes, saws, and teams, and soon turned the big trees into stove wood and, hauled the same to the house. Last fall we invaded a portion of an apple orchard and cut and hauled about twenty-five cords of wood to her door. Strange to say, this widow got married soon after, and donated a portion of her wood to widow number one especially, in regard to the natural result of a chopping bee, we shall soon have no widows in our Grange.

Yours de.
A. MIDGLEY, Sec'y.
Harmony Grange, No. 387.

Silver Lake Grange, No. 624.

Brother J. T. Cobb.

Bro. C. L. Whitney organized a District Grange at Traverse City, March 22d, in which we were present, although the youngest Grange here, being only a year old, we were among the first to go in getting the Grange organized.

We still have all the members we
ever had and all work well together, there has been no discord yet. We have taken measures to build a Hall the coming season. Our store is in the best location, and the house was fairly well crowded when we opened it.

Brother C. L. Whitney gave a public lecture on the subject of co-operative stores. The attendance was over 300, and the house was full. The lecture was well received, and we are looking forward to a prosperous outcome.

The GRANGE VISITOR has quite a circulation among the members of our Order. We meet once in two weeks, at 2 o'clock P. M., and have a good attendance.

SILVER LAKE GRANGE, No. 326, P. O. H.
Bro. J. T. Cobb:
I see by the GRANGE VISITOR that we are one of the leading orders in the State, and I am sure that we will continue to grow.

We are preparing to build a hall the coming season. Some members that feel too poor to contribute money to even face a grant, will do all they can freely to help build a hall. Such is the spirit we have in this matter.

We are doing all we can to promote the welfare of our community. District Granges organized up here, so we of the Silver Lake Grange will do the same.

The REAPER DEATH
On Feb. 8th, 1877, Brother James W. Morgan died after a long illness of great suffering, aged 51 years.

M. A. HOLCOMBE.
Sec'y. Brown County Grange.

On April 11th, Vergennes Grange, No. 221, adopted a preamble and resolution, expressive of their deep sense of the loss of our esteemed brother, E. S. Hayes.

The death of Brother Louis Wiede, Alpine Grange, No. 496, has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Our charter is draped in mourning. Our hearts are shrouded in sorrow.

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