

FARM NOTES.

A persistent milker is made very largely by her treatment the first season. If carelessly handled and allowed to go dry prematurely she will form a habit that will hardly ever be broken.

Souring swill destroys from 30 to 60 per cent. of the food value of the ration, and the hog when feeding upon clover should have something to correct acidity of the stomach, rather than a food to intensify it.

Cleanliness and low temperature are the important principles in the care of milk and cream. The dairyman who disregards them disregards the health of the man to whom he sells and will injure his own business.

Coughing does not necessarily mean tuberculosis in cattle. Cattle cough from many different causes, but a chronic cough in this class of stock always gives a reasonable suspicion of tuberculosis where there is no other cause apparent.

Save all the wood ashes and apply them to the orchard. They supply potash, which is a necessary element of fertility. In addition to the plant food value of ashes they benefit the mechanical condition of the soil in making it mellow and friable.

Mange in horses is much more difficult to treat than scab in sheep or common mange in cattle. Prevention of infection with the disease is safer and more satisfactory. There is no best all-round treatment, even for lice on stock. The class of stock, physical condition of the animals and season of the year determine the kind of treatment most advisable.

According to the Oklahoma Station, grinding grain for hogs is generally considered to effect a saving of from 5 to 10 per cent.; soaking is also considered to improve grain rations for young pigs. Cooking, on the other hand, has been proved by many experiments to make feed less, rather than more, digestible, and it is, therefore, unprofitable except in cases where feed is made more palatable through cooking.

To paint and care well of buildings is economy, and it is well to neglect to take good care of good property. The implement worth buying is worth taking care of, since its life may be prolonged and the usefulness continued. Many wagons grow old from neglect and exposure when they are little used. We heard of one man who claims that it is useless to build a shed or house for a wagon, for his wagon lasted a long time without such care—but it did fall to pieces finally, and from neglect, and not use.

The corn crop of the United States furnishes nearly 250,000,000 bushels to mills, 40,000,000 bushels for starch and glucose, 21,000,000 bushels for distilled liquors, 14,000,000 bushels for malt liquors, 120,000,000 bushels for town feed, 45,000,000 bushels for export, 728,000,000 bushels for swine, 254,000,000 for meat and cattle, 231,000,000 bushels for dairy cattle, 97,000,000 bushels for poultry, 92,000,000 bushels for human food, 60,000,000 bushels for sheep, 23,000,000 bushels for seed and 131,000,000 bushels for miscellaneous uses.

In trimming the colt's hoof all that needs to be done may be done with a rasp. The hoof wall should be rasped off on the bottom surface until the relation of the heel, side and toe is approximately one, two and three in length, and the work should be done in such a manner as to cause the foot to rest squarely on the ground. Practice and observation will soon enable a man who has fair judgment to determine just what trimming each colt needs, and how often attention will be required. As a general rule the feet should be examined every six or eight weeks.

Bulletin No. 357, of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station (Geneva), announces the failure of summer pruning to control currant cane blight or currant cane necrosis. For eight years every cane showing injury in parts of a currant plantation was cut out, the inspections by the Station botanists being frequently and carefully made; but no diminution of the disease could be observed and the quantity of fruit was lessened on the treated plants. This disease is prevalent in some parts of the Hudson valley, and the bulletin will be of interest there principally; though perhaps not of profit except in that it shows what not to do.

Age of the flesh of very young animals frequently lacks flavor and is watery. An old animal, properly fattened and in good health, could be preferable to a young one in poor condition. The meat from young animals nearly always lacks flavor. The best meat will be obtained from cattle that are 30 to 40 months old, though they may be used at any age if in good condition. A calf under six weeks of age should not be used for veal, and is at its best when about ten weeks old and raised on the cow. Hogs may be used at any age after six weeks, but the most profitable age at which to slaughter is eight to twelve months. Sheep may likewise be used when two or three months of age and at any time thereafter. They will be at their best previous to reaching two years of age, usually at eight to twelve months.

When a new boar is brought to strange surroundings or a new home, the change should preferably be made some six or eight weeks before he is needed for service. If from a distance he should be isolated or quarantined for half of this period, to guard against the possible introduction by him of any disease. No matter how little liability to disease may come from his former home, there is still the chance that he may have acquired deadly germs in transit. Prevention is always safe.

If the trip has been a long or hard one, he should be lightly fed at first, and any desirable changes from the feed to which he has been accustomed should be made gradually. Time is necessary in a majority of instances to get the boar into good breeding condition, which usually means, if he is from the shows or auctions, that he will need more muscular development, and less fat. Exercise and flesh-forming food should enter into his care at this period. Exercise is important to the boar when he is not in service, and essential to develop his muscle and vigor.

Gifts of the Heart.
Gifts from the hand are silver and gold, but the heart gives that which neither silver nor gold can buy. To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes one to carry with him blessings of which he is himself as unconscious as a lamp is of its own shining. Such a one moves on human life as stars move on dark seas to bewildered mariners; as the sun wheels, bringing all the seasons with him from the south.—Beecher.

Sample of Ingalls' Satire.
Many years ago, when Senator Ingalls was in the senate, oleomargarine was a bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

Old French Furniture.
The old French cabinet makers, like the old masters in violin making, had the fashion of stamping their names on their manufactures. Today a cabinet or secretaire with the name of an old French master cabinet maker, maitre ebeniste, may bring a great price. Such was the case a short time ago when a commode signed C. C. Saunier, M. E., brought in Paris \$25,200.

Not Entirely Biblical.
When the Bible was translated into Japanese an equivalent to the word "baptize" could not be found, and the word "soak" had to be used instead. So that Japanese biblical students are acquainted with a person named "John the Soaker" and with a doctrine of "soaking for remission of sins."

Forcing Acceptance.
"What are you doing with that mask and those gumshoes? Surely you are not going in for burglary?" "Sh!" responded Dustin Stax, "I am trying to slip a contribution into a candidate's campaign fund without his knowing anything about it."

His Real Weed.
"Say, old man, don't get disheartened just because your first investment went wrong; the market is full of good things, and if you will come down to the office I'll give you a pointer." "That won't do me any good; what I want is a retriever."

Proud of Record.
A clergyman in Chicago, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate, draws attention to the record of happy marriages at which he has officiated. Out of 4,607 couples married, only two couples have been divorced.

Latest Horror.
"Every morning," observed the doctor, "over my coffee, I see in the newspaper an account of some motor car accident." "Yes," said the professor; "that's the auto crash of your breakfast table."

Usurer Properly Punished.
Five years in prison and a fine of 15,000 marks was the punishment inflicted in Munich on a man convicted of usury. He rented houses, and exacted up to 350 per cent a year of his victims.

Every Day.
"Write it in your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Change Due to Captivity.
All canary birds are descendants of the common gray species of the Canary Islands. Their original livery has been modified to lemon yellow by captivity and cross-breeding.

Has Thoughts of Reno.
Gibbs—I suppose your wife often speaks of the husband she had before she married you? Dibbs—No; but she sometimes speaks of the husband she may have after me.

Death Reveals the Truth.
The neighborhood of the tomb enlarges the mind. The proximity of death sharpens the perception of truth.—Victor Hugo.

Always Musical.
Musician (to his bride, who kisses him in the dark on the point of the nose)—An octave lower, my darling.—Exchange.

Daily Thought.
A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.—Mahomet.

Lucky.
Blessed is the man who can find enjoyment in remembrance of the pleasures he has had.

Poor Woman.
If a woman cannot make her mistakes charming she is only a female.—The Tatler.

Warning.
Beware of the man who knows too much, especially if it happens to be yourself.—Life.

He Couldn't Work Her.
While a Jewel City girl was selling tickets for the picture show, a man called for tickets and pushed in a five-dollar gold piece to pay for them, but the girl shoved it back. The man insisted it was money all right, but the girl informed him that he couldn't work her, and he didn't. He had to go out and borrow a dime. There are plenty of Kansas youngsters who never saw a gold piece.—Kansas City Star.

Quick Business Transaction.
While a flock of sheep was being driven along the Glasgow and Carlisle road, near the town of Lockerbie, Scotland, the other day, a motorist ran into it, killing three. The motorist at once drew up, inquired as to the cost of the sheep, paid for them, bade the shepherd "Good-day," and went on his way, the whole affair being the work of a few minutes.

Both Disappointed.
First Billiard Player—How is it you aren't at home this evening? Second Ditto—My wife's in a bad humor; she had company arrive and she wasn't ready. How about yourself? "Oh, my wife's mad, too; she got ready for company and they didn't come."—Boston Transcript.

What Puzzled Him.
"What are you puzzling about?" "I'm writing a sketch for vaudeville on the current political situation." "Well, you ought to have plenty of good stuff to put in." "That isn't what puzzles me. I've got so much good stuff I don't know what to leave out."

Not Worried in the Least.
"I see your son is building an airship." "Yes. He has it nearly finished." "Aren't you afraid to have him experiment with such a thing?" "Oh, no; not at all. I overheard him promise to let your boy try the first flight with it."

Riders.
"In some cases," said the industrial expert, "we find that the by-product is more important than the original article." "I have noticed that," replied Senator Sorghum, "in connection with appropriation bills."

The Eternal Life.
"The elm lives for two hundred years, the linden for three hundred, the oak lives for five hundred years—" "And the chestnut," interrupted the other half of the sketch, "lives forever."

Good Idea for Extension Table.
The extra leaves of an extension table invented by a Pennsylvanian are carried beneath the top when not in use and raised into place and fastened there by turning a pair of thumb-screws.

No Foundation.
"Here's where my friend and I are going to have a few words over nothing," said the wireless operator, as he prepared to manipulate his instruments.—Minneapolis Journal.

Looked the Part.
Walter found his mother talking to a portly lady. "Walter," said his ma, "this is your great aunt." "Yes," said Walter, looking at her ample proportions; "she looks it."—Savannah News.

Shrubbery on Steeple.
A shrubbery of a dozen small elder trees, each over three feet high, was discovered a few days ago growing on the steeple of the Wesleyan church, Kingston-on-Thames, England.

Winter Quiet in Yukon Valley.
There are no blizzards in the Yukon valley in winter, and there is little wind. Snow about two feet deep covers everything from early October till spring.

Worth Remembering.
Try to put well in practice what you already know; in so doing you will, in good time, discover the hidden things which you now inquire about.—Rembrandt.

Publicity Wanted.
Soubrette—Which divorce colony are you going to? Star—I haven't been able to find out yet which has the best bureau of publicity.—Judge.

Diplomatic.
She—Why did you wish to know my age? He—I merely wish to know at what age woman is really the most fascinating.—Life.

Errors of Eloquence.
Some men can get a reputation for wisdom in an hour's speech that they can't live up to in a lifetime.—Washington Star.

Uncle Pennywise Says:
We should all study the careers of our great men. A good way is to get on an investigating committee.

Friendship in Adversity.
Friendship, of itself a holy tie, is made more sacred by adversity.—Dryden.

Value.
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