

FARM NOTES.

The runt pig is poor stock to raise and should never be bred from. When you add new stock be careful to look for the presence of disease. Rape is said to be one of the best of hog feeds, as it does not cause bloat. The kind of crops a man grows is a pretty good index to the man's character. Young pigs are often killed by lice and the owner is not aware of the cause of the ailment. The Government is developing the Morgan horse at the breeding establishment at Waybridge, Vt. For the farmer the draft horse and good roaster are far more valuable than the speedy thoroughbred. Farmers should raise as many horses or mules as possible. Prices are high and good stock finds ready sale. Horses and mules are fond of sweets. On the sugar and rice plantations they are fed plenty of molasses on their coarse feeds. Put in a little lime occasionally in washing and oiling the harness. It will make it last longer and is more comfortable to the horse. Break colts to the halter when young and handle them frequently. By this method they will be easier broken to work when they are older. The American mule is said to be worth \$416,939,000. For it is claimed that it is comparatively immune from disease and is not susceptible to contagion. No matter the age, do not sell the brood sow as long as she produces good strong litters. But if a sow is not a breeder sell her, regardless of age. There are dairymen who will not believe that a cream separator will pay for itself on one year. They seem to be afraid that they will be convinced, too. Mixed feed is valuable because it is easily digested. It is made from hay, corn, cotton-seed meal, alfalfa, cotton-seed hulls and other feedstuffs ground into meal. The so-called new Alaska wheat now being extensively sown by Western promoters, was planted on the Idaho Experiment Station farm and yielded only 20 to 35 bushels. The discoverer's claims run all the way from 100 to 222 bushels to the acre. Horses that are idle in the winter should not be fed much feed that is rich in nitrogen, as, for instance, clover hay. If a horse does not receive regular exercise he cannot assimilate such feeds, and consequently the system becomes clogged and the disease known as azoturia takes place. Horses to keep in good condition should have daily work or exercise. A simple method of ventilation may be obtained by the use of muslin curtains in the place of some of the glass in a window sash, using about three square feet of muslin for each cow. The best results are obtained by running the muslin from floor to ceiling. Blinds on the windows may be provided to use in case of heavy storms. This makes a good substitute for a more costly system. To keep up the fertility of the soil it is imperative that the orchards be liberally fertilized. Both mineral and vegetable fertilization is necessary. A crop of alfalfa will remove considerably more potash from the soil than will a crop of wheat. To produce trees requires large quantities of both vegetable and mineral matters. Unleached wood ashes are excellent, and if potash is used in muriate form 200 to 300 pounds to the acre should be sown broadcast among the trees. Professor F. D. Coburn is authority for the statement that wherever alfalfa grows the land is not only enriched, but the growers as well. It not only fills the soil with valuable plant food, but as hay and pasture it brings large returns that substantially increase the owner's bank account. Through its wonderful root system alfalfa restores, enriches and improves rather than depletes the soil, to the great benefit of other succeeding crops. It makes poor land good, and good land better. A Department authority says there is no question but what powdered milk is soon to become a very important factor in establishing the price of dairy products. It is made from skim milk and is being largely used by bakers, confectioners and others, to whom a pure article of skim milk is a daily necessity. The powder may be stored in boxes and the addition of a little water does the business, and the user is independent of the milk dealer or delayed milk trains. The foreign demand for this milk is sure to be large as soon as the value of the article for human food has been thoroughly established in foreign countries. In cold weather the drinking water for dairy cows should never be near freezing point. In order to produce a regular and large flow of milk, the dairy cows must consume large quantities of water each day, but they will not readily drink much water if it is very cold. Even if the water is only cool many cows will not drink sufficient amount. They want it to be of a mild, or even warm, temperature. Therefore, it is important that during the winter water should never be given cows unless the chill is taken off it. Either pump it warm from a deep well, or warm it by pouring a kettle of boiling water into the drinking trough. The Kansas experiment station has realized \$11.90 per acre from rape pasture and \$24.10 from alfalfa pasture in 98 days. These results were obtained from the following experiments, which were begun July 25 and concluded October 31: Thirty shoats averaging 52 pounds in weight were divided as nearly equal as possible into three lots of 10 each. Lot No. 1 was fed on a grain mixture of shorts one-half, cornmeal one-fourth and Kafir cornmeal one-fourth, in a dry lot. The other two lots were fed the same grain ration, but one received rape pasture and the other alfalfa pasture in addition. Each lot was given what grain the hogs would eat up clean, and each had access to water and ashes. The gain of the three lots were very nearly equal. The dry lot consumed 557 pounds, or 70 pounds for every 100 pounds of grain, more gain than the pasture lots. The lot on rape required one acre of pasture, while the alfalfa lot used a acre less than one-half acre.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Just where you stand in the conflict, There is your place; Just where you think you are useless, Hide not your face; God placed you there for a purpose, Whate'er it be, Think He has chosen you for it, Work loyally.

—Home Notes.

Age cannot alter nor custom stale the perpetual popularity of the barn dance as a social merry-making.

Like the progressive card party, while new favorites come and go, this form of frolic "goes on forever," and is always a success.

A hall can be employed when a barn is not to be had, and at this time of year can be made very profitable with Autumn leaves and country produce.

Besides the bouquets of scarlet and yellow foliage there should be piles of straw and rolls of fodder corn in the corners of the room; ropes of apples and onions and chains of dried corn ears wired together to festoon the walls; pumpkins and squash lanterns as illumination. Country dress is, of course, a foregone conclusion, but in case the women forget the necessary caps and aprons, these can be sold at the door—caps, 5 cents, aprons, 10. Calico ties for the men guests at 5 cents, can also be offered and straw farmer hats at ten cents. The proceeds can be donated to some local charity.

The Spook Dance.—A barn dance with an element of mystery which renders it especially suitable for a frolic in an old barn is a carnival of spirits (or, as it is also called, a spook hop). Invitations should be decorated with skull and crossbones and might be worded after this model:—

Dear Spirit:—We hope you can attend a carnival of the spirits at Mason's barn by the Mill Creek on Thursday evening—from 9 to 12, R. S. V. P., and in case you join us wear spook dress and disguise.

Yours ghostly.

THE SPIRITS.

The spirit dress is a loose, flowing costume cut from old sheets, with a muslin mask. It is perhaps the most inexpensive fancy dress disguise ever discovered by merry revellers.

On the appointed evening arriving guests find the barn dark, save for one flickering lantern swung at the portal. The barn door is opened by a spirit, who lays one finger upon its lips and indicates the direction guests are to take in order to join the rest of the ethereal merry-makers.

The dancing hall (found by means of small pumpkin lamps strung along the corridors) is draped with white and black tissue paper. At one end of it a concealed orchestra plays faint music for the dancers.

The unmasking may take place about eleven o'clock. When masks are removed the orchestra plays aloud. At half past eleven, supper is served—usually on boards laid across stables. These boards may be trimmed in advance with black and white crepe paper, looped up with rosettes of the same. Favors are tiny skeletons, death-head ovoid lamps and other shivery trifles.

Barns' Barn Dance.—When a really charming costume reel, with plenty of scope for color effects and originality is desired, try a Robert Burns Dance. Invitations are issued in eighteenth century phraseology and programs have tiny miniature of the poet with different verses extracted from the poems. At least a portion of the program will consist of the Roge de Coverley and square or country dances. The polka, schottische and other old-fashioned terpsichorean favorite should figure rather than the modern two-step and waltz. The costumes required are those of English or Scottish country folk of the Eighteenth Century.

Nuts, cider, cookies, apples, and if desired, coffee or mulled wine, form the refreshments.

A Hoboe Dance.—Then there is the Hoboe Dance (or Tramps Carnival), where the required costume is simply the most ragged and weather beaten costume appropriate to his or her sex that the guest can put hands on. The corridor is laid with strips of wood, representing railroad ties, which the tattered mallow crowd must walk to reach the dancing hall. Weary Walker and Wandering Willie find feminine counterparts among the women all wearing patched frocks, old shoes and ragged millinery. Refreshments are served in tin pails.

Gypsy Dance.—Or the revellers may be taken a gypsying, both sexes appearing in Bohemian dress. A gypsy kettle swung on forked sticks and a wagon or tent, in which the fortunes of those sitting out dances are told free of charge, add to the picturesque of the scene and to the fun of the evening.

ADVICE.

Try to do something. Try to be something. Caus'g the world to remark! Don't be a quitter. Hopeless and bitter. Groping along in the dark! —Birmingham Age-Herald.

For the Nurse.—Clothes wrung out of very hot water will relieve almost any pain, and will act much more quickly than a plaster.

Consel General Guenther writes from Frankfurt that in many parts of Europe it is customary among the people to burn sugar in sick rooms, a practice which is considered by physicians as an innocent superstition, neither beneficial nor harmful. He adds: "Professor Trilbert, of the Pasteur Institute, at Paris, has, however, demonstrated recently that burning sugar develops formic acetylene-hydrogen, one of the most powerful antiseptic gases known. Five grams of sugar (77.16 grains) were burned under a glass bell holding ten quarts. After the vapor had cooled bacilli of typhus, tuberculosis, cholera, smallpox, etc., were placed in the bell in open glass tubes, and within half an hour all the microbes were dead. If sugar is burned in a closed vessel containing putrid meats or the contents of rotten eggs the offensive odor disappears at once. The popular faith in the disinfecting qualities of burnt sugar appears, therefore, well founded.

Brown Bread Sandwiches.—For this purpose use either Neufchatel or Philadelphia cream cheese. If the former is very hard you must moisten it a trifle with sweet milk, or, better still, cream. Add just a dash of parika to give it tang and a little salt. Finally to each cheese add half a chop of nut meats, ground in your meat chopper. English walnuts are best for this purpose. Almonds are flat in flavor. Spread this mixture on thin slices of brown bread, brushed with melted butter.

A Place for Homeless Girls.

"Where shall I put my little girl?" How many times the question is asked in sore perplexity when the mother sits quietly by or the home broken up. Until very recently Protestantism has had almost nothing to meet this need.

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Many of the children are half orphans. One, however, has both father and mother, who brought the child of six years, declaring that though so young, she was utterly unmanageable—by them. But a single afternoon changed her completely.

"How did you do it?" I asked of the deaconess. "You did it?" "No, I never strike the children. It is not necessary when the mother is quiet and does a certain thing and quietly insisted upon it. It took two hours, but I've not had a particle of trouble since."

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Faith in Oratory.

"I suppose, Uncle Jim, you remember a good deal about the politics in the early days?"

"Well, I never tuk much int'rest in pollytics, but I kin recollect when John C. Fremont was 'lected President."

"Fremont? Why, Fremont was never elected."

"He wun't? Well, now, thet gets me. I heard a leadin' speaker talk the night 'fore 'lection, an' he said if John C. Fremont wun't 'lected the country would fall to ruin an' everybody would have to shut up shop. 'Course I didn't take the papers; but, notion' 'tut things went on 'bout 'lection, an' he said if John wun't be elected, I cal'nded John wun't be wun't 'lected? Well, b'jinks! thet gits me!" —Judge.

Florida Camphor Trees.

As showing how favorable to camphor growth the soil and climate of Florida are, a newspaper of that state tells of a tree planted by Captain J. P. Renfro, of Richmond. It is seventeen years old, forty feet high, its branches cover forty feet, and its diameter twelve inches above the ground is four feet. The hills around Richmond seem to be specially adapted to the growth and development of the camphor tree in its highest state. The tree becomes useful for the production of the gum in a few years after planting.—New York Sun.

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