

New Methods of Harvesting Have Increased the Value Of This Bountiful Crop

No fodder can produce from the same acreage and in the same given time such a great tonnage of protein-rich food as lucerne. It has long been a complaint, however, that lucerne takes too much looking after in that it requires cutting and harvesting four to five times in a season, and the following comments of a very American farmer make interesting reading:—

"If you don't want lots of trouble, don't sow lucerne. Along the middle of June, when the corn needs cultivation the most, we had to stop and cut the darned lucerne. It was in bloom—three feet high. We had to haul in 20 loads of hay off of it. In July the folks in town invited us to

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spend a week attending the show. I suppose they were glad when they got my postcard announcing that we could not come, because we had to cut that blamed lucerne patch again. Gee, but it was hot, hauling in that hay.

Worse still, I was fool enough to go to work and sow five more bushels of lucerne seed. The only rest I'll get hereafter from hauling lucerne will be on rainy days.

"It got to rain in September and about the first thing I knew—that darned lucerne was three feet high and all in bloom—it had to have another hair cut. Then Barnum and Bailey's circus came to town, and darn my buttons if I didn't have to miss that circus for the first time in forty years. I got mad and then turned the pigs, cows, and calves into it and still the blamed stuff kept growing to beat the band. They could not keep it down—they got fat on it.

"But still, this lucerne hay that we sweat so cutting and stackin' makes mighty fine stuffin' for the cows these cold ground hog days. Everything on

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