

STARRY BANNER SAFE IN THE HANDS OF FAIR PATRIOTS



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VETERANS' TALES AT MEETINGS OF THEIR POSTS



Wept o'er his wounds, or tales of sorrow done,
Shouldered his crutch, and showed how fields were won.

While keeping the graves of their fallen comrades green, the survivors of the Civil war swap stories of camp and battlefield to keep their memories green. While they march or wander through the cemeteries decorating graves they talk of the days when, in widely separated regiments, they marched southward, fighting step by step.

In almost every group of blue-clad Grand army men were veterans of the Army of the Potomac, the Army of the West, the Army of the Cumberland or the Army of the Tennessee. There were men who had lain hours and days, wounded on the battlefield; men who had passed months in southern prisons; men who had escaped through the Confederate lines, with almost incredible suffering and adventure; men who had been breveted for bravery while the bullets whistled; men who had been left for dead and nursed back to life by the ministering hands of the enemy.

The First Missouri cavalry wasted so little time getting organized in '61 that the war department had no arms to give it, and so the regiment equipped itself, each man paying for his own arms.

"And that's how it happened," said F. C. Dorsey of 3929 Brooklyn avenue, Kansas City, who was a member of the regiment, "that the First Missouri was the best armed cavalry that went to the front. Every man was mounted on a thoroughbred and armed with a Colt's six-shooting carbine, two Colt's navy revolvers and a French sabre. We had ten companies from Illinois and one Indiana besides the Missouri recruits. We were such a good looking troop beside some of the other hastily armed cavalry that had all kinds of mounts and arms that there was sharp competition for us by numerous commands. We served successively under Sigel, Fremont and Curtis. And we weren't all looks, either. We fought from Missouri to Tennessee and back again.

"At Pea Ridge the Confederates had a force of Indians under General Pike. These Indians scalped and robbed the dead after the battle and when our cavalry heard of it there was no holding them in. We had an Irishman whose comrade—he called him his 'buddie'—had met this fate. He put spurs to his horse and rode up to where some troops were escorting an Indian prisoner and shot him dead. When the guards remonstrated the Irishman offered to fight any of them, but the offer was declined. We took five Indian prisoners in that battle, but none of them ever reached the prisoners' pen."

"Theirs but to do and die," may describe the soldier's duty, but it doesn't circumscribe his intelligence. M. O. Coddling, who served in the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Pennsylvania in the Army of the Potomac, relates an incident to show the temper of the army when Grant took command.

"The Army of the Potomac worshipped McClellan," Mr. Coddling said, "and it was loyal to Burnside, Hooker and the others who succeeded that commander. But although the army had covered itself with glory it had

BIRDS AID TO FARMER

Most Efficient in Controlling the Codling Moth.

Does More Damage to Apple and Pears Than All of Other Insect Pests Combined—Things Some of Songsters Devour.

Weather conditions, parasites, fungi, insect disease and mechanically applied poisons (most of which are both dangerous and expensive) together are insufficient to check the multiplication of insects without the assistance of insectivorous birds. Edward H. Forbush records seeing a pair of greenbacks visit their nest 450 times in eleven hours, carrying to their young two or more larvae at a time. Sparrows, chickadees, vireos, martins and warblers made from forty to sixty trips an hour to their nests with all kinds of insects for their young. One of the reports of the biological survey records the finding of sixty grasshoppers in the crop of one nighthawk and 500 mosquitoes in another; thirty-eight cutworms in the crop of a blackbird and seventy canker worms in the crop of a cedar bird. Professor Tschudi estimates that a song sparrow devours 1,500 larvae a day, and Professor Forbush says that a single yellow-throated warbler will consume 10,000 tree lice a day. A scarlet tanager has been seen to devour gypsy moths at the rate of thirty-five a minute for eighteen minutes at a time. It is known that more than fifty species of birds feed upon different kinds of caterpillars, while thirty-eight species live largely upon destructive plant lice.

"By far the most efficient aids to man in controlling the codling moth are the birds," says the "Year Book" (1911) of the department of agriculture. A report of the bureau of entomology says that this insect does more damage to apples and pears than all



The Purple Martin.

the other insects combined, the damage being estimated at from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year. Thirty-six species of birds attack this insect, these species representing thirteen families, of which the three most important are the woodpeckers, the titmice and the sparrows. In some localities these birds destroy from 65 to 85 per cent. of the hibernating larvae of this insect.—Review of Reviews.

EXPENSE OF PRODUCING EGGS

Writer in Oregon Agricultural College Bulletin Gives Results of His Experiments.

James S. Dryden, writing in the Oregon Agricultural College Bulletin, relates the results of some interesting experiments made by him, covering several years, in which every ounce of food consumed by six pens of Leghorns was weighed. The six pens of hens consumed during the year 564 pounds of wheat, 296 pounds of corn, 203 pounds of oats, 112 pounds of bran and shorts, and 235 pounds of skim milk, in addition to some animal food. The cost of the total food per fowl for the year varied in different pens from 61 cents to 78 cents, and averaged 66 cents. The wheat was charged at one cent a pound, corn at one and one-quarter cents, oats at one cent, skim milk at a fifth of a cent, and bran and shorts at three-fifths of a cent. The animal food cost from five to six cents per fowl. The wheat constituted nearly a half of the total cost. The hens laid an average of 144 eggs per fowl.

Scours in Lambs.
Garget in the ewe is claimed to be the cause of white scours in the lamb. This is prevented by milking from the udder daily the milk not required by the lamb. To cure scours in lambs give eight or ten drops of tincture of opium in a little milk. If the lamb lies about and appears dull instead of playful, one may suspect constipation, which often kills these delicate creatures. To relieve it inject into the rectum a tablespoonful of warm, soapy water in which is a very little olive oil.

Pea Crop More Popular.
In the last federal census year the United States was credited with 1,205,000 acres given over to dry peas, compared with 968,000 acres ten years earlier. But a recent federal census bureau casts some doubt on this total, because it says a considerable proportion of the area returned is probably duplication of other crop acreage; this is particularly true of the South Atlantic coast and a number of the states in the middle south.

Value of Vetches.
Vetches make a very high quality of hay, being palatable and rich in protein, which makes it a good supplement to corn silage.

FEEDING MILK TO CHICKENS

Contains All That Beef Scraps and Greenbone Do and Also It is Highly Digestible.

The most successful poultrymen feed some kind of animal food to their chickens of all ages and conditions. In the wild state birds secure both vegetable and animal foods. Bugs and worms supply the animal food, and seeds and other vegetable growth the vegetable food. The animal portion of the food is always a necessity for normal maturity and good egg laying. So essential is animal matter in the poultry feeds that the packing firms manufacture and sell large quantities of prepared beef scraps and ground bone, which are sold very widely over the country. Those who use them find that it pays very well. It has been found both experimentally and by practical tests that sweet milk, sour milk, buttermilk—in fact, milk in any form—contains all the elements found in other forms of animal matter.

Milk contains all that beef scraps and green-cut bone do, but in a more diluted form, and it is highly digestible, and no digestive troubles arise from either old or young chickens consuming large quantities of it. Everyone who keeps cows and poultry on the same farm will find it profitable to reserve all the milk for feeding the flock, and dispose only of butter fat. It is the best animal food that can be given to them. Give all the chickens all the milk they will drink. It will do them no harm.—Exchange.

MILKING MACHINES IN FAVOR

Becoming Recognized Part of Equipment of Large Dairies—Room for Much Improvement.

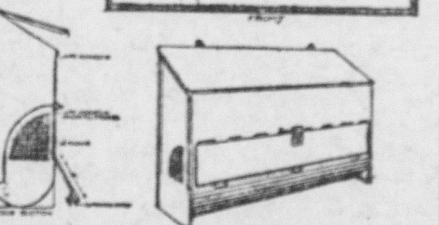
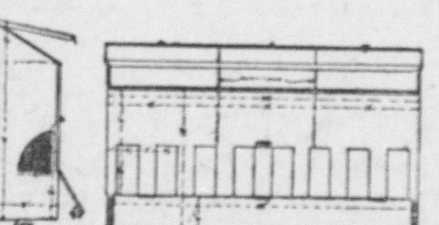
The milking machine is becoming a recognized part of the equipment of large dairies. It has already reached the point where it compares favorably with ordinary hand milking in the item of germ content of the milk and in its effect upon the flow. There is still room for much improvement from the mechanical standpoint, especially in the matter of simplicity and expense of installation.

The success of the milking machine, like any other machine, is closely associated with the personality of the operator. Unquestionably it takes a higher grade man to operate a milking machine successfully than to hand-milk a cow equally well. There is every reason to think that in the hands of careless operators the machinery will work injury to the cows, but the same result is too often obtained from inefficient hand milking.

METHOD OF FEEDING POULTRY

Where Dry Mash Is Given Hopper or Similar Device Is Essential—it Prevents Crowding.

In the dry feeding of poultry, a hopper or some similar device for supplying food is essential. Hopper feeding saves labor, guards against underfeeding



The Dry-Feed Hopper Used by the New York Experiment Station.

and prevents the fowls crowding. The feeding of a dry mash in a feed hopper which is easily accessible to the chickens is a very convenient and satisfactory method.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Shallow cultivation, and often, will kill the weeds.

Study your planter and determine how it will give the best service. A little to large is just about right for the oat, corn and hay fields.

Cabbage growing for kraut factories is a peculiarly uncertain business.

Circumvent large feed bills by growing better forage and grain crops.

Rape can be grown when clover is not available or in connection with it. The finer the soil, the better the vegetables, both in quantity and quality.

Shallow cultivation means lighter draft and more work done at less expense.

Rhubarb is one of the standard garden crops in the vicinity of large cities.

Be careful that you plant only seeds that have been tested and are proven fertile.

Are you going to have a flower garden that the pigs and chickens cannot get at?

Do not neglect the garden. It is one of the greatest money savers of the farm.

Rotation of crops in the garden has the same arguments favoring it as rotation in farm crops.

If you have a horse which the woman and children can drive safely, think twice before you sell it.



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WASN'T GOING INTO DETAILS

Four-Year-Old Had His Own Idea of Propriety of Not Airing Strictly Personal Affairs.

One little four-year-old boy who doesn't live far from Central Park west, New York, has as his particular playmate a little girl of about the same age. The children frequently spend their evenings together, and the other morning the girl came to the fence and called him.

"Alton," she cried, "come out and play."

Alton's mother heard the call and said to him:

"Tell her you can't come over just now because you have to take a bath."

So Alton went to the front window. "Elizabeth," he called, "I can't come over now."

Then he turned back to his mother and added:

"I don't think the rest of it need be said."

ECZEMA ON CHILD'S FACE

R. F. D. No. 5, Lexington, Tenn.—"My little boy broke out on the face with that terrible disease, eczema, when he was just one month old, and I just thought sure it would kill him, as it killed our other baby at five months old. It would break out in pimples and scab over, and he cried day and night. I thought that there was no cure for him at all. His face would itch and burn so bad that I had to tie his little hands down so he could not scratch his face.

"We began at once to have him treated until he was seven months old, and he got worse all the time. I sent and got a box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap. I had not used them a week until I could see a great change, and they cured him sound and well and never left a single scar." (Signed) Mrs. Lillie Sikes, Feb. 17, 1912.

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Easy Bargain.

Having tried unsuccessfully various highly recommended recipes for dislodging selfish passengers from coveted seats, the woman who swung from a strap in front of the sandy man tried talking to him to her husband.

As a peroration to her harangue, she said impressively:

"If you, James, should ever be pig-ish enough to sit down while there was a woman in the car left standing, I would never speak to you again as long as I live."

The sandy man looked up then.

"Lucky devil," he said. "Not many of us could purchase peace at that price."

Not So Polite as It Looked.

Crows were on the street car when the tall woman struggled up the aisle and grasped a strap. Twelve men were seated on each side, but not one arose and offered her his seat. At last a small boy touched her on the arm.

"You can have my seat, lady," called the youngster.

"Thank you," said the tall woman, seating herself in the vacant space; "that was very polite of you."

"No," replied the boy, "it wasn't politeness; there's chewing gum all over the darned seat."

One of Many.

"Do you believe in the saying that success is sweet?"

"Really, I never tasted it."

"LIKE MAGIC"

New Food Makes Wonderful Changes.

When a man has suffered from dyspepsia so many years that he can't remember when he had a natural appetite, and then hits on a way out of trouble he may be excused for saying "it acts like magic."

When it is a simple, wholesome food instead of any one of a large number of so-called remedies in the form of drugs, he is more than ever likely to feel as though a sort of miracle has been performed.

A Chicago man, in the delight of restored digestion, puts it in this way: "Like magic, fittingly describes the manner in which Grape-Nuts relieved me of poor digestion, coated tongue and loss of appetite, of many years standing."

"I tried about every medicine that was recommended to me, without relief. Then I tried Grape-Nuts on the suggestion of a friend. By the time I had finished the fourth package, my stomach was all right, and for the past two months I have been eating with a relish anything set before me. That is something I had been unable to do previously for years."

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Loss an Illusion.

James C. McKeenolds, who investigated the tobacco trust for the government, thereby bringing on a lot of things, says that just after he started practicing law in a small town down in Tennessee, a few years ago, stout hillsman came into his office one day and announced that he desired to sue a neighbor for \$19,000 damages.

"Two years ago," he stated, "he called me a hippopotamus."

"Two years ago!" echoed McKeenolds. "Why didn't you sue him sooner?"

"Well, suh," said the injured party, "until that there circus come through here last week I thought all the time he was paying me a compliment."—Saturday Evening Post.

Their Message.

The evening callers were chatting with their hosts when there came a patter of little feet along the hall.

"Hush," whispered the hostess, raising her hand; "the children are coming with the good-night message. It always gives me a feeling of reverence to hear them. They are so much nearer to heaven than we, and they speak from the fullness of their little hearts never so freely as when the dark has come. Listen!"

There was a moment's pause, and then the message came in a shrill whisper: "Mamma, it ran, 'Willie found a cockroach in the tub.'"

Womanliness.

Perhaps it would not be so easy to lose "womanliness" as some people seem afraid it would be. Perhaps all the pow-wow about becoming dexterous is superfluous. Weinger calls attention to the fact that while there are people who are anatomically men and psychologically women, there is no such thing as a person who is anatomically woman and psychologically man. However masculine her appearance, a woman's psychic qualities remain distinctively feminine. At least, Mr. Weinger says so.

His Honor Was Safe.

Chief Justice Isaac Russell of the court of special sessions tells how he went to the city hall to call on the mayor on a rainy day, and as he was leaving the building he slipped and bumped all the way down the stone steps. A man rushed up, helped him to his feet and asked:

"Is your honor hurt?"

"No," replied the judge; "my honor remains intact, but my spine seems to be jarred."—New York Sun.

Changed Man.

"Are you the same man who ate my mince pie last week?"

"No, mum. I'll never be th' same man again."—New York Mail.

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