

## Household Notes.

The living room table should never be crowded with books. A few are enough.

A matter of vital consideration in a successful home is the color of the rooms. It should be simple and restful always, because home is a place of refuge.

Always keep a bundle of clean white rags on hand and a bottle of disinfectant.

Pies should always be glazed with white of egg if you wish them to be shiny brown.

Every room in a house, even in winter, should be thoroughly aired at least once a day.

An old catalog kept near the stove is handy to set a sooty pan on in an emergency.

A china dish with three compartments is handy for passing cheese, butter, and biscuits.

Try beating carpets and rugs on a set of bedsprings—they will look as if done by a professional.

Individual tarts are always attractive and make an agreeable change for the luncheon table.

Plenty of towel rails around the bathtub are advisable if the room is used by more than one person.

Grease the bottoms of pots and kettles before putting over the coals, and they will not become black.

Time in the water forms a coating inside the teakettle it may be removed with vinegar or sulphuric acid. Be careful to wash the kettle afterward.

Cut short pieces of white paper—tint paper and type or print on the names of jellies, preserves, etc. Being already gummed, they will save trouble.

If you are afraid of draughts, have screens covered with coarse muslin to fit into your windows just like ordinary fly screens and use them at night.

Barley is not used as extensively as it should be. It is excellent in soups and delicious as a cereal, but in the latter case it needs long cooking in a double boiler.

## The "Mischievous Quartet" and its Work.

Each year the month of January numbers its list of victims from influenza, lagrippe, bronchitis and pneumonia. The prompt use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will check the onset of a cold and stop a cough, preventing the development to more serious conditions. Keep it on hand sold by all Dealers Everywhere.

## Go Slow in Extensive Orchard Planting.

A gentleman from Chester county wrote to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, saying, "About two years ago I outlined to you my plans for planting an orchard at this place, and you advised me to curtail my planting. Accordingly I planted but half what I had intended to, and I very much thank you for your sound advice. Conditions have been such that it would have been difficult to have attended to the area originally anticipated. However, next spring I expect to be in shape to plant a few more trees, and will appreciate any advice you may give me as to varieties. Are the parasites controlling the scale?"

Prof. Surface replied as follows: "By next spring you will know more about how much you can handle, and it will be proper to add such areas to your orchard as you can handle all right."

"You have planted good varieties, and I do not know that I could add much more to that list unless it be the Rome Beauty. I must acknowledge that the Ben Davis while not high in quality is the greatest money maker I have seen, and there is a demand for it late in the season when others are gone. Smokehouse and Pound are both good varieties for your region. For peaches you can well pin your faith to the Elberta. If you wish additional varieties make them the yellow varieties following Elberta. Among those should be the Late Crawford, Smock and Geary."

"There could be no doubt of the fact that the parasites of the scale are cleaning up this pest over large areas in this State. This I have discovered and proven with certainty. I have not published extensively on the parasite subject yet, but I am preparing a Bulletin now."

## Mexican Kisses.

Boil three cupfuls of light brown sugar and a cupful of milk together until it threads, then add a teaspoonful of butter. Take from the fire, flavor with vanilla and add a cupful of broken nut meats. Pour into a greased pan and cut out in squares when it hardens.

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## The DAIRY



### SELECTING THE DAIRY SIRE

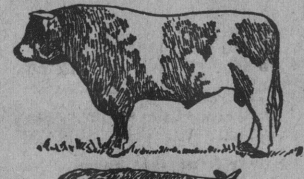
Best Course for Average Dairyman to Pursue is to Purchase Bull Calf on Pedigree.

(By W. A. BARR, United States Dairy Division, Colorado Agricultural College.)

Hiram Smith before a Missouri institute was once asked, "What would you buy if going into the dairy business?" He replied, "A bull." The statement that "a good sire is one-half the herd, while a poor one is all of it" should have much significance for the dairymen.

Two cow-testing associations have been organized in this state, by the United States Dairy Division. In these associations are 47 of the most representative dairymen, who own 1,000 cows. Thirty-seven per cent. of these herds are headed by grade or scrub bulls. When we consider the 7,000 dairy herds of the state, the cows of which average a trifle more than 100 pounds of fat the past year, then can be seen how vital is the question of the dairy sire when it is the only available means of raising the productive standard of our herds.

For the average dairymen the best course to pursue is the purchase of a bull calf on the strength of his an-



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cestors, preferably the dam, and trust that he will transmit the desirable characteristics to a high degree. In the selection of a sire give reliance to close ancestry, in preference to blood of the fourth, fifth and sixth generation. We often hear a man say that his bull is a Golden Lad or a De Kol, when an examination of the pedigree shows the famous individual is five or six generations distant, which means about 1 1/2 to 3 per cent. of the noted individual's blood.

When purchasing a sire, see if possible his dam. She should be of good size for the breed, a regular breeder, possess a strong constitution and vitality, with well-developed barrel, mammary system and have made a good yearly official record.

### DANGEROUS DISEASE OF COW

Every Case of Abortion Should Be Regarded With Suspicion Until Proven Otherwise.

Cows which have aborted one or two times should be disposed of only if they fail to conceive after a subsequent covering, provided they have received suitable disinfecting treatment. By keeping pregnant animals the disease will be brought to a standstill more quickly than if new susceptible material is continually added in their place. Some cows apparently become immune without aborting. It is the history of the disease in the great majority of herds that after reaching its height, it gradually subsides of its own accord until only a few slips occur each year or it may disappear entirely. In herds where abortions have not occurred for several years, or at least only rarely, the owner should take particular pains to prevent its introduction. Every case of abortion should be regarded as suspicious until proven otherwise. If a slip occurs the cow should be isolated at once and treated as directed above. The portions of the stall or corral contaminated by her discharge should be disinfected, or if the abortion has occurred at pasture, the fetus and afterbirth should be searched for and removed and the infected spot of ground where they have lain should be burned over.

**Kindness Pays.** Two years ago I bought a three-year-old cow that was very wild. I could not get near her in the pasture, but before I had her a month I could go up to her with a rope in my hand and she would not run. Last year we bought a yearling that was the same way. I give all my cows a name and they know it. Be kind to the cows and you will have no wild ones.—R. J. Kerslake.

**Buying Grade Calves.** The dairy sections in the vicinities of the large cities are splendid places to buy grade calves with which to build up the herd. If one is careful in making his selection he can get good grade stock practically at real prices.

## BANK SAFE FOILS TOIL OF THIEVES

Vault Holding \$50,000 Resists Blasts and Sledges

### MANY TRACES WERE LEFT

The Attempted Robbery Was Discovered By a Man Who Was Passing the Bank and Saw One of the Front Doors Ajar.

Sharon, Pa.—While two "pals" stood guard at the front and rear doors of the First National Bank of Sharpsville, two burglars worked on the vault in the bank. The vault contained \$50,000 in currency and several times that amount in negotiable paper, according to the officials of the bank, but the burglars failed to reach the goal.

The attempted robbery was discovered by a man who was passing the bank and saw one of the doors ajar. He opened it and found the outer door of the vault blown open and the inner door wrecked. He informed officials of the bank, who investigated and then issued a statement that nothing was missing from the vault. The men jimmied a side door, bored into the outer door of the vault and blew it open with nitro-glycerin, the fumes of which were still in the room when the attempted robbery was discovered. The men bored the inner door and attempted to blow it open, but in doing so the bolts that lock the door were broken and the men were unable to open the vault. They used a sledge hammer and a crow bar on it, but both failed in breaking it open. The vault is damaged beyond repair, it is said.

That two men were on guard for several hours at both the front and rear doors was evident because the doors about both doors were covered with tobacco juice and about each door were several well chewed quids. What time the men began their work is not known.

Sharpsville is without police protection after midnight. A year ago the safe in the postoffice in Sharpsville was blown open and a large amount in money and stamps was taken. In the last two years three or four safes have been blown open in the town.

**Conservatory is Blown Up.** Glasgow, Scotland.—A bomb outrage believed by the police to have been carried out by militant suffragettes, destroyed the extensive conservatory in the Glasgow botanic gardens known as the Kibble Crystal Palace. The great glass roofs and sides of the structure were blown into thousands of pieces. Many valuable plants were ruined.

### ROBBERS CAUGHT WITH LOOT.

Four Taken With \$1,700 and \$5,000 Found Hidden.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Four men believed to have robbed the Ludlow Bank were captured at Braymer. They had \$1,700 in their pockets and were taken back to Ludlow where the money was identified by bank officials. The remainder of the \$5,000 taken from the bank was found in a sack hidden near the bank, being too heavy for the robbers to carry.

**To Boost One-Cent Postage.** Washington, D. C.—A delegation representing the National One-Cent Postage Association, headed by Charles Williams Burrows of Cleveland, O., president of the association, reached Washington to urge President Wilson, Postmaster General Burleson and members of Congress to favor one-cent letter rates.

**Killed by Massage Machine.** Chicago, Ill.—Lazurus R. Silverman, president of a manufacturing concern, was electrocuted while using a small electrical massage machine in his bath. Mr. Silverman was dead when his son found him.

**Alfonso Going to Argentina.** Paris, France.—A special dispatch from Madrid says that King Alfonso will pay a visit to the Argentine Republic in June.

### U. S. STEEL CONDUCTS BIG FARM.

Corporation Raises Vegetables for Employees on Boats and in Mills. Conneaut, O.—Eight thousand acres of land, lying in the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania, east of this city, and purchased during the year 1909 by the United States Steel Corporation for a steel plant site, is to be used as a big farm by the corporation for the raising of supplies for the men on the boats of the corporation's fleet and also for the men employed in the various mills of the company.

### Fire Destroys Dairy Barn.

Warren, O.—Fire totally destroyed the large dairy barn of L. H. Turner, one-half mile north of Leavittsburg, causing \$15,000 loss. All of the stock was taken out of the barn alive. Mr. Turner is superintendent of motive power for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, and resides in Pittsburgh. The farm is in charge of his son, R. H. Turner. This farm has been one of Pittsburgh's sources of milk supply, the product being shipped to a firm there each day.

## SEVERAL DEAD; MANY HOMELESS

A Severe Storm Swept California, Causing Heavy Damage

### RANCHERS WERE MAROONED

Flood Waters Reached a Depth of Six Feet in Homes Forcing the Occupants to Roofs or Second Stories.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Three men were drowned, a boy was reported to have lost his life, many persons were driven from their homes; buildings were damaged, and steam and electric railway traffic was either tied up or seriously interrupted in Southern California Monday as the result of the rain which deluged this section.

The deaths were those of Louis Jones, a retired banker of Montecito, Hugh Spear Haven, said to be a Chicago capitalist, who was drowned near Monrovia and Rico Rodriguez, who sank in the flood waters of the San Gabriel near Whittier.

An unidentified boy was said to have been swept into the Los Angeles river, when a cable on which he had been leaning gave way.

For 10 miles along the Rio Hondo, near Montebello, ranchers were marooned by flood waters which reached a depth of six feet in their homes, forcing the occupants to roofs or second stories. All were rescued.

The Southern Pacific, the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake and the Santa Fe railroads all suffered from the deluge. The Salt Lake route reported several washouts on its lines. Damage to highways in Los Angeles county alone is estimated at \$500,000.

Seattle, Wash.—A severe storm swept the Pacific Northwest Monday, snow and rain being accompanied by a high wind which at places attained a velocity of 60 miles an hour. The storm on Puget Sound was the most severe recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau here. The wind blew 60 miles an hour at Cape Flattery, and 54 miles here. A portion of Eugene Ore., was flooded by the overflow from Amazon creek a small stream flowing through the town. It was reported many people in the lower part of the town were marooned in their houses.

**"Flyer" Flagged Near Caved Track.** Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—A wreck of the Jersey Central "flyer" from Philadelphia and New York, was narrowly averted a mile from this city, when a trackwalker discovered a yawning mine cave in the roadbed and flagged the on-speeding express.

**Captain in Mosby's Rangers Dead.** Washington, D. C.—Word was received here of the death of Captain E. F. Thomson, a member of the famous Mosby's Rangers during the Civil War, at Clarendon, Va., aged 76 years.

**Gangster's Stray Bullet Kills Man.** New York.—Gangsters scored another victim here when a stray bullet, fired during a battle between the Galary and O'Rourke gangs killed Israel Asofsky, aged 33 years.

**Battlefield May Be Made a Park.** Washington, D. C.—Advocates behind the movement to have the government create a national park out of a portion of the ground on which the first battle of Bull Run was fought are planning to renew the fight with increased vigor. The project is being backed by members of the Grand Army and Veterans of the Confederacy, together with persons living in the vicinity of the historic spot.

### Blind Man An Inventor.

Meadville, Pa.—Sylvester J. Walker, a blind man, who lives with his mother, was granted letters patent on an invention, a staybolt for boilers and locomotives, and especially the latter. Mr. Walker learned the trade of a boilermaker, and it was his occupation until his eyesight failed about three years ago. He had the idea in his mind when his eyes began failing and when he could see no more he labored on with his hands and at last perfected his invention.

### FOUR PERISH BY STORM.

Northern New England and Nova Scotia Swept. Boston, Mass.—Reports from along the New England coast indicates that the storm which has been sweeping Northern New England and Nova Scotia cost four lives, separated more than a score of men from their ships and in some instances resulted in heavy money loss. The schooners Pontiac and Joseph Mullin lost a man each and the schooner Alice cannot account for two of her crew.

**Niagara Falls Has 122 Smallpox Cases.** Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Dr. Edward Clark of Buffalo, has been assigned by Dr. Herman M. Biggs of the state health department, to take charge of the smallpox situation here. Clark will work in conjunction with the local health department. The total number of cases of the disease is now 122.

**Manila Exposition Building Burns.** Manila.—Fire destroyed two-thirds of the exposition building here. The loss is \$250,000.

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