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FARM NOTES.

The old way of carrying a fowl by its legs or by the wings is not practiced by the present-day poultrymen. It is a cruel practice. Holding the fowl firmly by the arms and allowing the body to rest on the waste of the body through the legs is a much better method.

Fowls are obliged to throw off much of the weight of the body through the lungs. They do not sweat in the sense that do other animals, but instead breathe several times faster than sweating animals when heated. To keep in good health a hen requires nearly seven times the amount of fresh air in proportion to its size as does a horse.

The most suitable time to apply lime in rotations is when preparing the land for wheat or hay following potatoes and corn, or as a top dressing on young clover and grass. Regardless of the kind of lime used great care needs to be used to spread it thoroughly and evenly over the land. The best results cannot be had from lime unevenly spread and left to lie in lumps. The most practical method is to have the lime thoroughly mixed and spread it with a lime or fertilizer distributor.

In foreign countries—namely Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Austria and Norway, the Germans especially are enthusiastic on the subject, and have written more about the possibility of the goat for milk production than have the people of any other nation.

It is said officially that in Switzerland the production of goat milk has reached 20,000,000 gallons a year. At an estimated value of 10 cents per quart, the sum of about \$8,000,000 is realized. It is also estimated that 35,534 goats, counting both sexes and all ages, are annually kept in Switzerland. While that country is peculiarly adapted to goat raising, it is still a small country, having but a total area of 16,000 square miles and much of this area is mountain tops, entirely unavailable for any grazing purposes.

Goat culture is carried on a very limited scale in the United States. The native goat here is a fair milker, but the American people do not take kindly toward the goat or its milk. In Italian colonies milk goats are frequently found, as well as in colonies of many other people from the South of Europe. In the Italian colony at Palisades Park, N. J., about 500 goats are kept, and it is reported that a substantial income is derived from the production of milk, butter and kids.

According to the records of importations milk goats were brought into the United States for the first time about July 11, 1893, at which time W. A. Shafer, of Hamilton, O., imported four Swiss goats, which he had purchased in England. Another importation was made in 1904. About this time two goats were imported into Maryland from the Black Forests of Germany.

A year later the United States Bureau of Animal Industry imported something over 60 milk goats from the Island of Malta. These animals, however, did not prove satisfactory, as practically all of them proved to be affected with Malta fever, a disease very prevalent on the Island of Malta. The climatic conditions are also very different in that country than in the Eastern United States, where the animals were kept.

In Germany the goat is the "poor man's cow." It is said that 75 per cent. of the families in Germany keep goats, and that it is not confined to the poorer class, but the prosperous middle class consider the goat an advantage to them also.

The advantages claimed are, first, the possibility of procuring a goat is generally within the reach of the poorest families; second, the risk and insurance premium is disproportionately less in the case of the goat; third, the goat utilizes its food better than the cow and gives considerably more milk in proportion to its body weight; fourth, the goat is satisfied with feed which would be entirely undesirable for the cow; fifth, by keeping two goats instead of a cow, the family of a working man may be provided during the entire year with milk by the proper regulation of the time of the birth of the kid.

The climate suitable for milk goats is as varied as the breeds of the animals themselves. In Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Spain and Malta, both the long and short-tailed breeds are found. In Syria, where there are extremes of temperatures (from almost perpetual snow on Mt. Hermon to tropical heat at Joppa and the Dead Sea) the goats are of the long-haired variety. In the United States it has been experienced that the short-haired variety will suffer with cold if no protection is provided. Practically all of our long-haired goats (not of the Angora breed) are in the Southwest, where the climate is usually very warm, and it has proven pretty conclusive that the long-haired milk goats will thrive in parts of the United States, with proper care. Goats should receive the same rational treatment that the dairy cows get.

Goats have a great aversion to cold rains and sleet storms, and these conditions, where they frequently occur, are drawbacks. Milk goats are not like rain at any time, but they are not injured by it during the warm season.

A high and rocky locality is preferable for goats, where there is an abundance of vegetation upon which they may graze and browse. It is all the better if the air is quite dry. However, the animals thrive well on level land, provided it is well drained. Soil composed principally of heavy clay, so that the surface water cannot readily drain away, is not well adapted to pasture for goats. But if the animals can have access to such land with a free run to higher and drier soil, it will not be objectionable. They will feed largely upon the wet land and still seek the higher parts for rest and a place to sleep at night. If given such a pasture their feet should frequently be examined for evidence of foot rot. Wet soil is more conducive to the rapid growth of the hoofs, which should be kept trimmed, where the goats have access to pastures containing rocks and gravel, this trimming of the hoofs is done by natural method.

Goats have a habit of eating brushwood and weeds in preference to any other feed. Whether or not brushwood is the best food for them is a question that should be considered. German authorities discourage the practice, contending that the twigs and leaves have a tendency to impart an unpleasant flavor to the milk, just as in the case of cows, and, besides, it lessens the milk supply, and shortens the period of lactation. A brushwood would prove a most excellent place for the kids, and dry goats, and in this manner a flock might be employed in the clearing of brush land.

Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Rheumatism inflames the joints, stiffens the muscles and in some cases causes sufferings that are almost unendurable. Thousands of grateful people have testified that they have been radically and permanently cured of this painful disease by the constitutional remedy, Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes the acid in the blood on which the disease depends and expels it.

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New Advertisements.

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57-20-41 Forrest L. Bullock.

Constitutional Amendments

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

"That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies in revenue, except in case of war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply casual deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars, but amendments may be made as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies in revenue, except in case of war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply casual deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars. Provided, however, That the General Assembly may, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT MCAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so as to permit special legislation regulating labor.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Three, Section Seven.

Section 2. Amend section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

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