

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.
The bread of life is love; the salt of life is work.

FARM NOTES.

When sheep huddle together and keep their noses close to the ground, especially if the ground is loose, it indicates attacks from the gad fly, which deposits its eggs in the nostrils, causing what is known as grub in the head. Keep the nostrils of the sheep well smeared with wood tar.

Farmers are frequently offered disease-proof plants and trees so-called, but it may be safely claimed that no variety of pear, apple, peach, gooseberry, cherry or other fruit is exempt from diseases peculiar to its species. Some varieties may not be so susceptible to disease as others, but if within range of disease they will surely be attacked.

Plow the ground for wheat as soon as you can. When the weeds come up work the ground over with a cultivator, and work it again should more weeds appear. Spread out the manure and work it into the plowed ground. By the time the wheat is to be seeded the land will be in an excellent condition for the seed and the crop will start off well.

A farmer who has tried several modes of destroying cut worms finds that an excellent method is to use a stick three feet long and one and one-fourth inches in diameter, sharpened at one end, with which two or three holes are punched in the ground near each plant. The cut worm is sluggish and falls into the hole, from which it cannot easily escape.

As soon as the pigs begin to seek their feed, at any age, they should be taught to drink; good milk should be given them in a trough by themselves, with warm quarters, and with a plentiful supply of milk, thickened with middlings and meal, they should make delicious young pork at five months old, weighing from 80 to 100 pounds or more, and should bring prices that will pay a good profit to the grower.

Every farmer should have a few sheep, in order to save much of the material grown that may be wasted. Sheep will eat a great many plants which cattle reject, and they graze closer to the ground. Young and tender weeds are delicious to sheep, and they, therefore, assist in ridding the field of such pests. A small flock of mutton sheep should be kept, if for no other purpose than to supply the family with choice meat.

Improved stock leads to better care, as a rule. This is the benefit of pure blood combined with the best management and keeping that makes the most successful and profitable results on the farm. The farmer who undertakes to make the farm pay without good stock and good care—and it may be added, good treatment—is spending his life in getting experience which is essential to success, while the more progressive farmers go straight to prosperity with these important requisites.

The time to determine which sheep to keep is during shearing; then the owner, by directing and overseeing operations, can cause to be marked such as are light shearers, aged sheep, in poor condition, without lambs, etc., and in the ordinary flocks, allowing that one-third may be sold, it is more than probable that the value of the two-thirds remaining, the flock to be kept, will bring as good an income and be, in reality, worth as much as if the inferior sheep remain to lower the standard of the lot.

The flowing away from the manure heap of the rich, black liquids that the rains wash down is the deprivation of the most valuable elements that exist in the manure heap. It is the jugular vein which once severed, soon destroys the body. When the liquids begin to accumulate in close them with an embankment, or construct a tank for their reception. Pump or bail them upon the solid portion, and if necessary, turn over the whole mass and saturate it. True economy, however, suggests that manure be sheltered from exposure.

It is a common fault with many amateur gardeners that they attempt to raise too many kinds of ornamental plants. They are attracted by the pleasing description in seed catalogues, and order 15 or 20 species of plants which they have never tried before. They are almost sure to be disappointed in a good part of them from their lack of time and knowledge in managing them. To get the most enjoyment from flowers they should give as little anxiety as possible. It is wiser to learn to cultivate one plant well than to grow a dozen different kinds. Try only two or three new sorts each year, and get well acquainted with them before trying others.

If the cows are to be kept in full flow of milk they should be kept on the best of food, with a small allowance of coarse provender; but for dry cows, oxen, sheep or animals that require food only for the support of their bodies the coarse foods should compose a large portion of the ration. Animals that are used for breeding purposes need not be very fat, and with good shelter and a fair allowance of grain the straw and fodder may be used with the hay. It is not suggested that hay be discarded, nor are straw and fodder proposed as regular foods, but rather to urge that it is economical and profitable to put such foods to better use than is usual on farms, and to aim to derive a profit from that which is sometimes wasted.

Orchardists in Tasmania are subject to a fine from \$2.50 to \$5, with costs, if they fail to bandage their trees to keep down the oodling moth or if they fail to gather or destroy any infested fruit. Wormy apples sent to market are liable to confiscation and destruction, and the shipper to be prosecuted. In New South Wales all infested fruit coming from other colonies may be seized or destroyed, or returned to the shipper at its own expense. Fruit growers are generally assisting the Government in enforcing these laws. Similar laws in this country for a few years would seem a hardship to many parties, but would be a benefit to fruit growers and to the country if they were strictly enforced.

It is a matter of economy, as well as mercy, to properly mate horses that have to work side by side through the seige of hard work during the year. While two horses may be about the same size and appearance in their general make-up, one may not be able to do near the amount of work without injury that the other can do with ease. Every farmer should know enough about his horses to learn how to avoid this trouble, if possible, by placing horses of equal endurance in the same team, or by equalizing their labor in some way which they are to draw. This may be done by giving the weaker horse the advantage of the long ends of the double tree, or some other way that may be devised by those having the matter in charge.

Immune.
"You'd better get out. Here comes that idiot Boreham, and he's got a story he thinks is new that he'll insist on handing you."
"No, he won't. I'm immune."
"How's that?"
"I told him the story."—Cleveland Leader.

Worse Than He Felt.
Cutting—I suppose it did make you feel mean. Dubbs—Will, I should say! Why, I felt like a plugged nickel! Cutting—Ah! But what a blessing it is that we never feel quite as bad as we look.—Philadelphia Press.

Meeting Trouble.
More people would snap their fingers in the face of trouble if trouble didn't have such a sudden way of swooping down on us.—Chicago Record-Herald.

When a man seeks your advice he generally wants your praise.—Chesterfield.

Unsatisfactory.
The old farmer was looking over a comic paper the storekeeper at the crossroads had given him.

"I don't think much of this paper, no-how," he remarked.
"What's the matter with it?" queried his wife.
"They ain't nothin' much in it but pictures," replied the old man, "an' th' most of 'em ain't so."

The time is never lost that is devoted to work.
—A single day grants what a whole year denies.

Medical.

Nothing is more refreshing when exhausted by heat than a camphor bath. The action of the gum upon the skin and head is highly beneficial and may be had by mixing two ounces of tincture of camphor, half an ounce of tincture of benzoin and four ounces of cologne of alcohol. Enough of this is put into the tub to make the water aromatic, and the body is immersed for 15 minutes or more.

More stimulating than plain sea salt is a combination of one pound of muriate of soda, one-half pound of sulphate of soda, a quarter of a pound of chloride of magnesium. The ingredients are dissolved in two or three gallons of water and put into the usual tub of water.

A soda bath is especially cooling when the blood and skin are heated and has beneficial results. Common bicarbonate of soda is used, and four or five ounces are put into the tub of clear water, the temperature of which is not high, says the New York Evening Telegram. Soap may be used with this, but a long soaking of the body is better.

The length of time that a person may remain in a tub must be decided by the individual, for too long immersion is weakening. At the same time the body should have all the refreshment it can get. Fifteen minutes are not too long for the strong person.

Such a bath taken just before going to bed will refresh one sufficiently to insure a good night's rest many times, and a shower on getting up in the morning is worth many times what the apparatus costs. Almost every tub is now fitted for a hand spray, but when this is lacking spraying arrangements are to be found at any toilet department or druggist's. The shower taken should be a cold, or at least cool, one, and need not consume more than two minutes if one is pressed for time. It is as invigorating as fresh water to a drooping flower.

To take out a blood stain, cover the spot with cold raw starch, just wet enough to make a paste, and leave until it is dry.

To remove wine stains, spread the bleached fabric over a bowl and pour boiling salt water through it from a height.

Machine oil should be washed out in cold water before the article stained with it goes to the laundress.

A woman who is so fortunate as to own several pieces of valuable old lace cleans the small pieces in this way: She covers a sheet of white paper with a layer of calcined magnesia, spreads the lace over it very straight and then covers it with the magnesia, puts another paper over it, lays the papers between the leaves of a heavy book and leaves it there for two or three days. As a rule, when the powder is shaken out, the lace is clean.

I have it on the best of authority that the styles of 1875 will be ushered in for autumn. One great Paris firm has made or is making all its models for the street wear of this out to be exhibited at the fall opening in two months. Of course, with our ideas, the style is hideous, says the New York Sun. For example, the skirt will be rather tight-fitting and finished with a severe tonic sparsely plaited at the back. The basque is tight-fitting, made with the old-fashioned darts, pointed in front and back in the real basque effect, and the sleeves are long, snug and flat. Could anything else be more unrightly? This one I chanced to see was a fright, and yet who knows but that by the time they are worn a few weeks we may decide that all other kinds of dress are tame beside them in beauty? So much for the vagaries of human nature.

Corsetiers are making their wares shorter in the back. The garment is returning to the shape it held ten years ago—high under the arms and back, slanting at the center. The makers are also returning to the plain white coutil corset.

Weak ammonia water will clean hair brushes very rapidly, and keep the bristles white and stiff.

Potato salad is much more savory if mixed with the salad dressing while hot and before serving.

If you put a piece of bread on top of your knife when peeling onions they will not affect the eyes.

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