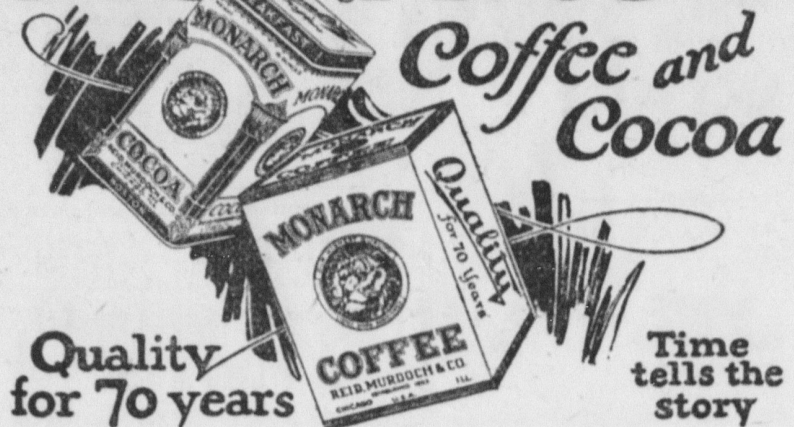


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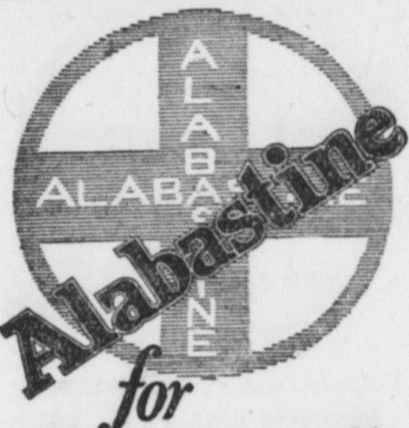
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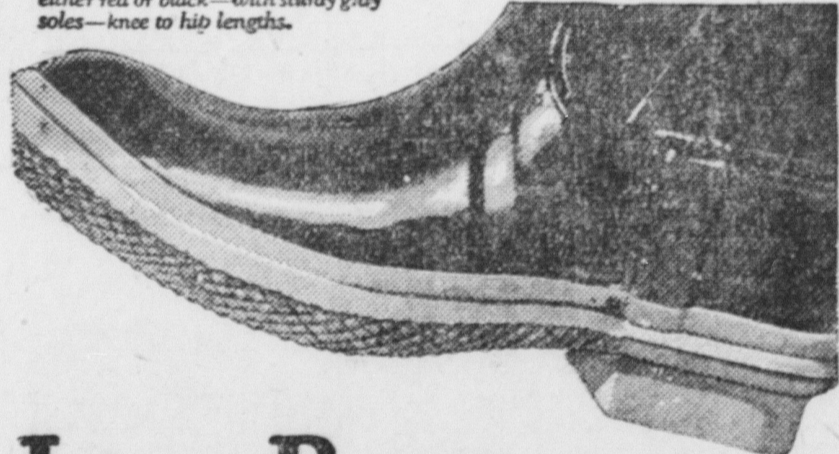
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Sweet Clover Is Leading Legumes

Crop Is Entitled to Position in Front Rank as Soil Improver.

Chemical investigations which are being made on different legume plants by the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, indicate that common biennial sweet clover is entitled to the position which it has held among the front rank legumes for soil improvement, according to E. E. DeTurk, chief of soil technology.

Alfalfa is a crop of great promise as a combination feed and soil improvement crop, but it is not so well adapted to direct use for green manure as is sweet clover. Red clover, which has enjoyed more than a half-century of recognition as an old standby, is gradually giving way to alfalfa and sweet clover, in part, at least, because of the uncertainty of securing satisfactory stands. Dalea, a comparatively new crop, offers but little promise, while Korean lespedeza, which is just making its debut, bids fair to be a satisfactory acid land crop in the south half of the state, where liming is either pending or in localities where liming is impracticable.

Soil Improving Crops.

While certain nonlegume plants have value as soil improvers, through the addition of organic matter and the conversion of insoluble mineral elements into more readily available forms, the most important soil improving crops will always be restricted to the legume family, because of the added advantage of these plants in fixation of atmospheric nitrogen.

Growing crops and bacteria, like human beings, are prone to save energy. Energy is required in the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen. Consequently, both legume crops, even though well inoculated, and their nodule bacteria as well, will absorb and utilize nitrate nitrogen from the soil when it is present, in preference to working harder for the air supply. Thus soils that are already well supplied with available nitrogen do not benefit as much from the growing of legumes as do poorer soils which are more greatly in need of building up.

Most Desirable Legumes.

The most desirable soil-building legumes are all acid-sensitive crops, so that on acid land their use is conditioned upon the use of limestone. Some areas of acid land in Illinois are so inaccessible to liming facilities as to make the problem of soil improvement by means of limestone and legumes a serious one. It is probable that acid land so situated could be managed to the best advantage by either devoting it to forestry or other special uses or else building it up by the use of limestone and the proper use of legumes. It is questionable whether such land can ever be maintained permanently profitable under general farming in which the cropping system is restricted to acid land crops. There is not enough evidence upon which one can make dogmatic statements in this regard. However, it is unquestionable that the production which can be maintained permanently under such conditions is at a markedly lower level than where the acid condition of the soil is corrected.

How to Fail in Dairying Told by Iowa Specialist

A sure way to avoid having a lot of milking to do is to follow the suggestions offered below, according to Burt Okerkirk, dairy production extension specialist, Iowa State college.

Keep the milking cows in the cornstalks to dry them up before winter—it is difficult to milk by lantern light.

Feed timothy hay, straw or cornstalks because these are low in protein, a muscle builder—the cows can be handled easier.

Don't use balanced rations. Don't use a silo—silage stimulates production.

Have a pitchfork ready at all times to teach cows their places. Always get them with a milk stool.

Keep 30 cows that produce 150 pounds of fat each rather than 15 that average 300 pounds of fat.

Keep a scrub bull or cow freshener.

Have the weed trees all been taken from your woodlot?

Jabbing the reins or continued tapping with the whip soon will teach the young colt to be an old loafer.

Keep calves and young stock growing in a thrifty condition. Their future usefulness depends largely upon present care.

If properly planned a crop rotation will aid materially in distributing the farm labor and will greatly reduce the amount of outside help required for the efficient operation of the farm.

The more pigs saved per litter the more profit there is in hog production, so give the brood sow plenty of exercise, enough, but not an overabundance of food, and see that her pen is clean and dry.

While trees and shrubs are dormant caterpillar nests and egg masses of various insects may be seen readily. Burn the nests with a torch of kerosene soaked rags, and paint the egg masses with a solution of creosote.

NELLIE REVELL Says:

IN A hospital every little noise has a meaning all its own. There is so little to see and so much to hear that one quickly learns to read and interpret the numerous sounds of the day and night.

In an early story of H. G. Wells a man reaches a country in Africa in which all the inhabitants are blind. At first he is impressed with his tremendous advantage over the natives, but before long he discovers that he is the one who is handicapped. So keenly developed are the senses of hearing and touch of these people that the newcomer is forced to blind himself lest he be outclassed in the struggle for life. The story was recalled to me by the realization of what a sensitive "receiving station" my ears had become during my long sojourn in a hospital room.

Of all the day's noises the dominating ones are the bells. From early morn until late at night bells mark and punctuate the passing hours. They begin at five o'clock in the morning with the delicate tinkle of the bell carried by the nun who precedes the priest and his spiritual aid. Then follows the chapel bell, summoning the patients who are able to attend services.

A special ring heralds each doctor's entry into the hospital; another bell, in the hall, signals that he is ready to make the rounds with a senior nurse. A welcome bell is the one which indicates that broth has left the diet kitchen, and a genuine thriller is the one proclaiming that meal trays are ready for distribution.

One of the most exciting sounds to a shut-in is the peal of the telephone bell. It carries with it a suspense that it never has in the office or home. I could hear it every time it rang while I was in the human repair shop, and often I waited what seemed an age for the nurse to come down the hall with the message and stop at my door—or go to another.

In the gamut of hospital bells, however, the most sinister and most impressive is the ambulance bell. It is the black sheep of the bells. Many times I was awakened from deep sleep by that soughing gong and listened with sorrow and fear to its clangor, shattering the calm of slumberous streets, as the ambulance tears away on its unknown mission.

The imagination tried to follow and fill in the picture. What awaited the interne at the end of the journey? A tenement house fire? A child run over? A murderous brawl? Or perhaps some weary soul who had found the fight too hard and tried to cut the threads of fate. Then I would lie awake, waiting for the ambulance to return—for the first faint, brazen clatter that increased with steady crescendo until the machine roared past the corner and stopped at the hospital entrance. It was easy to tell when there was a passenger, for then the ring was unusually loud so that the staff in the accident ward could be ready for instant action.

No bell in the hospital can arouse such sheer terror as the firebell. One night some electric wires got crossed and the fire gong sounded. I lay helpless, waiting for the nurse to come in—an eternity of breathless apprehension it seemed. When the signal for fire drill is sounded the nurses are required to take their stations at the hall telephones and there await instructions. Though it is only a few minutes before they come to tell the patients it is only a drill, in that short space of time the imagination can startle one with mental pictures of what a fire in a hospital would mean.

But of them all the most exasperating, the most nerve-racking is—the bell that isn't answered.

Every walk in life has its own code of superstitions. The sailors are superstitious about certain things, the waiters have theirs, actors have many, and the newspaper people are not without some. While nearly everybody regards thirteen with apprehension, the actor includes twenty-three in his list of things to beware of. But what thirteen, twenty-three, breaking a mirror and whistling in a dressing room all combined are to the actor, that much and more is "thirty" to a newspaper man (or woman).

It means, "That's all. Good night. No more." We write "thirty" at the end of our story to let the copy editor know there isn't any more. And when a member of the fourth estate leaves this land of doubtful assignments we say he got his "thirty."

So imagine the chill that chased up my spine when I woke up in the hospital about five years ago, having been brought in on a stretcher in an ambulance, and asked the number of my room.

"It's all right," the doctor said. "I know you show folks don't like thirteen or twenty-three. So I picked out a nice even number for you. You're in room thirty."

Harry Hirschfeld says he went into a soda-water emporium and said, "Give me an ice-cream soda without flavoring."

"What do you mean, without flavoring?"

"Why, you might make it a soda without chocolate flavoring."

The clerk went away and after a bit returned with the verdict: "Sorry, but we haven't got chocolate. You'll have to take it without vanilla."

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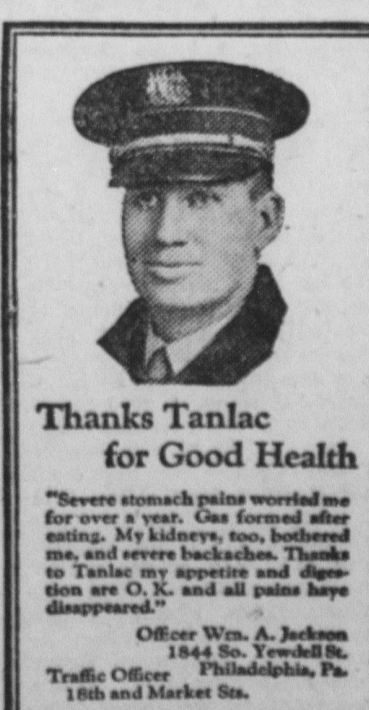
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