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FARM NOTES.

When fowls crow at night, which is the fact when the number quarters is greater than the capacity of the house, they sweat. This sweating causes the feathers to rot at the base, giving them the very appearance of molting. This explains why so many flocks look ragged in early summer.

Around Charleston, S. C., is found the largest acreage of purely truck-crop cabbage in the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture Year Book for 1907 says that the area surrounding a single shipping point in this region in 1905 produced a head of cabbage for every inhabitant of the United States.

Fresh hardwood ashes would contain at least 5 per cent. of potash, 1 per cent. of phosphoric acid and a good quantity of lime; also other materials which are of some value to growing plants and trees. Wood ashes are one of the best preparations for top dressing grass land, for potatoes and onions, and for orchards.

It is claimed that a freshly-laid egg placed in a bucketful of water will sink to the bottom; one day old will sink nearly to the bottom; two days old about half-way up; three days old will float not quite at the top; four days old just touch the top; five and six days, rise a little above the top, rising a little higher as its daily grows older.

Much old dried fruit will be found hanging on the trees at this season of the year. This is especially true to peaches and plum trees. In nearly all orchards nearly every tree contains from a dozen to a hundred or more of these fruit "mummies." They are full of the spores of fruit disease germs and will spoil next year's fruit if not removed this winter.

Here are actual results, each item referring to the product of an acre where the grower was a specialist: Asparagus, 30 bunches, 20 cents a bunch, \$600. Cauliflower, 100 to 300 pounds, \$450. Onions, 600 bushels, 75 cents \$450. Cabbage, 1000 bushels, 40 cents a bushel, \$400. Potatoes, 175 bushels, low estimate, \$175. Cabbage, 7000 heads, \$500.

The possibilities of an acre of good ground are as follows: One acre of onions can be made to yield from 445 to 600 bushels; one acre of sweet potatoes, 500 to 600 bushels; one acre of beets, 300 to 400 bushels; one acre of carrots, 300 to 400 bushels; one acre of cabbage, 8000 heads; and one acre of potatoes, 100 to 300 bushels.

The precise benefits of salt for dairy cattle is hardly known, but experience shows that it is worth while to feed it quite freely in such quantities as the cows will take. Cows having salt kept before them all the time will not eat too much, but they may be overfed with salt if they have not been given any for a long time. The salt stimulates the appetite and increases the flow of body fluids.

It would in a sense be better to wash eggs sent to market than to send them in a dirty condition. But washed eggs have no keeping qualities. The water appears to dissolve the gelatinous substance which seals the pores of the shell, and air is thus admitted and soon starts decomposition. The better way to treat dirty eggs is to take a wooden rag only slightly moistened with water and gently rub off the dirt.

An industry which the farmer might take up with profit is not growing. Improved nut trees begin bearing at about six or eight years, bearing the same amount of apples or pears. Large trees when grafted begin to bear about the third or fourth year, and large trees that are headed will bear sooner than small ones, but the small ones bear longest. English walnuts can now be grown in the central States.

A sick animal should be placed in a well-disinfected and dry box stall with plenty of bedding and sunlight (avoid drafts). In cold weather a blanket over the animal should be used. Large trees when grafted begin to bear about the third or fourth year, and large trees that are headed will bear sooner than small ones, but the small ones bear longest. English walnuts can now be grown in the central States.

According to figures compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture relative to the 1908 hog crop, there was on September 1 a shortage of hogs as compared with the same date last year of approximately 5,000,000 head. At the same date in 1907 the total number of hogs in this country aggregated 54,794,000, while this year the total had diminished to 49,729,845 head. This is a reduction of over 9 per cent. in this year's hog crop.

It is a noted fact that the majority of cases where roop has become epidemic among fowls the latter were crowded in tightly-built houses when the weather is very cold and allowing the houses to remain closed all the next day. This creates a moisture which generates dampness, and the whole house feels very much like a vault. At night the house is more or less filled with dampness emanating from the fowls' breath, but if on the following morning the windows are opened wide this dampness will be dissipated. This is a great point in favor of the scratching shed plan of house.

According to Dr. David Roberts, Wisconsin State Veterinarian, milk cows require different feed than beef cattle, and not much fat-forming foods should be given, as the cows are then apt to lay on fat instead of producing milk. More silage or roots should be fed in the winter. Daily feed a 1000-pound cow 40 pounds of silage, seven pounds clover hay, eight pounds of grain. The cows that are soon to freshen should be fed on succulent feed, such as silage or roots, bran, linseed meal with a little oats. Keep the bowels open and do not feed very heavy grain just before or after calving.

A funny incident happened before the 680 seagoers assembled in Conzely institute at Norristown, Pa., recently. Professor H. A. Surfaces, the State Economic Zoologist, addressed them, and displayed some sample corn, which had grown to immense size heretofore. In examining a particular large ear of corn, which measured 17 inches, he found that there had been some nature taking going on, for the ear came apart and the glumes which it was struck were revealed. The cobs in the center of which a stick had been affixed, were of two colors, red and white, the "fake" no doubt never suspecting that the "honest" inspector would get "next."

SPEARING A BEAR.

Bruin's Sharp Teeth Bit Through the Copper Sheathed Weapon.

"Twice in my chase of bruin I have made use of a bear spear as my weapon of attack," writes Count Eric von Rosen, "and I may take this opportunity to maintain that the use of a spear entails no greater cruelty than any other mode of attack and that every hunter should be armed with one in reserve, since these powerful beasts have a vitality that triumphs over a stray bullet or more unless lodged in a vital region, and when wounded their retaliation is redoubtable and easily fatal. In Karelia, Finland, the bear is yet regarded as a noxious horror. The great black haired 'slagbjorn,' or killing bear, is still rampant there, and a couple of winters back I was able to wreak justifiable vengeance on some beasts that had killed over a score of cows and nine horses. News had been brought me that some of these rascals were hibernating on a small marsh bound island.

"We found no difficulty in locating their lair, and I took up my post at the entrance to it, armed only with my spear. I may explain that a bear spear consists of an ash staff some two yards long and about a couple of inches in diameter. There is a blade of steel about twelve inches in length, and the shaft is copper cased as a prevention against the teeth of bruin. As soon as my gentleman appeared I tried to stick him in the throat, but he parried adroitly, and I missed. I made another lunge and succeeded in driving my spear point through his breast.

"He started roaring furiously and snapped at my copper cased staff, then made an attempt to strike at my arm with his huge fore paw, so that I might drop my weapon. The powerful brute hung on to my spear at the one end, while I as grimly held on at the other end. His bites went through the copper plate, and he started shredding the wood beneath. Strenuously I checked his further advances, and gradually, for his wounds began to tell, his resistance weakened, and he dropped at last over the aperture of his den.

"I pulled out the spear, but so much strength still remained in him that he seized the blade and bit it with a force that left deep indentations in the steel. My companion then finished him off with his own weapon. This struggle from start to finish covered five minutes."

QUEER ENGLISH TAXES.

Babies as Well as Windows Used to Help Sell the Revenue.

In 1695 a tax of 2 shillings had to be paid by the parents of every "little stranger" born in England except by people in receipt of alms. Curiously enough, a measure proposing a tax on babies was introduced some time ago in the local parliament of the German principedom of Reuss by which it was proposed that the parents or mother when registering the birth of a child should in each case contribute a sum amounting to 10 cents.

Some time ago a good deal of merriment was aroused by a measure introduced in the legislature of New Jersey by which it was proposed to tax beards, but even this is not an original proposal. Queen Elizabeth put a tax on every beard of a fortnight's growth, while a couple of centuries ago Peter the Great insisted that all nobles who wore beards should pay 100 rubles for the privilege.

As Chancellor of the English exchequer Pitt rendered himself very unpopular by the extraordinary means to which he resorted in order to improve the state of the country's exchequer. He it was who first introduced the income tax, and he also levied a tax upon horses, which caused a certain farmer to use a cow for the purpose of riding to and from market.

Even more dissatisfaction, however, was caused by Pitt's increase of the window tax, first imposed in the year that the tax on babies was enforced. This window tax caused property owners to wall up as many windows as possible, in order to reduce the amount for which they were liable.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Buddhist Ceremonies. Some Buddhist ceremonies present a striking analogy to certain Christian rites. An old missionary says: "The very titles of their intercessions, such as 'goddess of mercy,' 'holy mother,' 'queen of heaven,' with an image of the virgin having a child in her arms holding a crescent, are all such striking coincidences that the Catholic missionaries were greatly stumbled at the resemblances between Chinese worship and their own when they came over to convert the natives to Christianity."—London Standard.

Despite the Jokesmiths. Grocers never put sand in sugar. Architects often build houses within the original estimates. Coal dealers usually give a little overweight. Telephone girls are nearly always courteous. Salesladies ditto.—Washington Herald.

A Recommendation. "Ever been in jail?" "Countless times. But that's no detriment to a man in my business." "And what is your business?" "I'm a chauffeur."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Like a Streak. "Was his auto going so very fast?" "Your honor, it was going so fast that the bulldog on the seat beside him looked like a dachshund."—Houston Post.

Strange Ceremonies That Mark the Burial of a Spanish King.

Strange and almost weird is the ceremonial which accompanies the burial of Spanish kings. The pantheon, or royal tomb, is at the palace of the Escurial, situated 3,000 feet above the level of the sea and some distance from the capital. Only kings, queens and mothers of kings are buried there, and the coffins of the kings lying on one side, those of the queens on the other. After lying in state for several days in the throne room in Madrid an enormous procession is formed, accompanying the body to the Escurial. A halt is made on the way, and the corpse rests there for one night.

In the morning the lord high chamberlain stands at the side of the coffin and says in loud tones, "Is your majesty pleased to proceed on your journey?" After a short silence the procession moves on and winds up to the grand portal of the palace. These doors are never opened except to admit a royal personage, dead or alive. When the casket containing the remains is at last placed in the vault the chamberlain unlocks it and, kneeling down, calls with a loud voice: "Senior! Senior! Senior!"

After a solemn pause he cries again: "His majesty does not reply! Then it is true, the king is dead!" He then locks the coffin, gives the key to the prior and, taking his staff of office, breaks it in pieces and flings them at the ceiling. The booming of the guns and the tolling of bells announce to the nation that the king has gone to his final resting place.

Thought of Him. Papa—Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were away? Grace—Yes; we heard a man kicking up a great row about his breakfast at the hotel, and mamma said, "That's just like papa."

Wife—Will I always be the dearest thing in the world to you? Husband—I am sure you will, unless the landlord raises the rent.

Edith—How do you tell me and my twin sister apart? Tommie—If it's a pleasant one, it's Ethel; if it's a cranky one, it's you.

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