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FARM NOTES.

Oil up the work harness now while you have time. It will pay. In choosing cows for butter production the quantity as well as the richness of the milk must be considered. The laxative effect of wheat bran as a stock feed is due to an organic phosphate compound known as phytin. Don't plant poor, weak seed corn next spring. It is time and money thrown away. There is plenty of good strong seed to be had. A cow testing 3 per cent. butter fat may produce more butter than one which tests 6 per cent. provided she makes up in quantity of milk. The curl in a pig's tail is an indication of good health. When the curl begins to straighten out, look for disease and give medicine or a change of feed. Timothy hay is not a good cow feed. If you have a surplus of timothy and are short of alfalfa, you may sell the timothy hay and buy clover hay for the cows. For best results the soil should be fattened as well as the livestock on the farm. Fertilizers, properly applied, are good fertilizers of profit investment, but the farm should never be allowed to run down to the point where fertilizer is but imperfect restoration of lost capital. Fertilizers should increase the native capacity of the soil, rather than replace excessively lost energies. The function of bulk in the feed is more than the mere furnishing of nutriment for in a mechanical way it aids digestion. Pigs require less bulky feed than other domestic animals, but recent experiments show that to a certain extent hay feeding is very valuable in pork production. Where animals have been maintained for an extended period on feed which was exclusively of a concentrated nature, derangement of digestion has invariably resulted. Some hardy climbing plants may be started this spring, so that they will be in the order of succession next year. Climbing roses, hydrangeas, wisteria, clematis, Virginia creeper, trumpet vines and honeysuckles are good climbers for the ambitious gardener. Masses of color along fences are often effected. For this purpose no vines are better suited than nasturtiums, sweet peas, or some of the many varieties of flowering beans, like the scarlet runner or the hyacinth bean. Morning glory, ornamental gourd, moon flower, Japanese hop, or wild cucumber may be trained to cover unsightly walls or high board fences. They are also effective when trained over trellises and old trees. Cold wet rains and young lambs do not go well together. Keep them separate with a good roof and a windbreak. When separating ewes before lambing be sure that the pens are tight at the bottom, so the little lamb will not crawl out. Don't grumble if it is necessary for you to get up in the night a few times during lambing season. It won't hurt you any and it will help a long way in bringing the flock through successfully. In many cases ewes are not able to properly nourish twin or triplet lambs, and the extra one must be removed and put upon other feed, it having been found in many instances very profitable to raise lambs upon cow's milk. The mutton produced from such sheep is said to be very high grade. With young chicks there is as much danger of over feeding as under feeding. Feed often and regularly, instead of too much at one time. All young animals should have nourishment at frequent intervals. Swollen eyes is usually due to roup, due to the fowls roosting in a damp house or one where there are cold draughts. Bathe the head of the affected fowl with sweet oil or vasoline, and use chlorate of potash in the drinking water, a teaspoonful to each quart of water. Arrange before all the chickens are hatched, to keep different ages separate. The small ones are crowded out and crippled or killed by the older ones. Several feeding coops should be provided, each for separate sizes. Remember that hatching chickens is not half the task. Raising them without loss is a far greater task. The greater part of success lies in sustaining the young life and making it develop into vigorous maturity. Large breeds in general eat more than small ones during the growing period. Early hatched chicks grow faster than late hatched ones. April 1st seems to be a desirable time for hatching in this latitude. The amount of feed required to produce a pound of gain increases as the chicks approach maturity. Between the ages of six and thirteen weeks it requires from four to four and three-quarters pounds of feed to produce a pound of gain. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty-six weeks it requires from four and three-quarters to five, and three-quarters pounds of feed to produce a pound of gain. Chicks forced when young do not make as rapid growth as they approach maturity as those fed a more moderate ration. The loss among chicks on wet mash was much greater than among those on dry feed, even when weighing less than one pound each. The slaughter tests indicate that the American breeds dress out better than either the Mediterranean or Asiatic breeds, and that in general pullets dress out better than cockerels. When rather small, weighing less than three and a half pounds live weight, the cockerels of the Mediterranean and Asiatic breeds seem to dress out better than the pullets. Eggs set about April 1st seemed to produce the highest per cent. of chicks. Forced moulting seems to first depress then increase slightly egg production, but the net results at the end of three months were against forced moulting. The eggs of the different breeds in order of their weights were as follows: Black Minorca, Light Brahma, Barred Rock, White Leghorn, White Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red, White Crested Black Polish, Buff Cochins. A great deal may depend upon the strain, as it is known that some hens of any breed, normally larger eggs than others of the same breeds. The weight of chicks when hatched does not seem to be in direct proportion to the weight of eggs. Chicks weighing less than one pound and a half or more do best on dry feed.

Three New Hats.

Milliners have other troubles besides the frequent difficulty of collecting bills. One milliner tells of a letter she received from the wife of a man who in a brief time had advanced from poverty to great wealth. His family was still in obscurity, but was preparing to emerge. "I want you should make a bonnet and two hats right off," wrote the wife, "for me and the girls, and expense is no account. My measure is nearly twelve inches from ear to ear over the head and eight under chin and six from top of forehead to back hair, and that's near enough for both the girls. "I'm sandy, Jane is dark, and Lucy's got red hair. We want lively colors, and I want blue flowers and strings on mine, besides some pions. "Jane wants hers green, and Lucy wants pink. We don't care what shapes, but they must be becoming and so as they won't blow to pieces in the wind. Nor we don't want them loud, for my husband won't hear to such. "Please send within five days, and if satisfactory bill will be paid at once." -Youth's Companion.

Curly Hair Means Obstinance.

The curly headed man uttered an exclamation of mase. "Strange," he said, "I have been drawn for juries time and again, but I have never served. They always challenge me. I wonder why?" "It is your curly hair," said a lawyer. "A curly headed man kills a jury. He always causes it to disagree." "That is not true. You must be crazy," said the other. "It is the gospel truth," the lawyer persisted. "Curly heads are as obstinate as mules. They think they know it all. They disagree with everybody. "It is because," he hastened to add, "their curly hair makes them so good looking. In childhood they are spoiled by their parents, and in maturity women spoil them, falling in love with them on every side. So they become conceited. They disagree with everybody. Lawyers the world over recognize that as jurymen they would never do." -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Had an Answer.

This story is being told on a Swede in central Kansas who was given to excessive use of the bottle. He was working at a certain house, doing odd jobs, and the daughter of the house, knew of his reprehensible habits. She thought it time for some one to remonstrate with him on the error of his ways. "Why," she asked, "are you not ashamed to spend all your wages and make your wife take in washing? Why don't you give her some money?" "Well," he answered, "I have an income besides my wages." "Oh, is that so?" said the daughter, somewhat mollified. "Yes," he said, "I have an income from the queen of Sweden." "What for?" asked the girl. "For minding my own business," answered the Swede, going on with his work. -Kansas City Journal.

The Troubles of a French Academician.

The candidate, once elected, is bound to pronounce a harangue before he is allowed to take part in the work of the noble body. The director who happens to be in office answers him. This oration is invariably, or at least should be, composed first of thanks, more or less humble, for the great honor conferred, then of a panegyric of the happy one's predecessor. And, oh, how difficult that sometimes must be! More than one has rushed to the encyclopedia, then to the libraries, so as to get some clear notion of the illustrious ex-Imperial! Then fate is often ironical. A historian may have to celebrate the exploit of a writer of light comedies, a legislator may have to praise a Socialist, or else the newly elected member may have to speak of his most intimate enemy. -Jeanne Mairat in Atlantic.

Ancient Derricks.

Probably the oldest derricks still in use are the two built at Trier, in Germany, in the year 1413 and the one built in 1554 at Andernach, also in Germany. All these three derricks are built on the same principle. In the middle of a massive A frame tower is located the swinging or main boom, 20 by 20 inches, whose iron pivot moves in a pan shaped bearing cup. On top are fastened the guy ropes and the cap, which is also movable. The derrick can be moved by crossbars fastened to the main boom. The load is chain lifted by tread wheels sixteen feet in diameter.

Wagner to the Musicians.

Wagner's little admonition to the musicians was most characteristic and worthy to be noted by any orchestra of this day. "Gentlemen," he said, "I beg of you not to take my fortissimo too seriously. Where you see 'f' make an 'fp' of it, and for piano play pianissimo. Remember how many of you there are down there against the one poor single human throat up here alone on the stage." -Neumann's "Personal Recollections."

Got Even.

"I'll never offer to be a sister to another man." "Why not?" "The last one under the guise of brotherly advice told me some very unpalatable truths." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Diplomat.

"Does he always speak the truth?" "I guess not. All his friends praise his judgment." -Detroit Free Press.

He who swears distrusts his own words. -Latin Proverb.

Every Price Should Have a Reason.

It must be remembered always that it is not the price of an article which is important, but the reason for the price. The bankrupt stock, the fire sale, the manufacturer's remnants, the annual clearance, the removal sale, the dissolution of partnership sale—what are these and many more but arguments for the price? And note this one point—that without the argument the price is powerless. Reduce fur lined overcoats from \$100 to \$60 and your liberal discount attracts little attention. Why? Because there is no reasonable explanation for the reduction. Why should you present overcoats to the public? But announce that owing to an expiration of your lease and the imperative command that you vacate your present store within two weeks you will reduce the price of your fur lined overcoats from \$100 to \$60 and you will sell easily all you have to offer. Instinctively the public sees the whole picture—the proprietor's anxiety, the inevitable removal, the lessening days, the final sacrifice and the store full of eager buyers, quick to seize such an opportunity. This is only half the reduction previously considered. But one is business without imagination, and the other is business with it.—Lorin F. Deland in Atlantic.

The Characteristic National Meal.

It is not only in Scotland that breakfast is the characteristic national meal. Travel where you may, the first meal of the day is the one that strikes the foreigner, luncheon and dinner having gradually absorbed cosmopolitan qualities that are not even confined to hotels. But you never feel so much of an Englishman as when Switzerland gives you rolls and butter and honey and nothing more with your coffee or when France makes this into one exquisite crumbling "croissant" with an inch or two from a yard long loaf, or when Denmark adds cream instead of milk to the coffee and a dangerous piece of pastry to the black bread and round white roll. Yet our English breakfast became an institution only in the eighteenth century. Before that only royalty breakfasted off meat, bread and cheese and ale. The commoner, such as Pepps, took merely a morning draft of buttered ale.—London Chronicle.

A Compromise.

A struggling art student, a native of Pont Aven, went to Paris to study and occasionally visited an uncle there, an elderly shoemaker on the Rue Vaugirard. The shoemaker was to be counted on for a square meal and sometimes even for a small loan. One morning the uncle welcomed the student far more warmly than was his habit. "Just in time," he said, rubbing his hands. "The kitchen door wants painting, and I was about to give the job to the commissaires for 3 francs. But you can have it now. I'll pay you \$5."

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Why Men Cooks Seldom Smoke.

"Men cooks make a mistake to smoke. Men cooks that smoke have a hard time to get work." "Why so?" inquired a woman cook. "Because you don't like your cook to bend over the cooking with a cigar in his mouth. It doesn't look neat when you go down into the kitchen to see him finger the wet stub of a cigarette and then plunge his hands into the puff paste. Sometimes, in fact, if you have a man cook that smokes you will find ashes on the steak. I know a corporation lawyer who once found a cigar end in the soup. Do you think he'd ever employ after that a smoking cook?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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