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FARM NOTES.

—A sick hog must never be overfed. Very often hunger is a tonic for it.

—The more sunlight that can be gotten in the stable, the less opportunity for disease germs to get there.

—It is a good plan to dig a deep hole in the rear of the barn and use it as a receptacle for tin cans and rubbish.

—Mature hogs thin in flesh may be expected to gain about one-half pound per head daily on alfalfa without grain.

—The refuse from cornstalks that have been shredded as food for cattle, together with cut straw, makes good bedding for the cow.

—It is a mistake to cut out the morning milking during the time of scant production, as some farmers are often known to do.

—It is just as important to put the pig on pasture a portion of the year as it is to put the cow there, and good pasture for both is the only kind that pays.

—The Forest Co-operative Fruit Growers' Association, of Canada, has 75 members, all of whom have agreed to prune thoroughly and spray three times.

—Professor H. A. Surface, of The Pennsylvania State Experiment Station, says the use of pure white lead and linseed oil for borers and mice will not injure the trees.

—Poorly fed hens have no oversupply of heat and material for egg making, so he that throw food to his hens sparingly will reap sparingly in profits from the egg basket.

—A few hens with space sufficient to move about and flap their wings, will lay more eggs than will twice that number with poor accommodations, be they ever so well fed.

—When cultivating the plum or cherry orchard, the work must be done shallow so that no roots will be broken, for broken roots will send up shoots that sap the life from the tree.

—Co-operative packing and market enable the fruit growers not only to secure better prices, but to produce a better product, as he can give his entire attention to growing fruit.

—All kinds of poultry delight in working over newly-plowed ground for insects. The number of insects destroyed in one day by a large flock of fowls cannot be easily estimated.

—Angora goats are used for clearing off underbrush from lands that could not easily be cleared without their aid. They prefer the bark and twigs of small trees and brush to the best grasses.

—Work the horses a little each day, if possible. Where they have been standing in the stables the greater portion of the time in winter they should be gradually hardened to full work.

—The total of all animals on the farms enumerated on January 1st, 1908, was \$4,381,230,000, as compared with \$4,423,698,000 on January 1st, 1907; a decrease of \$92,468,000, or 2.1 per cent.

—In combating glanders the general practice is to destroy horses which are positively known to be affected with the disease and to quarantine those which are merely suspected of being affected.

—The first rule for getting a good profit from poultry is to get the chicks hatched early, and the next is to keep those chicks growing so fast that they will reach laying maturity before the commencement of cold weather.

—There is no difference in the color of the yolk of the eggs laid by different breeds, nor individuality. But the color of the shell is a matter of breed and mating, and the color of the yolk is governed by the food given.

—In matter of prices (average per head), compared with January 1st, 1907, in horses there was a decrease of 10 cents; mules, \$4.40; milch cows, 33 cents; other cattle, 21 cents; swine, \$1.57, and sheep have increased 4 cents.

—Compared with statistics of a year ago, in numbers, horses have increased 245,000; mules, 52,000; milch cows, 228,000; sheep, 1,391,000; swine, 1,290,000, and cattle, other than milch cows, have decreased in number, 1,493,000.

—It is claimed that the most profitable life of the peach tree is from four to eight years. From a peach census taken last year in Orange county, New York, it seems that thorough cultivation is more essential than either pruning or spraying.

—Mangels grown continuously on the same land for four years yielded 9.6 tons of roots, containing one ton of dry matter, while on land under rotation they yielded 34 tons of roots and four tons of dry matter per acre at the New York Cornell Experiment Station. From 25,000 to 30,000 plants of mangels, rutabagas and hybrid turnips, and from 40,000 to 60,000 plants of carrots, per acre, are suggested as proper stands.

—The department of agriculture has been conducting a series of experiments to test the value of cover crops in increasing the hardiness of young trees, with results varying according to climate and conditions of weather. In Nebraska cover crops were found decidedly beneficial, while in North Dakota they proved very harmful. So it would seem that orchard-growers will be left to their own devices according to conditions in their sections.

—A French authority, who made comprehensive experiments in feeding horses by weight (his operations including 30,000 animals), ascertained that it required a round 44 pounds of mixed food, hay and grain for every 220 pounds of live weight. In the ratio of two pounds of grain and one pound of hay for 100 pounds of live weight, a horse weighing 1000 pounds would require 20 pounds of grain and 10 pounds of hay for stationary maintenance when requiring regular service.

—As said before, the plat selected for the garden should be well drained. If it is not naturally drained, it should be leveled, ditched, ditched or surface drained. If the ground is very wet the plat should be leveled, ditched, or at least ditched. This may be done by cutting enough ditches through the plat to remove the surface water. Surface drainage may be done by elevating the beds enough to carry off the water through the walks. This should not be done unless there is very much water standing on the plat.

Forecastle Gourmets.

"Scouse, or lob scouse, a parson's face sea pie, junk, tack, slush and duff—there's a meal ye can't beat nowhere," said the sailor.

"Yes," he went on, "ye can talk about yer ris de veau, yer vol au vent, yer mousses and other French dishes, but they ain't none of them in it with sea fare dished up by a good sea lawyer.

"Scouse is soup, soup made of salt beef. Add some good sea vegetables to it, sitch as spud sprouts and split peas, and ye get an extra fine soup, what is generally called lob scouse. Pot au feu is slops beside a rich lob scouse.

"Foller up yer scouse with a parson's face sea pie. That's a pie made of bullock's head. Good? Why, friend, there ain't nothin' like it on earth.

"Junk is salt beef. Junk ain't no brain food. It don't strengthen the mind like a correspondence course, but, by law, I'd ruther have it than cananon a la presse or a supreme de sole.

"Tack and slush is the sailor's bread and butter. What if ye do have to break yer tack with a tack hammer, and what if yer slush is sometimes strong enough to queer the compass? Sailors need strong food, for they must do their work."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Little Card Trick.

A Russian priest was so devoted to the amusement of card playing that he played up to the last moment before commencing the church services. On one occasion, having a particularly good hand dealt him, he thrust the cards into his pocket, intending to return and finish the game after the service. Unluckily the cards fell out on the church floor, to the extreme scandal of the congregation. The witty priest, however, was fully equal to the occasion. At the conclusion of the service he beckoned up one of the choristers and asked him the names of several of the cards, which the boy knew correctly. He then suddenly asked the lad the name of the next saint's day, which the child could not tell.

"See!" cried the priest, turning to the congregation. "You teach your children the names of every card in the pack and leave them ignorant of their religion. Let this be the last time I am compelled to bring playing cards into the church to shame you." And picking up his hand he made an honorable retreat.—London Answers.

A Bad Break.

"It beats the Dutch," said a young broker, "how much trouble a fellow's wife's most charming girl friend can make for a fellow—or for a fellow's wife." Then he explained what appeared to be greatly in need of explanation. "I went home for dinner the other night," he continued, "with a friend who was married recently. The wife's old chum was there and met the husband for the first time.

"'Really,' she said on presentation, 'I quite feel that I have known you. You see, that picture of yours in football costume that Jennie always kept on her dresser so long was very familiar to me.'

"Say, you ought to have seen the face of that friend of mine. But he finally found his voice.

"'But, my dear Miss Smith,' he replied, 'I never was a football player and never had on a football costume.'

"'Then you should have seen Miss Smith's face.'—New York Globe.

Animals Are Not Proud.

Professor Schuster asserts that animals lack moral feeling entirely, none of their acts being immoral or moral in the broad sense, and that they have no trace of a sense of shame or of honor. Their courage, he declares, is "a mere impulse of nature," and of moral courage they know nothing. He continues: "And animals have no pride in the sense of man's conception of that quality. They are not proud of their kind, of their kindred, of their individuality. They neither have an individuality nor are individual. Animals are not proud because they have no consciousness of the scope of the value of their kind, of their enterprise or of any other form of their capability. They are neither supercilious, proud nor the contrary—that is, grieved, wounded or depressed in regard to a possible pride."

Where Beggars Have Trades Unions.

Begging is a vocation in China and beggary an institution. In every province there is an organized beggars' trade union or guild—in some districts several. These guilds have presidents and officials and are in every respect thoroughly well organized. There is a membership fee of about \$4, and all members swear to abide by the rules. The chiefs, or "kings," as they are called, are under the protection of the magistrates, and their power is considerable.—Wide World Magazine.

The Age of Artificial Beauty.

Writers on topics concerning women's matters would fain have us believe that the present is the age of beauty. The fact is that never before have the arts of artificiality been so widely adopted among all classes as they are today.—London Opinion.

Has to Take Them.

"I can take 100 words a minute," said one shorthand writer to another.

"I often take more than that," remarked the other in sorrowful accents, "but then I have to. I'm married."

Worth Two Men.

"Len made the gee cinb."

"Why, his voice is cracked."

"I know, but it spilt the other night, and he's slinging duets now."—Yale Record.

And Now He Doesn't.

Howell—Do you like congregational singing? Powell—I did until the cat in our neighborhood adopted the idea

Hindu Caste Marks.

The caste marks worn by women in India are confined to the forehead, and are more uniform than those affected by the men.

The orthodox mark invariably worn on religious and ceremonial occasions is a small saffron spot in the center of the forehead. But the more popular and fashionable mark is a tiny one made with a glue-like substance, usually jet-black in color, which is obtained by frying saffro till it gets charred and then boiling it in water.

Women who have not reached their twenties are sometimes partial to the use of small tinzel discs, purchasable in the bazaar at the rate of about half a dozen for a pie.

To attach these to the skin, the commonest material used is the gum of the jack fruit, quantities of which will be found sticking to a wall or pillar in the house, ready for immediate use.

In the more orthodox families it is considered objectionable that the forehead of a woman should remain blank even for a moment, and, accordingly, it is permanently marked with a tattooed vertical line. The blazer takes a fortnight to heal, but the Hindu woman, who is nothing if not a martyr by temperament and training, suffers the pain uncomplainingly.

Fetichism marks the lowest point of a gross and degraded superstition. It belongs to savages and not to civilized people. Yet there are social fetiches to which mothers sacrifice their daughters in this enlightened land. And these sacrifices are no less horrible than those of the degraded African who throws his writhing child into the fire. The name of the great social fetich is Ignorance. Mothers see their daughters "standing with reluctant feet where womanhood and girlhood meet," see them take the step beyond and assume the stupendous responsibilities involved in marriage and motherhood, and yet they say no word of warning or enlightenment as to the great physical change which marriage brings to women. For those who have suffered through ignorance, and have allowed disease to develop in the delicate organs, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a true minister of mercy. It stops drains, heals ulceration and inflammations, cures bearing down pains, makes weak women strong and sick women well.

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