

FARM NOTES.

The horse has a smaller stomach than the cow.

Pigs that mature early are the pigs that are worth while.

Wood ashes, charcoal, and salt should always be accessible to hogs.

Feed of all kinds is high this winter. You want to know how to feed economically.

Don't specialize on one crop but practice rotation. Include at least one legume in that rotation.

Do not store seed corn in boxes or barrels. It will gather moisture and be injured by freezing or mould.

Keep up a close acquaintance with all the live stock. Individual attention to each animal is what is needed.

The crop reporting service of the United States Department of Agriculture costs the Government \$230,000 a year.

The greatest weight of beef can be made with a given amount of feed during the first 20 months of a steer's life.

New York is the leading wheat-producing State, with Pennsylvania second, Michigan third, Maine fourth and North Carolina fifth.

The ewes should be kept in good condition at the time of the birth of their young, as those in poor condition are not apt to own their lambs.

Medium-sized hogs are now most in favor. It is best to feed hogs for only eight or ten months. After they are a year old the feeding is not profitable.

A good time now to work on the roads. A good road shortens the distance to market and in addition makes it possible to double up the size of the load.

It is entirely practicable, by simple, natural, economic methods, to produce prime heaves from 1400 to 1600 pounds in weight at from 20 to 22 months.

The Australians have carried the cultivation of egg-producing qualities in Leghorns, Langshans and Wyandottes to a point far beyond any reached in this country.

Do not waste too much time trying to cure a fowl afflicted with some disease that you do not understand. Better kill them at once unless they are valuable exhibition specimens.

There are 2800 counties of agricultural importance in the United States, of which Steuben and St. Lawrence, in New York State, and Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, take rank well up in the lead.

Horse breeding is increasing fast, but it will be several years before the supply of good stock catches up with the demand. Prices have been steadily going up for the past three years, and are likely to stay up for several years at least.

No dairy bull should be extensively used until he has attained a very mature age and proved that he is capable of producing profitable progeny. From the fact that a male animal is pure bred or registered does not positively prove his worth. The efficacy of his offspring tells the story.

Don't try to worry along through the winter without a good snow plow, a triangle affair, with sides five feet long and twelve inches high. Have the draft chain hooked low and have a crosspiece at the rear to stand on. One horse will pull it. It will run steadily and opens a three-foot path.

Professor E. B. Voorhes has figured out that a single well-fed cow will produce in a year 107 pounds of nitrogen, 87 pounds of phosphoric acid and about 87 pounds of potash. At this rate it is easy to see why dairy cows are such a powerful factor in increasing the fertility of the farm, when the manure is properly cared for.

A summary of feeding trials with dairy cows shows that alfalfa can be made to take the place of at least one-half of the grain usually fed our dairy cows, and, as the nutrients needed by dairy cows can be produced much more cheaply with alfalfa than with grain, the cost of producing milk may be greatly reduced by its use.

Most people wear out the glove first on the hand they use the most, then throw the other glove away because it has no mate. This left-over, if made of canvas or similar material, may be used on the other hand by turning it wrong side out. The seam on the outside makes it come just right for picking things up, such as fruit, sorting apples, etc.

Is the milking machine safe to use? A New Jersey dairy farmer has used one of the patent milking devices states that under his own personal operation, the machine actually increased the milk flow, but that when the duty was laid on an overworked superintendent, some of the cows were injured. It would seem, therefore, that the operation of a milking machine calls for carefreeness and intelligence.

In handling a goose it should always be taken by the neck, and a strong grip from the ground the body should be turned with the back toward the person handling it. In that position it cannot strike, and will remain quiet. Partly support the body by seizing the first joint of the wing with one hand. If the goose is held facing one it will strike hard blows with its wings or scratch with its feet.

Two things cause expense in the poultry business. The first is loss or waste; the second feed. Prevent waste and make a pound of feed produce the greatest possible gains and you have solved the mystery of profits in the poultry business. Cleanliness is more than half the battle in preventing loss. Keep the lots, yards and the houses as clean as you can and you will find that the losses of last year will be reduced fifty per cent.

Idaho is laying claim to being something of a berry-growing state, and Andrew Jensen, living near Emmet, raised \$1,100 worth of dewberries on one acre of ground. The farm comprises eighty acres and was bought by Jensen brothers for \$8,400, so that from one acre the new owners have made 13 per cent of their total investment. On half an acre on another farm, another firm raised 7700 crates of strawberries, which they sold at an average of \$1.10 per crate, or \$8,470. Because of the backward spring and late frosts, it was not a very good berry year, which makes the yield the more remarkable. In each instance a record was kept of every crate picked and sold.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Swing the goblet aloft; to the lips let it fall; Then send you the knee to address her!

And to drink, gentle sirs, to the queen of us all—

To the woman that's good—God bless her! And I pledge my last toast, ere I go to rest— O! fortunate earth to possess her!

To the dear tender heart in the little white breast

Of the woman that's good—God bless her! —First prize in What-to-eat Contest.

Real faces of all kinds should be kept in a warm atmosphere. They should be frequently taken out of their receptacles, which must be dust-proof, and exposed to the air.

If the face is torn, it can in all cases be given a new lease of life by placing the face over a copy of the paper, cutting away the torn portion, and filling in the spaces as nearly as possible like the original.

Cleaning face should only be attempted by a skilled and reliable hand. Lise has often been used to whiten face that has become dingy, and when she is put into water the fabric is sure to be destroyed by burning.

The right color for old lace is that of pure, unbleached linen. Colored lace although sometimes demanded by fashion, is an outrage on good taste, as are bleaching and stiffening to white lace.

The unbleached effect can always be given by steeping the lace for a few minutes in an infusion of tea.

There is a growing inclination toward plainness in design.

Some of the handsomest satin damask cloths are, in fact, absolutely plain.

A five-inch satin band a foot from the edge sometimes relieves this severity.

Monograms worked in white are much used on these plain tablecloths.

This measures about two inches and a half and adorns the corner or the middle of the side.

The accompanying napkins bear a similar monogram about an inch and a half in height.

For the woman with the plethoric purse there are cloths trimmed with handmade lace.

These often cost a hundred dollars and are intended to be placed over a delicate color.

Naturalistic colors are now seldom used in floral designs on linen tablecloths.

Most of the embroidery is white, and if colors are used they are very delicate.

Italian out-work, Oriental out-work and Japanese shadow embroidery in old blue and white are favorites among ornate cloths.

Did you ever try smiling to cure the blues? If not, try it when you are troubled with this melancholy complaint and note the result.

You cannot be lazier if the corners of your mouth are turned up, and with a smile on your lips life takes on a new aspect. The people you meet smile back and a general atmosphere of good nature, good temper and good spirits is everywhere. Smile always, and your digestion, your complexion and your popularity will improve a hundredfold.

Every woman wishes to be good looking, and nothing so quickly destroys all the natural good looks a woman possesses as a sour, long face. Her nose may be shaped on lines contrary to classical specification; her complexion may leave much to be desired, and her mouth open to a wider range than is strictly in conformity with laid-down beauty rules; but let her be good natured, with her eyes and mouth ready to break into smiles, and there are few who will notice nature's shortcomings, and those who know her will love her and seek her society.

A well-known doctor has adopted this "smile" method in his treatment of nervous patients, and claims that when it is taken in regularly good effects are the result.

It takes some persuasion to get them into the way, it is appalling to many as the height of absurdity, and if one is "blue" it takes considerable will to sit down and smile sweetly and complacently at nothing at all and it is this will power that brings the blessing—it makes one forget the fancied misery.

Few women understand the art of watering a palm. In summer time when the plant is set out in yard or veranda, there is no great necessity for special education along these lines. But when the palm is installed in the ordinary library or living room great care should be exercised in watering it properly. Once a week the leaves should be sponged with lukewarm water to which a little milk has been added. After this has been accomplished stand the plant for two hours in lukewarm water deep enough to completely cover the pot. If this is done regularly the lustrous palm of the summer months will not commence to pine and dwindle the moment it is put in the house.

An expert's advice concerning the extermination of moths which have got into rugs and carpets is to allow these rugs to stay out of doors during a frost. This will kill both eggs and insects. He recommends a generous sprinkling of gasoline on the furniture, placing the articles out of doors until complete evaporation has taken place. Another suggestion from the same source is that any article packed away from moths must be placed in a very dry room. Dampness is fatal.

Molasses Candy.—Take half a gallon of West India molasses, one pound sugar, quarter of a pound of butter.

Boil for three hours, and just before the candy is done add the juice of a lemon. Try some by cooling it on a plate to see if it is sufficiently stiff. Pull as for sugar candy for a half hour.

A little vinegar on the hands will make the taffy stiff. It should be a light yellow color when pulled.

A New Chicken Dish.—If one wants to use left-over chicken for a delicious supper or luncheon dish the meat should be cut into cubes and then be covered with strips of red Spanish peppers, which now sell by the can.

Spoon Bread.—One cupful of white corn-meal, one of sour cream or buttermilk, half teaspoonful of salt, three eggs, one teaspoonful of melted butter. Scald the meal with boiling water until it swells, stir well and thin with milk, to which the soda has been added. Add salt, butter and the eggs, beaten separately. Bake in a hot baking dish and serve from it with a spoon.

A l'Espagnole.

"I wonder why it is," remarked the stranger to me.

"Why what is it?" I queried.

He groaned and explained thus: "Why is it that chefs at restaurants think that the mere addition of a tomato to anything under the sun justifies their calling the combination something 'a l'Espagnole'?"

"I see," I said, "My curiosity is at once aroused. 'What,' I ask myself, 'do the Spaniards do to eggs?' So I order 'eggs a l'Espagnole.' What are they? Eggs with tomato."

"I see 'chicken fricassee a l'Espagnole.' Nothing but tomato mixed with chicken. And thus it goes on and on through life, a continual round of hopes deceived. Spanish sauce is tomato catchup. It is absurd; it is careless. Chefs have no right to be so lazy. Why, if the same degree of carelessness is allowed to run rampant through other classes of men besides chefs I do not doubt"—

Here the stranger got positively tragic.

"I do not doubt that the good old phrase 'walking Spanish' will be applied to stepping on a tomato. I fear it; I fear it!"

And he faded thence, shaking his head with gloomy foreboding.—New York Times.

Tennyson and Lowell.

Mrs. Procter, the wife of Barry Cornwall, was a great figure in London literary society when Mr. Lowell was United States minister at the court of St. James. Mrs. Procter was most anxious to bring Tennyson and Mr. Lowell together. Tennyson, who was whimsical in his prejudices, made various excuses and affected to believe that Mr. Lowell was a poet of little importance and an after dinner orator whose graces of style were overrated. One day Mrs. Procter told Mr. Tennyson that Mr. Lowell had written some lines on her birthday and that she must insist upon reading them to him. The English poet looked at her askance and submitted with bad grace. Mrs. Procter did not go further than the opening line, "I know a girl—they say she's eighty." Tennyson scowled and sprang to his feet with a gesture of impatience. "Too familiar!" he growled out in high disdain and refused to listen to the remaining lines. Mrs. Procter persevered in her efforts, and bringing the two poets together, and they finally met and became intimate friends. Mr. Tennyson was a man of many caprices and had a touch of shyness and cold reserve which made him unwilling to meet a stranger.

A Sly Dog.

The late Dr. James Freeman Clarke used to tell this story of his dog:

"At one time my dog was fond of going to the railway station to see the people, and I always ordered him to go home, fearing he would be hurt by the cars. He easily understood that if he went there it was contrary to my wishes. So whenever he was near the station if he saw me coming he would look the other way and pretend not to know me. If he met me anywhere else he always bounded to meet me with great delight. But at the station it was quite different. He would pay no attention to my whistle or my call. He even pretended to be another dog and would look me right in the face without apparently recognizing me. He gave me the cut direct in the most impudent manner, the reason evidently being that he knew he was doing what was wrong and did not like to be found out. Possibly he may have relished a little on my nearsightedness in his maneuver."

The Care of Goldfish.

The secret of success in caring for goldfish is to keep the water they are in fresh and sweet. Their globe should be emptied and its water renewed as often as every second day. Lift each fish out gently in a glassful of water, empty the globe, wash it out, then put in fresh water and put the fish back again. Clear, sweet rainwater should be used, and its temperature should be raised to 75 or 80 degrees by warming a part of it. Sparkling well water is too cold for the fish to thrive in and too pure, for the animalcules of rain water form an important part of the food of these fish. They need no other substance than a very few bread crumbs sprinkled in their water daily. For overfeeding will kill them very quickly.—Housekeeper.

Barrie's Critic.

J. M. Barrie some years ago was persuaded to take the chair at a Burns celebration in Scotland. He was extremely silent and stole away at the earliest opportunity. Next week he appeared in the National Observer a humorous article entitled "Mr. Barrie in the Chair," in which Mr. Barrie's lack of social tact was held up to ridicule. Many people thought the writer had gone too far and protested. But the author of the article was Mr. Barrie himself.

Influence of Feminine Dress.

Few men realize the influence that dress has upon them. Man thinks that he is an unbiased being, open to conviction, to sound logic, to unanswerable argument. Fond delusion! He is open to nothing except to the eloquence of a few yards of silk and to the persuasion of soft laces.—London Graphic.

Made Quite a Difference.

Miss Watson—Did Mr. Sark say to you as I entered the drawing room last night, Clara, "Is that the beautiful Miss Watson?" Clara—Yes, dear, with the accent on the "that"—Exchange.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

A woman needs to give double care to the preservation of her health—once for her own happiness and once for the health and happiness of the children she may have.

How often does she take this extra care of herself? Rarely, indeed, until she has entered upon a course of suffering, and has learned from experience the necessity of care. It ought to be a part of the mother's duty to instruct her daughter in the necessity of preserving her womanly health. The budding girl ought to be taught that the high office of motherhood has its weighty obligations and responsibilities, and that if there is peril in motherhood it is chiefly due to the neglect of the necessary laws of health. The best way for young women to protect and preserve their womanly health is to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription on the first symptom of irregularity. Irregularity is the beginning, often, of complicated and painful feminine disorders. "Favorite Prescription" regulates the periods, cures inflammation, ulceration and female weakness, builds up and strengthens the nerves and enriches the entire body with vitality and vigor. It contains neither alcohol, nor narcotic.

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