

# THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

## Farmer's Department.

### Farmer's Wives.

Farmer's wives, cut this out and paste it on the panels of your kitchen doors:

It is, perhaps, safe to say that on three farms out of four the wife works harder, endures more than any other person on the place; more than the husband, more than the farm hand, more than the hired help of the kitchen. Many a farmer speaks to his wife habitually in terms more imperious, impatient, and petulant than he would use to the scullion of the kitchen or to this hired man.

Many a farmer's wife is literally worked to death in an inadvertent manner, from want of reflection. None can understand better than he, in plowing or sowing, or harvest time, that if a horse gets sick, or runs away, or is stolen, another must be procured that very day; or the work will inevitably go behindhand. He does not carry the same practical sense in the kitchen when the hired help leaves without warning or becomes disabled, although he knows as well as any man can know, that they will expect their meals with the same regularity, with the same promptness, and with the same proper mode of preparation; but instead of procuring other help on the instant, he allows himself to be persuaded, if the help is sick, he will get well in a day or two, or a week at furthest, and it is hardly worth while to get another for so short a time. If the help has taken "French leave," his mind fixes on the fact that it is a very busy time and neither he nor a single hand can be spared, or that in the course of a week some one will have to go to town for some other purpose, and both these matters can be attended to at the same time. Meanwhile the wife is expected not only to attend to her ordinary duties as usual, but somehow or other to spare time to do all that the cook or washwoman was accustomed to do; that is, to do the full work of two persons, each one of whom had already quite as much labor to perform as she could possibly attend to. The wife attempts it. By herculean efforts all goes well. The farmer perceives no jar, no hitch in the working of machinery, and because no complaint is uttered, thinks that everything is going on without an effort. Meanwhile time passes, and infinite shame on some of them, they begin to calculate how much has been saved from servants' wages, and how much less food has been eaten, and because still no complaint has been made, the resolution quietly forms in the mind to do nothing until she does complain; but before that takes place, she falls a victim to her over-exertions, in having laid the foundation for weeks and months of illness, if not of premature decline and death.—*Dr. Hall.*

**Trees Starved to Death.**  
The N. E. Farmer relates a conversation which took place between two farmers on the subject of deterioration in the apple orchards. The conclusion arrived at was that orchards, as a general thing, were literally starved to death. This assumption may be rather sweeping, but it is certainly worthy of consideration. Orchardists left year after year with the turf pressed compactly about the roots and lower section of the bodies of trees, with no loosening of the soil, nor any application of manure, can hardly be expected to produce much fruit; nor do they. The soil needs stirring, wants the aid of invigorating fertilizers, and such prudent care as shall divert the trees of all superabundant wood. At all events, orchardists should avoid the just cause of starving their trees to death, as it is asserted many of them have done and are doing year after year.

### Manuring Trees.

Too many, in applying manure to their fruit trees, forget the position of the roots, and apply within a foot or so of the body. If they were to carefully remove the soil, they would find that trees of vigorous growth, and from seven to ten feet high, have roots, that are really the main source of nourishment, varying from six to ten feet from the body. The application of manure, therefore, to give the best results, should be distributed around the tree at a distance of from five to eight feet from the trunk. In positions where the turf is desired to be maintained, cut and roll it back, put on the manure, fork it in very lightly, and then replace the turf.—*Horticulturalist.*

### Destruction of Sheep by Dogs.

The March report of the Commissioner of Agriculture dwells upon the ravages committed by dogs among the sheep in the United States. In 1886 five hundred thousand sheep were killed by dogs, and their value was \$2,000,000. The number injured was three hundred thousand, and the loss is estimated at \$600,000. The number of dogs in the country is computed at five millions, their annual expense ten dollars per head, and the sum total of their subsistence fifty millions of dollars—an immense sum to bestow upon a class of animals, the most of which are worthless, and many of them causing great mischief to the farmer.

### Orchard.

Look well to peach trees, shorten in, and see that the peach worm is not at work. Pour boiling water on the lower part of the trunk near the ground, and if a sufficient quantity be used, it will cook the worm without injury to the trees; we have tried it fairly and are well convinced that even three gallons of boiling water to each tree, may be so used without injury.

### Manure trees, and remember that they require cultivation. Attend to preparation of clous early, and graft such trees as require it.

### Now Lightly.

Alderman Mechi says he has raised more wheat by using a bushel or even a peck of seed to the acre than he could have done had he used two or three bushels.

## For the Young Folks.

WHAT "buss" has found room for the greatest number of people? Columbus.

### The Horse and the Groom.

A Groom who used to steal and sell a Horse's corn, was yet very busy in grooming and wiping him all the day long. "If you really wish me," said the Horse, "to look well, give less of your currying and more of your corn."

### The Dog in the Manger.

A Dog made his bed in a Manger, and lay snarling and growling to keep the oxen from their provender. "See," said one of them, "what a miserable cur! who can neither eat hay himself, nor will allow those to eat it who can."

### The Creaking Wheel.

As some Oxen were dragging a wagon along a heavy road, the Wheels set up a tremendous creaking. "Brute!" cried the driver to the wagon; "why do you groan, when they who are drawing all the weight are silent?"

### The Hare and the Hound.

A Hound having put up a Hare from a bush, chased her for some distance, but the Hare had the best of it, and got off. A Goatherd, who was coming by, jeered at the Hound, saying that Puss was the better runner of the two. "You groan," replied the Hound, "that it is one thing to be running for your dinner, and another for your life."

### The Ass in the Lion's Skin.

An ass having put on a Lion's skin, roamed about frightening all the silly animals he met with, and, seeing a Fox, he tried to alarm him also. But the Fox, having heard his voice, said, "Well, to be sure! and I should have been frightened too, if I had not heard you."

### The Wolf and the Lamb.

There was a sensible Wolf; but there were many silly people who despise what is precious because they cannot understand it.

### The Wolf and the Lamb.

Once on a time, the Wolves sent an embassy to the Sheep, desiring that there might be peace between them for the time to come. "Why," said they, "should we be forever waging this deadly strife? Those wicked Dogs are the cause of all; they are incessantly barking at us, and provoking us. Send them away, and there will be no longer any obstacle to our eternal friendship and peace." The silly Sheep listened, the Dogs were dismissed, and the flock, thus deprived of their best protectors, became an easy prey to their treacherous enemy.

### The Countryman and the Snake.

A Countryman returning home one winter's day, found a Snake by the hedge-side, half dead with cold. Taking compassion on the creature, he laid it in his bosom and brought it home to his fire-side to revive it. No sooner had the warmth restored it, than it began to attack the children of the cottage. Upon this the Countryman, whose compassion had saved its life, took up a mattock and laid the snake dead at his feet.

### Those who return evil for good, may expect their neighbors, pity to be wore out at last.

### The Hunter and the Fisherman.

A Hunter was returning from the mountains loaded with game, and a Fisherman was at the same time coming home with his creel full of fish, when they chanced to meet by the way. The Hunter took a fancy to a dish of fish: The Fisherman preferred a supper of game. So each gave to the other the contents of his own basket. And thus they continued daily to exchange provisions, till one who observed them said: "Now, by this invariable interchange, will they destroy the zest of their meal; and each will soon wish to return to his own store again."

### The Man and the Satyr.

A Man and a Satyr having struck up an acquaintance, sat down together to eat. The day being wintry and cold, the Man put his fingers to his mouth and blew upon them. "What's that for my friend?" asked the Satyr. My hands are cold," said the Man. "I do it to warm them." In a little while some hot food was placed before them, and the Man, raising the dish to his mouth again blew upon it. "And what's the meaning of that, now?" said the Satyr. "Oh," replied the Man, "my porridge is so hot, I do it to cool it." "Nay," then, said the Satyr, "from this moment I renounce your friendship, for I will have nothing to do with one who blows hot and cold with the same mouth."

### The Wolf and the Shepherd.

A Wolf had long hung about a flock of sheep, and had done them no harm. The shepherd, however, had his suspicions, and for a while was on the look-out against him as an avowed enemy. But when the Wolf continued for a long time following in the train of his flock without the least attempt to annoy them he began to look upon him more as a friend than a foe; and having one day occasion to go into the city, he entrusted the sheep to his care. The Wolf no sooner saw his opportunity than he forthwith fell upon the sheep and worried them; and the Shepherd, on his return, seeing his flock destroyed, exclaimed, "Fool that I am! yet I deserved no less for trusting my sheep with a Wolf!"

### There is more danger from a pretended friend than an open enemy.

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