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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1905 edition. Excerpt: ...to give the field over to posturing too early and persistently. The best hav s obtained by cutting the alfalfa when 20 er cent. of the field is in bloom. and by s ocking it soon after the cutting (in this climate one-half day) and not leaving it in the shocks more than three days at the highest. It has recently been discovered that alfalfa takes root easily if sown among Bermuda grass. which affords Protection to the young and tender plant w thout robbing it of too much moisture. as grain crops are apt to do, when sown together with alfalfa. Simon Baumgartner. Pierce (It_v. In 18851 sowed my first alfalfa in this country. It was a total fnllure. as several other seedlngs have been afterwards. I, at times. felt very milch dlsnpgolnted and al most discouraged. as it seems practically impossible to row it here. A good many others tried to ra so alfalfa with the same results. and it was generally concluded that it would not do so well in this part of the country. But we know better now. I have spent about \$200 and a great deal of hard work. also considerable time. I have sown alfalfa. both In the spring and fall of the year. with and without clover crops, and the result would always be the same. The seed would row. but the young plants would only ma e a feeble growth. turn yellow and die. As I was born and raised in a country where alfalfa docs well, I learned its feeding value while I was a boy. and I made up my mind to raise it here if it was possible to do so. I wrote to the Experiment Station. also to the Agricultural Department at Washington, for information. and tried to find out all I could about it. I got inoculated seed, also bacteria-containing soil. but on my ground these did not show any dflerenc. Lime and continuous...

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