AGRICULTURAL BOOKS. From the New York Times. What a bugbear are agricultural it probably does not cost the maker of books with the majority of farmers. If you supply yourself with them, in the lowest to make his butter than the lowest of the lowest to make his butter than the lowest than the lo less than a week you will have the ap- ter. Now the secret of all this in bepellation of a book farmer, whether you ginning right, and allow no deviation, intend to follow their teachings or not. be well posted and sell yourself on Book farming is all very good. True, if you own a farm in Indiana, a book that was written in New York on mers. The man who makes butter. wheat growing would not answer for and money by so doing, is the one who wheat growing in Indiana. Still the is striving to win a place in the class general principles would be the same, of A No. 1 butter-makers. but the mode of applying them would be different. One farmer would be cultivating a rocky soil, the other a black and rolling prairie. The fact is, practical agriculture can never be learned by have less pride in what they do for means of books and papers; it requires swine than any other labor upon the practice and an apprenticeship to be a good farmer. It could be learned no quicker from books than the carpenters sheep, are numerous, but it is something or carriage-makers could learn their of a rarity to see a nice, airy and really trades from a work on architecture or carriage-making. Nevertbeless there are often many hints and suggestions in a book or paper that are worth far book or paper that are worth far and suggestions in a book or

the same old ruts that his father before him went, fearing if he should miss the track that he never could get back that the floors of the different departrelating to the farm, garden and house-hold. The man that cannot find pleasure in learning more about his profesthey have done, and what they are doing. They tell us of their successes and failures; the joys and troubles of farm life; its anxieties and vexations; est me just as much as the one publishmer tells me how he is cultivating any kind of plants, I care not whether it be tea. coffee wheat come and the control of the tea, coffee, wheat, corn, cabbage, or any other produce, I read with interest and pleasure. The same with stock. I like to read anything that tells me how

mers look at everything that is in type, ference it would make to them by furing to the young wheat plants. This nishing good books to the boys and hands, they would never need any prompting about it. Place a well-seing the fermentation of manure in spite in the fermentation of manure in spite.

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It is a well-known fact the No. 1 cow is first on the list for No. 1 butter, next | 000. Subsequently other cattle of the the feed, then the care of the milk in same strain followed at \$19,000 and all of its manipulations, until the No. 1 \$35,000, and the interest culminated butter is in the market.

of our Eastern markets; for instance, the butter sent from Greenfield, Mass., to the Boston market, usually from two to three tons are thus sent in small lots, evidently, as there is reported from 100 to 180 different lots, and these range in price from fifteen to fifty cents; a few lots, say eight or ten at the lowest, and hardly as many at the highest figures. Now why this difference. Evidently for want of some one or all the requirements we have named. If those who sell for the low figures live by it, those, selling at the highest coin money; but if the high figures only make a fair remuneration, the low must be minus, which is probably the fact.

But there is a class of butter-makers who never appear in the weekly re-ports; these have won a reputation and contract by the season. Waring, near Newport, and Crozier, on Long Island, | De 14, 1947-y

are of this class, and very many others. scattered through all dairy regions of different States. This class probably contract from forty cents up to a dollar, few at the high and low figures, but most from sixty to eighty cents. Now

PENS FOR PIGS.

Farmers in a great majority of cases more than the price of the work. What can you learn from books? may ask some old fogy farmer that is going in by being confined in unwholesome and

again. I assert, and using a slang ments may be kept dry and wholesome phrase, "stick to it," that much can be plans for which we have frequently phrase, "stick to it," that much can be learned from good agricultural books. If any one does not believe it, let them take up "Todd's Young Farmer's Manual," and study it well, and if he does not admit that he has learned something of American agriculture I will be something of them being not over five. thing of American agriculture I will joints, most of them being not over five give up my argument as lost. But it feet, where there should be not less than will not be so. After he has perused that book it will lead him to others which he will buy and read, and if his sive pens having this fault, and the sive pens having this fauit, and the means will allow, before many years, swine therein absolutely neglected on he will have a regular library of works leaning the different sections out.

Every sty should have a good yard at one side, so that the swine may get sion had better quit it and go to something else. By reading agricultural allowed to run herein at will, nor should books and papers we come in contact the cleanings of the pen be thrown into with the thinking powers of the best farmers in this and other countries.—
They tell us how they have raised their crops and reared their stock; what stock farm.

The farmer who makes the most money from pork raising, is the man who not only is careful in the selection so that we, the young farmers, may be governed accordingly. For my part, I like to read any and everything that relates to my profession. I read an English farm paper just as eagerly as I would one of my native State. The one published in England would intermediately as the swine all the attention required to make them grow and lay on the fat rapidly. When we see fattening hogs in rail pens, with the earth for a floor and the sky for a roof, our opinion is at once formed as to the chances of that

HOW TO APPLY STABLE-DUNG. It used to be supposed that top-dress to keep stock in all their variations and varieties. How is it, then, that there is stable-dung causes the loss of much of so small a number of books and papers its ammonia; but Prof. Voelker, the read that relates to agriculture compared with what should be? The farmers are afraid to invest a few surplus dolument that fresh stable-dung thus applied lars in reading matter which would probably repay them double by the suggestions it contains. A while back I was reading a piece out of "The New York Times," stating that keeping our growth of the grass. We have here a skin and that of our stock clean was very successful dairy farmer, who keeps beneficial to health, and the attention of thirty cows, and sends all his butter in a young man to it—a kind of farmer, and, by the way, a very sensible man. He said he did not want to hear it; fast as it accumulates to his meadows that all that was printed nowadays was all lies, and that he knew more about it than the man that wrote it. This is ground, he drops a load in a place and with the state of the decay of t the way that a great many of our far-theres look at everything that is in type, John Johnson, the father of tile-drainrespecially if it relates to the farm.—
They think that nearly all that is printed is not true, or written by people that know nothing about what they are cows, prefers to rot his manure, except treating of. Now, there is no use dis- that which he applies to sod land incarding all books because you have got hold of a worthless one. Separate the wheat from the chaff; do not discard being washed or fire-fanged, to apply to all the wheat because it has a little his wheat fallow, after being slowly chaff in it; fan it out; study it; think rotted. He harrows it into the fallow for yourselves; digest and assimulate just before the wheat is sown, and being it; and all that your mind won't assim- very soluble it gives the wheat plants ulate throw aside as worthless. If a strong foothold, which enables them some of our farmers knew what a dif- to resist the frosts of December so try-

not always be pouting and talking decomposes until all its soluble matter the hardships of farm-life. If you cannot do otherwise, lay aside an acre of and a mulch of woody fibre is left to ground and work it at odd spells, and quicken the growth of the grass.

every year lay its produce out in read
Indian corn being a gross feeder does ing matter for boys on the farm. It is not, like the wheat plant, grow in the the agricultural press that has brought American agriculture up to its present standing, and it is still taking it up higher and I doubt not that in the next had in the still taking it up higher and I doubt not that in the next had in the still taking it up higher and I doubt not that in the next had not had a large of the next had not had a large of the next had not had a large of the next had not had er, and I doubt not that, in the next ten corn, if the rows are treated with a years, we will rival the British isles in little soluble fertilizer when planted, raising produce, acre for acre, in our and the ensuing warm season will soon older States. Farmers, take up this decompose the unfermented manure in subject, study and ponder over it, and the soil. But the wheat plant grows

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