

FARM GARDEN

LEGHORNS THAT MEET.

The Leghorn is a non-sitter, but the sitting propensity is not entirely lost, as Leghorns will sit if they are too closely confined and are fed too highly. We have known them to make the best of sitters and mothers, and they are also somewhat pugnacious, defending their young bravely against all enemies. When a Leghorn becomes broody she must not be condemned because she is inclined to bring off a lot of chicks, for she is not at fault, as the conditions of management govern the matter.—Farm and Fireside.

TO MAKE A PERMANENT PASTURE.

It is very doubtful if it will pay any farmer to spend the needed money to make a permanent pasture, such as we read of being kept up in European countries, unless the land is to be irrigated, when the work may be done with ease. Otherwise one of our hot, dry spells in summer may so injure the grass as to ruin the meadow. The work, however, is done as follows: The land is first summer fallowed, to get rid of weeds; then richly manured and fertilized; then sown with the best fifth by repeated plowings and harrowings; then sown with such a variety of grasses as will renew themselves as far as possible without seeding, these kinds being those with spreading roots mostly. The bulk of the grass is Kentucky blue, meadow fescue, red fescue, low meadow, red-top, oat and rye grasses, of each about twenty pounds. This seeding makes a thick growth, and the well-prepared soil soon has a thick sod on it. Then this is preserved by frequent fertilizing, moderate grazing, and fresh seed occasionally.—New York Times.

CULTIVATION AS A FERTILIZER FOR WHEAT.

Experiments in wheat culture through five years, at the New York Cornell University Station by I. F. Roberts, indicate that on strong or clayey lands it is often more economical to secure available plant food by extra culture than by the purchase of fertilizer. In many strong wheat soils there is more plant food than the variety of wheat grown can utilize, though enough may not be available to produce a maximum crop. In changeable climates the wheat plant is so handicapped at times for want of suitable climate conditions, that it is unable to appropriate much of the available plant food in the soil, and hence is not often benefited by additional nourishment. The wheat crops in the experiments proved unable to elaborate more food than the amount furnished by the soil under the superior culture given some of the plots. The fitting of the land for most crops is done so badly that under certain conditions even a moderate amount of manure or fertilizer may not only fail to increase the yield, but may be positively harmful to the wheat crop to which they are applied.—American Agriculturist.

THE MODERN ORCHARD.

A change has come over public opinion. The thick setting of trees in orchards has been largely abandoned, and wide planting is the general practice. Such excellent results have been obtained from the change that many progressive farmers have gone still further. Observing that the trees at the ends of the orchard were always the most flourishing, they naturally set to work to discover the cause for the difference. The explanation was soon found in the greater amount of air and sun the end trees received, and the more extended feeding-ground for the roots. Nowadays the tendency among progressive growers is to plant a single row of trees around a field, and a double row directly across the center of the field. This gives each tree the advantages formerly possessed by the end trees alone. It also makes the orchard less dispersed than it would be if the centre double row were omitted, and offers facilities for cultivating and gathering the fruit as speedily as possible. It would seem as though the day for planting trees in blocks were past, and that old-fashioned orchards were doomed.—New York World.

BUSINESS METHODS IN FARMING.

Every crop planted on the farm, every animal bought and every man hired is an investment, involving sound business judgment, in both the planning and the management, to insure a profitable outcome. Too often crops are planted, or stock raised, simply because other farmers raise them, without regard to the cost, the market or the adaptability to the particular farm and its equipment. When planted, no account is kept of the expense, and not even an estimate is made of the cost, but the crop is sold as soon as harvested for what it will bring and the crop repeated the next season. While it would sometimes cost more than the crops were worth to keep a detailed set of accounts with each crop, still a simple business-like set of farm accounts will furnish the data whereby the profitableness of particular crops, or stock, may be closely estimated, and thus furnish a safer basis than guess-work for the abandonment of the crop, or for changing its treatment. Many parts of the estimates made for one year or field would answer for other years and fields. Whether accounts are kept with particular fields or crops or not, there should be an account opened with the farm, and others with household and personal expenses. By taking stock each year it can be determined whether the farm has been profitable; whether the improvements have exceeded the repairs; whether personal pleasures have been too extravagant, and whether the household department has been economically carried on. Of course there should be an account for every person with whom a credit business is transacted, for everyone admits that memory utterly fails in keeping an accurate record of

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

POLISHING STEEL AND BRASS.

Fine emery paper and sweet oil are all that are necessary to keep steel bright; while a cloth saturated in kerosene and dipped in whiting will be found best for cleaning tinware. Strong ammonia should be poured over old brass to clean it, then thoroughly scrub with a scrubbing brush, and presently the brass will shine like new metal. Stair rods should be cleaned with a soft woolen cloth dipped in water, and then in finely sifted coal ashes. Then rub them with a dry flannel until they shine and every particle of ash has disappeared.

TO PUT AWAY WOOLEN GARMENTS.

If the housewife is a good hygienist, she has a great deal of wool in her domain, because she knows better than tongue can tell how necessary all wool garments are to the preservation of health in cold weather. She religiously superintends the making, washing and mending of these garments in all sizes, from those worn by paterfamilias to the miniature ones affected by the baby, and when the time of year comes to put them away, she neatly darns even the very tiniest holes, folds the garments smoothly, and envelops them entirely in cotton cloth which she snugly ties with string. These tidy rolls or bundles are then laid in a trunk or chest, which is carefully closed away from dust. Two or three times during the summer the wools are taken out and hung out in the air, after which they are carefully returned to their cotton wrappings again.—Detroit Free Press.

TO STERILIZE OR TO BEAT.

Every young housekeeper should thoroughly understand the difference between stirring and beating. Many dishes are spoiled because these things are not clearly understood. In stirring the object is to combine the ingredients or to make a substance smooth. The spoon is kept rather close to the bottom and sides of the bowl and is worked around and around in the mixture until the object is attained. Beating is employed for two purposes: First, to break up a substance, as in beating eggs for bread or for omelets; second, for making a substance light by imprisoning air in it. This is the case when we beat the whites of eggs, cake batter, etc. The movement is very different from stirring. The spoon or whisk at every stroke is partially lifted from the bowl and brings with it a portion of the materials that are being beaten, which carries air with it in falling back. It is not the number of strokes that make substances light, but rather the vigor and rapidity with which the beating is done. When using a spoon or whisk for beating take long upward strokes, the more rapid the better. The spoon should touch the bottom of the bowl each time and the motion must be regular. Another way to beat is to use the circular motion, in case the side of the spoon is kept close to the side of the bowl. The spoon is moved rapidly in a circle, carrying with it a portion of the ingredients.—New York World.

RECIPE.

Cheese Cake Pie.

Three eggs, one cupful of sugar, one quart of soft smelt. Mix well and pour into a rich pie crust. Bake without an upper crust. This makes two pies. Apple Tapioca Padding.—Pare and core enough apples to fill a dish. Pat into each apple a little lemon peel. Soak one-half pint of tapioca in one quart of lukewarm water four hours, add a little salt, flavor with lemon, pour over apples. Bake until apples are tender. Eat when cold with cream and sugar.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Do not feed grain as an exclusive diet.

The most successful trainers are the tireless workers. If your fowls are not looked after, do not expect too much from them. Pullets and yearling hens are the ones to put your dependence upon for a sure profit. Breeders will find more money in raising fewer animals and giving them a little training. With beekeeping and fruit growing combined two crops may be made from the same land. It is said that colic produced by eating honey may be cured by eating a small piece of cheese. Little chicks need feeding every two or three hours, but as they grow older the time may be lengthened. Berries relieve the soil of very little fertility, and leave it in an excellent condition for other crops. There is no real rivalry between the frotter and the hackney. Each is good in his place, which is one that the other cannot fill. The importance of the maternal ancestry is now so generally recognized that this is called the broodmare age of trotting breeding. For growing berries of all kinds select well-drained soil on which some hood crop was produced last season, potato ground being best. Lincoln and Cotswold rams, used with Merino ewes, produce large carcasses and long wool, if food supplies are liberal and good care given. Extracted honey requires less skill, but there is more profit in producing the best white comb, for which there is always a demand, and which never suffers from competition with a cheap counterfeit. Some poultrymen claim that hens will never eat their eggs if they are given plenty of broken bone, oyster, and clam shells. The best plan is to keep a supply where they can help themselves. Some farmers who have spent a great deal of money and many years in breeding up a nice class of mares, will foolishly sell them off in a fit of despondency, retaining only such as they could not sell. Bess never makes an attack while in quest of honey or on their return until they have entered the hive, says a writer. It is only in the hive and in its vicinity that we may expect them to manifest this irascible disposition. One dollar a year has for years been the average profit of the well-kept hen, but the improvement made in feeding the last few years and the better knowledge now possessed by poultrymen are placing the average higher.

NEWS NOTES FOR WOMEN

The latest fad among the pretty girls is to talk woman suffrage. Lilly Langtry, the actress, claims to be only forty-one years old. Women gardeners are in great demand in England and Germany. Butterfly bows are very popular this season, and are seen on almost everything. In Holland an attempt is being made to pass a bill allowing women to be elected to Parliament. Mrs. Cleveland, wife of the President, dresses her hair in the style known as the "Diana knot." The Baroness Emma Spoor, of Norway, is said to be the best known woman painter in northern Europe. Queen Victoria has sixty pianos at Osborne, Windsor and Buckingham Palace. Many of them are hired. A useful novelty in the way of a powder puff is mounted on a long ivory stick so as to enable one to powder the back of the neck without a maid. Ross Young, a direct descendant of one of the Pitcairn mutineers and a woman of more than usual intelligence, is writing a history of the Pitcairn colony. The first woman to be elected a member of the Yacht Racing Association of Great Britain is Miss Mahel Cox, of Southampton, who owns the cutter Fiera. Madam Marchesi, of Paris, is the most famous vocal teacher in the world. She has trained nearly all the great singers of this generation, including Melba, Calve and Eames. The jewels of Mme. Tetrazzini, the most famous prima donna in South America, were recently seized for debt, when it was found that all the gems were made of paste. Toques are greater favorites with the Parisiennes than ever, but they are also larger and sit down more closely on the head. The prettiest are entirely covered with flowers. At the recent banquet of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity given at the Hotel Seaton in this city, and attended by the large deputation from numerous colleges, the representatives from Washington College, an attractive group of young men, excited favorable comment by all promptly turning down the wine-glasses which had been placed at the table. This was not only a good thing for those young men to do on their own account, but they presented a persuasive object-lesson to the students and representatives of other colleges of greater value than they can themselves fully realize. In an important sense, in connection with the present prevalent injurious social drinking usage, they were effective teachers by example.—New York Temperance Advocate.

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TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Half times have not yet closed up the saloons. They generally manage to pull through. The use of wine must inevitably be a stepping-stone to that of stronger drinks and to intemperance. Women only can make wine drinking unbecomingly a habit of the nation's life. —J. G. Holland. "You can no more run a ginmill without using up boys than you can run a sawmill without using up logs." Oh, thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.—Shakespeare. The W. C. T. U. of Fremont, Nebraska, has paid in full for its Temperance Temple, which was built at a cost of \$10,000. The punishment for drug-smoking in St. Petersburg is to make the offender so matter what his social position, sweep the streets. The drink trade, which is growing every year, is our national sin, our national shame, and if not soon arrested will be our national ruin.—Cardinal Manning. Christian Endeavor Societies of Montreal, Canada, are securing pledges against liquor-selling grocers. Both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches have endorsed the movement. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat calls attention to the significant statement of a specialist, Kraft Ebling, that all forms of insanity, from melancholia to insanity, are found in alcoholism. When the Queen of Malacca shut up the saloons in her kingdom, and the ex-queen keeps asked for compensation, she replied, "Compensation? You have wronged, and I will pay the balance." An active Christian worker in the slums of New York, when asked how he decided where was the best place to locate his mission, promptly replied, "By the smell. Where whiskey smells strongest, there is the most need of mission work." Dr. Charles Jewett says: "I have not seen a day for twenty years that I have not been ready for business. Now, at the age of sixty-one, after the fatigues of the day I rise from bed almost by sleep. I have not to take three or four hours of tramping to prepare for business."

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TEMPERANCE.

An informal dinner given in Albany during the recent session of the Legislature, Senator Coggeshall was observed not to empty his glass of wine. When asked why he did not he replied in a resigned way, "I wish he was the author. It was entitled, 'Papa, Be True to Me,' and was as follows: 'What makes me refuse a social glass? Well, I'll tell you the reason why. Because a bonnie blue-eyed lass, is ever standing by. And I hear her, boys, above the noise of the feet and merry glee. As with baby grace she kisses my face, and says, 'Papa, be true to me.' Then what can I do to my lass to be true, better than let it pass by? I know you'll not think my refusal to drink a breach of your courtesy: For I hear her repeat in a sweet, sweet, and her dear little form I see, As with loving embrace she kisses my face, and says, 'Papa, be true to me.' Let me offer a toast to the one I love most, whose dear little will I obey. Whose influence sweet is guiding my feet, over life's fickle way. May the sun ever shine on this lassie of mine, from sorrow may she be free, For with baby grace she kisses my face, and says, 'Papa, be true to me.' The legislators who were seated around the table did not insist upon Senator Coggeshall draining his glass of wine. Next day the "bonnie blue-eyed lass" was seated at the daughter, visited the Senate Chamber and was christened "The Daughter of the Senate."—Lima (N. Y.) Recorder.

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