

FARM NOTES.

It pays to feed the colts grain. Good feed and exercise must go together. Turn the colts in the yard every day for exercise. An uncomfortable, suffering pig can not be a profitable one. Hogs and hens do not go well in the same house. Don't try it. Drafts under the floors are death to pigs and even to grown hogs. The manure from each cow is worth from \$25 to \$30. Don't let it waste. A horse's pulse beats from thirty-six to forty times a minute when he is in health. Dark hog houses are not healthful. Let in the light and keep your porkers healthy. Pigs are not protected from cold by warm coats of hair, and suffer greatly if exposed. With a good stool to hold up the pail you can rest at milking time, after a hard day's work. Because sheep have warm coats, it does not follow that they can be exposed to wet and storms. A horse's usefulness is measured by his strength and rapidity of movement, and not so much by size or by weight. Carrots must be fed sparingly to working horses. Cut them in slices. They are a laxative, and affect the kidneys also. It pays to fess a little with the cows, and they relish a little change in diet, with some dainties added, as well as we do. Arsenate of lead is a better and safer potato bug killer than Paris green or London purple. It will never burn the leaves. If any sheep or lamb is heard coughing, put it by itself and give special care and treatment. Find the cause and remove it. When a sheep gets unruly, the best thing to do is to make a trip to the meat man's, and take as your passenger that trying sheep. Don't feed out all the clover to the cows. Save a nice lot for the sheep. They will get as much good out of it as any animal on the farm. It is impossible to develop a colt into a sound, servicable horse if it is kept tied on a hard floor day in and day out through the winter. Stuffing the colt with hay or straw or any coarse feed will spoil its looks. Keep this ration down by the use of some grain and less coarse feed. If a small pig is chilled it can be revived by dipping it into water as hot as you can bear your hand in, then wrapping it in warm flannel. Lop off the ration of all kinds when the horses are doing little or nothing. They are too much like a man to stand heavy feed while lying still. The cost of twenty or thirty bushels of oats fed to the colt during the winter will be worth more than twice as much in its growth and development. Millions of pounds of wool are imported annually to supply the home demand. Why not grow this wool on our own soil and keep the money in the family? Watch the hired man with your horses. If they cringe, dodge or show signs of fear while with him, take my advice and "fire" him. A good horse is spoiled when he is a victim of fear. From January Farm Journal. Don't forget that a few beets, turnips or cabbage mixed with the regular rations of the dairy herd these wintry days, will do much toward taking the place of the juicy grazing the animals relished so much in summer, when they filled the milk-pail to overflowing. No one can afford to keep a fat dairy cow. If a cow gets fat while in milk she uses too much of her feed for other purposes than making milk of it. A cow that has a good appetite, eats heartily and keeps thin in flesh while giving milk, is usually a good one to keep. Rye grass is one of the oldest, if not the oldest grass separately cultivated for forage purposes, as it has been in cultivation in England for over 200 years. It is especially valuable for permanent pastures on heavy soils in most climates. It is a good hay grass where conditions are favorable, but has never been highly esteemed in this country. A farmer at an institute said that one very good way for handling rock phosphate is to haul it to your barn and spread a certain amount of it over the manure pile as it accumulates. By spreading it over the land you get both the humus and the rock phosphate on the land together, and do not need a special machine for spreading outside of the manure spreader. Lime is found in the ashes of all plants, and therefore must be regarded as an essential constituent of their substance, although the lime requirement of different plants vary considerably. It is most pronounced with clover, lucerne, peas, beans and vetches; while it is least important with cereals. Thus a crop of wheat extracts from the soil 16 pounds of lime per acre, roots about twice as much, lucerne 96 pounds, hay 50 pounds and as plant food is small compared with its beneficial action in other ways. There are two classes of poultrymen who allow their hens to incubate during the cold months, the one desiring to hatch chicks to catch the early spring market, and the other to hatch pullets for next year as early as it can be done. The main difficulty is that the hen takes her time for becoming broody, and cannot be forced to go on the nest until she is inclined to do so. Of course, incubators are preferable, as they can be "set" at any time, but nevertheless there are farmers whose hens sometimes become broody in winter, and they allow them to bring off broods. It is less expensive when several hens become broody at the same time, as quarters must be prepared for the hens with broods in winter.

Fox as a Gamester. Charles James Fox, the English statesman, was even more notorious in the gaming world than he was famous in the world of politics. He had squandered \$250,000 before coming of age. He became one of the most prodigate gamesters of the vicious days in which he lived. Some of his finest displays in debate were sandwiched between excitement such as would unnerve most men who had no serious business on hand. Walpole has given a glimpse of a typical passage in this extraordinary man's life. He had to take part in the discussion on the thirty-nine articles in parliament on a certain Thursday. He had sat up playing hazard from Tuesday evening until 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. An hour before he had recovered \$60,000 that he had lost and by dinner time, which was 5 o'clock, ended losing \$55,000. On Thursday he spoke in the debate, went to dinner at past 11 at night; thence to a club, where he drank till 7 the next morning; thence to a gambling house, where he won \$30,000, and between 3 and 4 in the afternoon he set out on a journey to Newmarket. Pirates and Strategy. The virtuous island of Sark was not always so. When Edward III. was king, Sark was a haunt of pirates and wreckers. Sir A. Conan Doyle in "Sir Nigel" tells how they lived not upon the island, "but from what they can gather upon the sea around it. They are broken folk from all countries—justice fliers, prison breakers, reavers, escaped bondsmen, murderers and staff breakers who have made their way to this outland place and hold it against all comers." The merchants of Rye and Winchelsea fitted out an expedition against those scourges of the narrow seas. A landing was obtained by strategy. Leave was obtained to bury a supposititious dead sailor on the island, the burying party to come unarmed. But that apparent coffin was filled with weapons, and so was Sark cleansed of its evil inhabitants.—London Standard.

A Story of Mathews. Charles Mathews one day previous to the period of his publicly proclaimed dire bankruptcy invited a friend to dine with him. The walnuts were washed down by some rare sherry. "That's a delicious wine," his friend exclaimed. "It must have cost you a lot of money." "It didn't cost me anything that I know of," the flighty comedian answered, with a shrug. "You had it given to you, then?" the friend suggested. "Oh, no," answered Mathews; "I bought it from Ellis, in Bond street." "But he will charge you something for it?" the friend exclaimed in astonishment. "I believe he does write something down in a book," Charles retorted gravely. "Let's have another glass, my boy."

When Tea Was Dear. Those who grumble at the price of tea should turn for consolation to the records of its prices in early times. At its first introduction into England, about the middle of the seventeenth century, tea fetched anything between 6s and 10s a pound, and though a fall in price quickly took place the East India company still had to pay over £4 for the two pounds of tea which it presented the king. However, even thus it is doubtful if the tea merchants got very fat, seeing that the importation of some 4,000 pounds in 1678 was enough to glut the market for some years.—London Chronicle.

English Injustice. An Australian tourist traveling in the west of Ireland asked an old woman how far it was to the nearest town. She sadly looked at him, then sighed and said: "It was five nice miles two years ago, but some English brute came over with chains and made it seven, and our hearts are broke walking it ever since. Bad luck to them!" And she disappeared into the house, leaving him there.—Illustrated Bits.

Cramp in the Leg. To those who suffer from cramp in the leg at night the following hint may be useful: When the cramp comes on take a good strong string—a long garter will do—wind it round the leg over the place that is affected and take an end in each hand and give it a sharp pull, one that will hurt a little. Instantly the cramp will depart, and the sufferer can return to bed assured it will not come on again that night.

A Mean Question. "Yes, it was George's idea to give me a silver spoon for every birthday." "How many has he given you?" "Why, twenty-two." "Why did he stop?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cautious. "I have a remarkable history" began the lady who looked like a possible client. "To tell or sell?" inquired the lawyer cautiously.—Washington Herald.

A Dubious Saying. He—They say that the face is an index of the mind. She—I don't know. It doesn't follow because a woman's face is made up that her mind is.—Boston Transcript.

It Takes Time. "Has little Mrs. R. consoled herself over her husband's death yet?" "Oh, no; no yet! You know what a long time these insurance companies take to pay!"

We must not sit down and look for miracles.—Ellot.

"Mister" or "Esquire?" The words "esquire" and "mister" are among those in daily use, and yet most of us would be rather puzzled to say in precise language what we meant by them. In a recent county-court case in England a schoolmaster was ruled out of the "gentleman" or "esquire" list. British legal distinctions on this point have been anomalous, however. The following are not "gentlemen;" a buyer of silks, a solicitor's clerk out of regular work, a commission agent, and an audit office clerk. On the other hand, the following have been held "gentlemen"—viz., one following country pursuits and a silent partner in some business, a medical student, a dismissed coal agent out of work, and a person living on a parent's allowance. Aside from legal authority, it may be said that Matthew Arnold explained the real derivation of the word "gentleman" which signified that a gentleman, or any one who is engaged in a gentlemanly occupation, is denominated "esquire," but that the tradesman is entitled to nothing better than "mister." The English themselves are not always sure in making the distinction. Not long ago it was found by one who took the trouble to investigate that the railway companies vouchsafe the honor of "esquire" only to those passengers who care sufficiently about their social standing to be holders of first-class season tickets. The real derivation of the word "esquire" is, as most people will remember, from "escuyer"—old French for "shield-bearer"—and so it came to be applied to the chief retainers of knights. When the feudal days passed the word remained. No young married man should make light of his wife's first biscuits. It may make her heavyhearted. Of course marriage always improves a man—if you don't believe it ask his wife. Warren Delano, of New York, has purchased 1,369 acres of coal land in Indiana and Cambria counties. Consideration, \$154,012.50.

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