



Nov. 29-DEC. 5, 1999

FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH, DEC. 4.

ALCOTT'S "LITTLE" WOMEN

On November 29, 1832, Amos Bronson Alcott, transcendentalist and founder of a utopian community in Fruitlands, Massachusetts, wrote a letter to convey his pride in "the birth of a second daughter on my own birth-day." Born in "the most disagreeable month in the whole year," as Louisa's fictional character, Margaret, called it in *Little Women*, Louisa and her father were both avid journal keepers. Louisa's books and articles later supported the family through their financial troubles. Louisa died on March 4, 1888, two days after her father's death.



I had a pleasant time with my mind, for it was happy.

- Louisa May Alcott, diary entry 1843

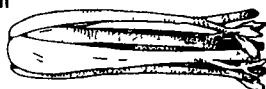
TIP OF THE WEEK

For a relaxing and fragrant bath, add bee balm leaves to the water.

TURKEY POTPIE

- 1/2 pound potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 4 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth or turkey broth
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1 package (9 ounces) plain biscuit dough

Boil potatoes and drain. Sauté onion and celery in butter, add turkey and carrots, then stir in flour and broth. Cook, stirring, until thickened, then add potatoes and parsley, and spoon into a deep-dish pie pan or soufflé dish. Top with biscuits (halved from normal size) and bake for 15 minutes at 400° F



Makes 6 servings.

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Greencastle Livestock

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November 22, 1999

CATTLE 618...SUPPLY INCLUDED 121 SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, 282 SL. COWS, 21 BULLS AND 194 FEEDER CATTLE. SL. STEERS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER, SL. BULLS 2.00-3.00 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1235-1430 LBS. 71.50-74.25, CHOICE 2-3 1125-1470 LBS. 66.75-71.75, SELECT 1-3 60.75-66.75, STANDARD 1-2 51.00-59.50.

HOLSTEINS: COUPLE HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 1350 AND 1390 LBS. 62.25 AND 62.50, FEW CHOICE 2-3 1270-1630 LBS. 55.75-57.00, 1715-1850 LBS. 54.50-55.75, SELECT 1-2 46.00-55.50 WITH A FEW TO 43.00, STANDARD 1-2 42.75-46.50.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 2-4 1060-1290 LBS. 67.00-70.50, FEW SELECT 1-3 59.00-66.00, COUPLE STANDARD 1-2 52.25-57.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: FEW EARLY SALES BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 37.50-44.75, BONERS 80-85% LEAN 34.75-39.25, LOW DRESSING DOWN TO 32.00, LEAN 85-90% LEAN 26.50-36.50. SHELLS DOWN TO 20.00. BULLS: YG#1 1200-1780 LBS. 45.25-50.75, YG#2 965-1620 LBS. 38.00-45.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MED. AND LARGE 1 330-485 LBS. 69.00-77.50, 500-605 LBS. 75.00-77.50, 875-1080 LBS. 60.00-68.00, MED. AND LARGE 2 250-365 LBS. 56.00-69.00, 450-550 LBS. 52.00-57.50, 750-910 LBS. 45.00-56.00; HEIFERS MED. AND LARGE 1 280-395 LBS. 60.00-79.00, 400-500 LBS. 64.00-79.00, 520-735 LBS. 65.00-76.50, MED. AND LARGE 2

225-470 LBS. 55.00-64.00, 700-850 LBS. 41.50-55.00; BULLS MED. AND LARGE 1 320-490 LBS. 71.00-87.00, 550-685 LBS. 59.00-69.00, MED. AND LARGE 2 200-470 LBS. 61.00-70.00, 550-650 LBS. 49.00-56.00

CALVES: 518...VEALERS STANDARD AND GOOD 75-115 LBS. 20.00-34.00, UTILITY 60-95 LBS. 7.00-22.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO WEAK, SOME SPOTS TO 10.00 LOWER, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS STEADY...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 100.00-135.00 WITH A FEW TO 80.00, 85-90 LBS. 67.50-82.50, #2 95-125 LBS. 30.00-85.00, 75-90 LBS. 22.00-55.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 250.00-335.00, #2 80-115 LBS. 60.00-105.00. BEEF TYPE BULLS AND HEIFERS 90-120 LBS. 60.00-105.00, 125-190 LBS. 50.00-87.00.

HOGS: 70...BARROWS AND GILTS 40-45% LEAN 300-330 LBS. 31.00-34.00, 45-50% LEAN 225-265 LBS. 31.00-33.50.

SOWS: US#1-3 350-495 LBS. 20.00-28.00, 515-710 LBS. 22.50-26.00, ONE LOT 30.00.

BOARS: 450-765 LBS. 5.00-9.00, COUPLE 205 AND 275 LBS. 16.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP: 61...SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 50-75 LBS. 80.00-95.00, 80-95 LBS. 72.00-87.00, GOOD AND CHOICE 60-105 LBS. 58.00-65.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 21.00-38.00.

GOATS: 106...ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 55.00-87.50, MED. 36.00-66.00, LARGE NANNIES 35.00-55.00, MEDIUM 27.00-41.00 PER HEAD.

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Saturday, November 20, 1999

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-92.50.

STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-82.00. SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, UP TO 65.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-58.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 36.00-49.00, LIGHT 35.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 56.00-60.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.00-55.50.

BULLS: HEAVY 35.00-44.00, LIGHT 35.00-54.00.

COWS: UTILITY HOLSTEINS 32.00-38.50, CANNERS 25.00-33.00, CULLS 22.00 AND DOWN.

BOB CALVES 30.00 AND DOWN.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 LBS. UP TO 109.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 155.00.

BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM, UP TO 110.00.

HOGS: TOP QUALITY UP TO 50.00, HEAVY UP TO 38.00, LIGHT 20.00-32.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD UP TO 25.00.

SOWS: 15.00-30.00.

MALE HOGS: 3.00-15.00.

LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 84.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 79.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 100.00, CULLS UP TO 65.00.

SHEEP: UP TO 40.00.

GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 40.00-100.00; MEDIUM 20.00-50.00; SMALL 7.00-39.00.

NO SALES SAT., DEC. 25 AND SAT., JAN. 1.

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When the grouse drum at night, there will be a deep fall of snow.

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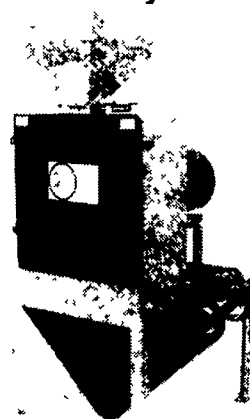
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