

**FARM NOTES.**

—Keep all poultry manure dry until next spring and then apply it to the garden and special plants.

—Milk is approximately \$8 per cent. plain water. Unless this is supplied in sufficient quantity and in a palatable form, milk can no more be produced than if the cow is underfed.

—Paint is a great beautifier. A coat or two of paint has sold many houses and perhaps kept many owners from trying to sell. As an investment in upkeep paint saves the high cost of building materials.

—The higher the breed of cattle, the better is the beef. New York, Philadelphia and Boston demand heavy cattle in their purchases. A good bull is just as good as a stag as far as market value is concerned.

—More animals are needed on many farms. There are many farmers now buying meat; some without milk and butter; others where eggs and poultry are not as abundant as they should be. Raise more animals and sell less grain and hay.

—Clover is playing an increasingly important part in the economy of the farm, both as a concentrated feeding stuff and as a fertilizer. Nothing should be left undone to secure a good crop. The two common causes of failure are wetness of the land and lack of lime.

—Wonder if the labor leaders can answer this question, put by a New Jersey State Grange: "Why should the farmer and his wife work from early dawn to late at night to produce cheap food for workers who are trying up industries so that they may work for wages far beyond the farmer's hope of compensation for his long hours of labor?"

—Humus is the dark upper surface of freshly tilled soil formed by decayed leaves and other materials. It increases the water-holding capacity of soil; it aids in the decomposition of mineral matter; it fixes ammonia, which contains nitrogen, thus preventing it from leaching out of the soil; it renders soil light, mellow and friable. Humus is necessary for fertile soil.

—For breeding bacon pigs great care should be taken to select a pure-bred animal, as in breeding for a cross-bred boar the progeny are never so even or uniform in character. A pure, well-bred animal will, as a rule, transmit his qualities to his progeny, and give much more satisfactory results, both in producing a pig that will grow and fatten rapidly, and in obtaining top price when marketed.

—The bull must not be underfed when young nor kept overfat when matured. He must not be used too heavily before he is matured. Better results are obtained by gentle but firm handling, but never by abuse. Never allow him to get the upper hand at any time; he must not realize his enormous strength. Give him plenty of exercise; it is a mistake to keep him confined. Do not trust a bull at any time. It is not the "gentle" bull that does the damage.

The National Breeders and fanciers' Association of America has endorsed the "Better Sires—Better Stock" movement. Through its secretary, the association has notified the United States Department of Agriculture of its aim, through better sires, to improve the quality of fur-bearing animals raised in confinement.

In addition to raising animals kept primarily for fur, members of the association also breed such creatures as rabbits, cavies, and mice used as pets and for scientific purposes. The value of pure-bred sires is especially great for classes of animals like those mentioned because of their prolificacy.

American honey is becoming increasingly popular in Great Britain. On account of the shortage of sugar the English people have taken readily to its use, and it now seems probable that the demand will continue even after sugar again becomes plentiful.

The clear, strained honey in the glass has the best sale, the preference being for California honeys, according to reports issued by Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture. In 1914 the total importations by the United Kingdom were approximately 2,600,000 pounds. By 1918 this had increased to 36,500,000 pounds, valued at \$13,150,000. The United States contributed more to these totals in 1918 than any other country, its share being 16,000,000 pounds valued at \$5,500,000.

Manure is recognized as one of the finest fertilizers obtainable for the farm. The Bureau of Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has estimated that the manure produced on the farms of the State, each year, has a market value of the enormous sum of \$61,069,101.

The manure produced by the various species of farm animals in the state is valued as follows:

Horses, .....	\$14,958,513
Mules, .....	1,243,458
Cows, .....	18,386,120
Other Cattle, .....	12,147,180
Sheep, .....	4,286,438
Hogs, .....	9,047,392

Only a small portion of this vast sum is realized by the farmer. With fertilizers selling at top prices, the thrifty farmer will take care to see that not a pound of manure is wasted and that it is properly protected and not allowed to lay exposed to the elements where it loses most of its value as a soil fertilizer.

Idaho has conducted rabbit drives, in recent weeks, on as big a scale as when the country was new. Because the cold weather brought the rabbits by the thousands to feed in the irrigated lands, they threatened to do extraordinary damage in some sections. One drive netted over 8,000 rabbits and another 3,500. In Minidoka County, Idaho, 29,000 jack rabbits have been killed this winter in organized drives and 60,000 additional by poisoning campaigns. Once school was dismissed to permit the boys to take part. Four hundred people participated. Six rabbit drives in Lincoln County, Idaho, resulted in killing 1-

800 bunnies. Each event took on the character of a community gathering. Sandwiches and coffee were served.

In Walla Walla County, Wash., 11,000 rabbits were killed by 600 sportsmen armed with shotguns. They formed a line 5 miles long and drove the animals to the point where the Snake and Columbia Rivers unite.

Local representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture have directed the work or have cooperated with the local county agent or other authority.

The importance of taking steps to prevent the breeding of stable flies rather than depending on protection of the stock, when the flies are full-grown, can not be emphasized too much. However, where this is not done the farmer is forced to resort to various means of warding off the flies.

Work animals may be protected largely from the pest by means of coverings. One type of covering which has been found to be very effective and inexpensive consists of a blanket made of double thickness of burlap, so arranged as to cover completely the back, sides, and neck of the animal. The legs also are covered sometimes by means of old trousers slipped over the feet and tied over the back. Leather nets or strips of leather attached to the bridle also aid in keeping the flies from the head. The ordinary fly net has been found to be of little value, as it only tends to displace the flies temporarily and cause them to settle in places not covered by the net.

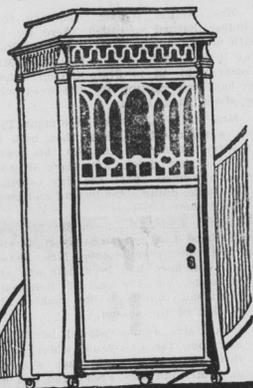
Completely darkened stables offer much protection from the flies, although the resulting lack of ventilation is objectionable. The thorough screening of all windows and doors is much more desirable. When screened barns are used, care should be taken to brush the flies from the animals, when they are about to enter, by means of nets over the doorway or with sacks. Little can be done to protect range stock from the flies.

—In dairy cattle, those of bad shape are not as a rule, good milkers. A capacious udder is essential to a heavy yield, and the capacity of the udder depends to a great extent on its shape.

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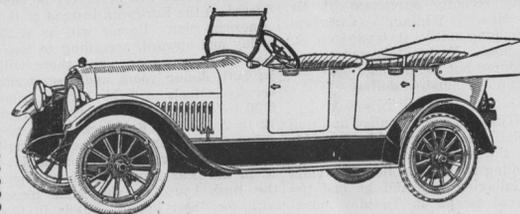
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