

Agricultural Notes.

Scours in calves may be corrected by the introduction of lime water or raw egg into their food.

Green corn ensilage, in the place of one-half to two-thirds the usual hay ration, will produce as much and as good milk as hay.

Well cured corn fodder from field corn, after the ears are removed, compares well in feeding value with average English hay.

The quality of milk—that is, the amount of milk solids and fat that it contains—is controlled more by the constitutional characteristics of the cow than by the feed.

In feeding out fodder to stock an average gain of twenty-five per cent. is noted over the feeding of the same amount. This gain is perceived in the yield of milk and butter.

An excellent application for the preservation of boots and harness is a mixture of one part castor oil, one part lard, a little beeswax, and lamp black sufficient to make it black.

It has been demonstrated that it pays to warm the water for hogs. Cold water hastens the consumption of food particles, and necessitates thereby a greater food supply. The rule applies as well to cows.

Recent tests have proven that greater benefits are derived from feeding beef cattle ground corn than from whole grain. A small excess of hay is required with this feed, yet the gain is sufficient to more than cover this excess.

The practice of dehorned cattle is becoming more common as time advances. An instance is given of the removal of the horns of seven hundred head by one man alone. It operated on one hundred in four hours, or two and a half minutes per head.

Don't deny the boys and girls an occasional holiday. Don't be so mean as to thresh or husk corn on Thanksgiving or Christmas. Let the boys and girls have a good frolic away from home on a winter day.

Carelessness in skimming cream will produce white specks in the butter. Great care should be taken to skim the cream of the milk entirely free from the least bit of milk, for milk will curd with the cream and if kept two or three days will become thick. When churned, the curd separates from the whey in the butter, and it is impossible to get rid of them.

Through the investigations of entomologists we learn that the hop louse lays its eggs at the close of summer in plum trees, where the insect hibernates in the spring, and resides until at the third generation. The third brood is winged, and immediately after development abandons the plum tree and attacks the hop vine. In the autumn it leaves the vine and returns to the plum tree, where it deposits its eggs for the winter, and the cycle of life goes on.

A new industry has been opened up in the manufacture of sugar from sorghum, which is thought to be an assured success. Many branches of farming that are now overcrowded can go into the sorghum sugar business, thus relieving overproduction in other lines at a profit to the whole country. This will retain in the country the one hundred millions of dollars that are now annually sent abroad to purchase our sugar supply, a sum that will be doubled in twenty-five years at the present rate of development.

Barley meal as a feed for hogs is not appreciated at its full value. Recent experiments show that 360 pounds of uncooked barley meal were required to produce 100 pounds of pork, i. e. weight, while of corn meal 403 pounds were required, of corn meal and shorts half and half 457 pounds were required.

Don't Dictate. A tourist stopped at a big cabin to get a drink of water. Noticing a very lean steered near the deer chowing a rag, the tourist, addressing the "landlord," said: "That's a very lean animal."

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The Economic Value of Forests

Doubtless you have all seen during the last few years, numerous references in newspapers, magazines, etc., to the necessity of forest preservation.

But while—as I will show you farther on—the fear of those early alarmists is with renewed force, and upon a more reasonable basis, again pressed upon us, other considerations besides a warning lumber supply compel our attention to forest preservation.

Small and Large Farms. Our notion is that small farms well cultivated are almost invariably the most profitable.

Instead of working like slaves and living in a miserly manner in order to run a large farm or purchase all the land that joins them, it would be wise for hosts of farmers to sell some of their broad acres and concentrate their efforts upon limited acres and look more to the comfort and happiness of their households, and the proper education of their children.

The Month of January. "When the grass grows in January, It grows the worse for 'till the year."

January is so named from the Roman Janus, who was the porter of heaven, having the surname of Janitor, the opener.

On New Year's Day, which was the festival of god Janus, the Romans gave presents to one another. Thus ancient was the origin of the modern custom of January festivities.

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