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Farm Notes.

Cattle already infested with lice should be thoroughly carded and washed with warm soap water in which a little kerosene has been added.

Do not turn sheep or any other kind of stock upon the pasture too early. Give it a chance to get a start. The early grass is not very nutritious, either.

Mr. E. W. Reid, a correspondent of the *Ohio Farmer*, says he would as soon put on his overcoat before winter as to mulch fruit trees before the ground freezes.

Mr. W. Davis, of Canada, after favoring the Berkshire breed for many years is reported as now preferring the large Yorkshire, owing to the public preference for leaner pork.

An agricultural expert says it is better to have a cow give 300 pounds of butter per year for five years and die on your hands than to give 200 pounds for ten years and then make 1500, pounds of old cow beef.

If one farmer does not feel able to purchase and keep a thorough-bred boar himself, in many cases it would pay to combine with three or four of his neighbors and secure a good animal rather than continue to breed to a scrub.

Keep your breeding pure, whatever it is. Do not mix blood unless you do it intelligently for a special purpose. If you make a cross, do not make it with bloods too wide apart that they cannot readily coalesce. You want harmony, not antagonism, in breeding.

Half a teaspoonfull of fresh white hellebore to a common wooden pail of water is about the right proportions for currant worms. This sprinkled upon the bushes when worms first appear will make short work of the worms. An ordinary watering pot will do the work.

Feeding an animal on only one individual food is very unwise, for it is bound to be a food not well balanced. A mixed ration not only supplies a better balanced food but is much more appetising, and, what is better relished, is very apt to give better results as a food.

A proper selection of cows for your herd is a very important consideration, but important as it is, it will not in the end prove of half the consequence that the proper selection of a bull will. On the blood you breed depends the success of your future herd.

Odors in the stable indicate that the air therein is impure. The use of absorbents, with due regard to keeping the stalls clean, is very important. Once a week the stable should be sprinkled with a solution of copperas in two gallons of soft water.

A flock will never have its standard raised by hap-hazzard breeding. When men can make money without the slightest expenditure, except in thought and care—as they can by judicious breeding—and don't do it, the conclusion is that they don't want to make money.

Mr. Joel Richardson, of New Port, says he has increased the average yield of his wheat in the last five years eight bushels per acre by light applications of commercial fertilizer at time of sowing. His average for that time has been twenty-eight bushels per acre.—*Maine Farmer.*

All at once dies a fine, fat lamb. Its mother was fed on timothy. Dissect it, and the chances are that you will find in its bowels long threads or rolls like vermicelli. Its mother's hay-made milk was so dry that it turned to strings in the intestines and could not move on.—*Sheep Breeder.*

Millet is an important crop, and should be grown more extensively. As soon as the warm days come on is the time for seeding. The ground may be plowed early in the seasou and well manured, as millet thrives best on rich soil. It grows very rapidly, and yields a large crop of hay in a short time.

Poultry houses are not usually infested with lice in winter unless a number of hens are hatching, and if the nests are not kept very clean the pests from the bodies of the hens will be very favorable to the increase. It is from the setting hens as a rule that poultry houses become stocked with lice.

If you want a paying dairy do not breed anything. If you do you will accomplish about as much as the man who fires at random expecting to kill all the game. When you breed breed for something. Aim at some idea of excellence, using proper means, and you will be pretty sure of improvement.

A small cow that is a heavy milker requires as much food as a large cow. If you don't believe it, read the statements regarding the amount of food consumed by Jersey cows during the butter tests, and compare them with the amount consumed by Holsteins under similar conditions. It will astonish you.—*New Jersey Agriculturist.*

J. M. Smith, the Green Bay market gardener, raised last season 1650 bushels of merchantable potatoes on four acres of land measured off by the County Surveyor, besides 80 bushels of small potatoes. He says there were spots that yielded at the rate of 600 to 700 bushels per acre. He does not think much of plot estimates.

E. Weid, in the *Ohio Farmer*, says a pear tree which blooms, but bears no fruit, is making too much root growth, and recommends digging a trench eighteen inches deep to be dug below the circumference of the first branches, filling it half full of compost manure, and then returning the soil on top. This will check root growth and start the tree to bearing.

No Angels in Theirs.

Early last summer a New Englander moved out to a small town in Arizona and announced his intention of opening up a first class grocery. He had a number of bills posted up dwelling particularly on the fact that the business was to be square and above board. Just as he was getting ready to open shop a deputation of citizens waited on him and asked the newcomer if the statements on the placards were made in good faith.

"You mought as well give us the hull truth about this thing," said the leader. "You mean to say there hain't going to be no water in the vinegar?"

"That's what I mean, sir!" replied the stranger, a little surprised. "Nor no sand in the sugar!"

"Ain't they goin' to be no beans in the coffee!"

"Most decidedly not, sir!"

"Nor chicory, nuther?"

"Never, gentlemen; I give you my word for it."

The crowd seemed nonplussed for a moment, and the leader held a short consultation, at the end of which he turned and said:

"Say, stranger, we've concluded that you air a suspicious character. But first let me ask you if your cigars are goin' to be loaded—with cabbage, you know?"

"Not while I"——

"That's all we wanted to know. We gin you twenty-for hours to leave town, an' you better leave. When we're in need o' angels we'll drop you a postal card. Good day, stranger," and the deputation filed out.—American Grocer.

What to Teach Boys.

A philosopher has said that true education for boys is to "teach them what they ought to know when they become men."

To be true—to be genuine. No education is worth anything that does not include this. A man had better not know how to read—he had better never learn a letter in the alphabet—and be true, genuine in intention and in action—rather than be learned in all sciences and in all languages, to be at the same time false in heart and counterfeit in life. Above all things, teach boys that truth is more than riches, more than earthly power or possessions.

To be pure in thought, language and life—pure in mind and body.

To be unselfish. To care for the feelings and comforts of others. To be polite, to be just in all dealings with others. To be generous, noble and manly. This will include a genuine reverence for the aged and things sacred.

To be self reliant and self-helpful even from childhood. To be industrious, always, and self-supporting at the earliest proper age. Teach them that all honest work is honorable, and that an idle life of dependence on others is disgraceful.

When a man has learned these things—when he has made these ideas a part of his being—however poor, or however rich, he has learned the most important things he ought to know when he becomes a man.

He Did Not Pursue the Subject.—"Madam," said the turnpike tourist at the kitchen door, as he coughed a respectful cough and removed something that looked like a hat from his head, "you will pardon me for asking if the grateful odor that comes from the meat cooking on your stove is not that of fried ham?"

"It is, sir," replied the large swarthy woman with the projecting teeth, placing her arms akimbo and planting herself squarely in the doorway. "Have you any other questions to ask?"

"None at all madam," said the pilgrim, as he backed out toward the gate. "None at all. I merely wished to gratify a natural feeling of curiosity. I thought it must be ham. I find my conjecture was correct. That is all. I have the honor, madam, to wish you a good day."

——Hoopskirts again may come into style, but it is hoped not. The transformation which will bring back that style of crinolines ought to be indefinitely postponed. Transformations in the health of thousands of women throughout the country have taken place during the past few years. Pale, haggard, and dispirited, they have become bright-eyed and healthy. The secret? Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which cures all those chronic "weakness" and distressing ailments peculiar to women.

Beefsteak Pie.—A savory dish, and one that suits those fond of simple seasoning, is a beefsteak pie. Cut two pounds of the under side of the round into small cubes, cover with cold water and simmer gently until tender. Season with salt, pepper, thicken the gravy slightly, and if not rich enough add a piece of butter. Put the meat and gravy in a deep baking-dish, cover with a thick layer of white potatoes, boiled in salted water, mashed with the addition of a piece of butter and some milk, and then beaten to a cream. Beat an egg very light, pour over the potato, and baked until a rich brown. An onion sliced thin and stewed with the meat improves the flavor for some tastes. It is important in stewing or "boiling" meat or fowl to remember that gentle simmering at 180 degrees cooks the meat quite as quickly and in a much more savory manner than furious boiling at 212 degrees.

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He Looks Like Wanamaker.

One of the most striking cases of facial resemblance in public life is that of Congresman Goodnight, of Kentucky, and Postmaster General Wanamaker. Mr. Goodnight was in the house restaurant drinking a glass of the famous beverage of his state, when an elderly and spectacled man approached him and exclaimed:

"Why, Mr. Wanamaker, what are you doing?"

"Simply taking a drink of whisky," said the congressman.

"Then—then you drink whisky, Mr. Wanamaker?" gasped the old gentleman.

"Why, certainly."

The stranger lifted his hand in holy horror, and apparently overcome by the discovery, muttered that "the folks up in Philadelphia won't believe it when I tell 'em," and moved away.

"That is the only way in which I can get even with Wanamaker for looking like me," said Mr. Goodnight. "This is the third or fourth time I have been mistaken for the postmaster general while taking a drink, and I have not exerted myself very much to correct the mistake. But I suffer through the resemblance of our faces fully as much as Mr. Wanamaker does. People mistake me for him, and fail to ask me to take something with them."—*Chicago Herald.*

A Slick Article.

How a Horseman Took in a Couple of Drummers.

If I live to be 1,000 years old I shall never forget how a stranger took five of us in one day at Syracuse, N. Y., in a manner so slick that he walked off with our cash before we had a suspicion, says a writer to the New York *Sportsman*. It was a rainy, dismal afternoon, and a dozen—agents, drummers, drovers and others—were sitting about the office. Some one read a newspaper clipping about a bigamist who had seven wives, and pretty soon each one had an opinion to advance. Finally a well-dressed good-looking man ventured the observation:

"I myself could have married a dozen women on a hour's notice. It's all in the first impression created."

Some agreed and some differed, and the discussion began to assume a more vigorous tone. By and by the same man again observed:

"You may think me conceited, gentlemen, but I'm only telling you what I know I can do. I've always had extraordinary luck with women. I'll venture to say that I can go down to the depot, pick out the best-looking woman in the waiting-room, and if not already married, that I can take her to the parson's inside of an hour."

There was a grand laugh at this, but he looked serious as he continued:

"Perhaps this crowd has some money to lose on that? If so, let's talk business."

After a bit we came to an understanding. Five of us were to chip in $100 each against $500 of his money. We were to go to the New York Central depot and select a female, and if she proved to be unmarried he was to persuade her into marriage inside of one hour or forfeit his money. We coul have raised $1.000 as well as half that amount, but he could not cover it.

Nine of us went to the depot. Among the waiting passengers were seventeen females, but on looking them over our choice was limited to three. We finally selected a woman we believed to be a widow. She was fairly handsome, well-dressed, and had two parcels on the seat beside her. We got seats near by and then our masher approached. He asked what train she was going out on, spoke about the weather, and, to our surprise, was not rebuffed. Within ten minutes he had asked her if she was a widow, and she had scarcely answered in the affirmative when he began to plead his case. It was only forty minutes by the watch when he came over to us and said:

"Gentlemen, I'd like two or three of you to accompany that lady and myself to the parson's as witnesses to our marriage."

We went and they were duly married and the stakes passed over. The lady acted as coy and shy and embarrassed as you please, and confessed that it was a case of love at first sight. They took a train two hours latter, and when they were fairly off we learned that he was a horseman from Chicago and that the woman had been his lawful wife for the past fifteen years.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

The Elephant Nurse.

In India, where the elephant is treated by his mahout almost as one of the family, the grateful animal makes a return for the kindness shown it by voluntarily taking care of the baby. It will patiently permit itself to be mauled by its little charge, and will show great solicitude when the child cries. Sometimes the elephant will become so attached to its baby friend as to insist upon its constant presence. Such a case is known where the elephant went so far as to refuse to eat except in the presence of its little friend. Its attachment was so genuine that the child's parents would not hesitate to leave baby in the elephant's care, knowing it could have no more faithful nurse.

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