

PRESIDENT'S HORSES

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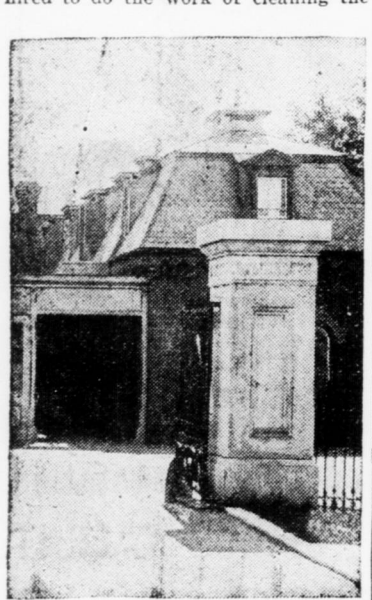
White House Stables Have Been Enlarged, but It Is Planned to Have New Ones Built Soon—Foreman of Stables an Ex-Jockey.

Not since Arthur's time have we had in a chief executive such a lover of horses as is President Roosevelt, and consequently he is giving a great deal of attention to the White House stables.

In looking around for a team awhile ago he had three beautiful horses sent from New York for his inspection. They were superb beasts to all appearances, and the employees in the White House stables were enthusiastic in their praise.

The White House stables consist of two buildings, a two-story red brick structure erected in 1871 and a low, rambling, yellow framed building which was the historic stable that housed the presidents' horses previous to that date.

The stable attendants are nearly all white men now, but up to four years ago were nearly all negroes, and the few colored hands now employed are hired to do the work of cleaning the



ENTRANCE TO WHITE HOUSE STABLES.

Stables and keeping the adjacent grounds in order. The foreman of the president's stable is Arthur Hurley, an ex-jockey and a man thoroughly versed in horse lore.

Leading to the presidential stables on the Seventeenth street side is a large court, and on both sides are carriage houses, where vehicles used by the executive department and the private conveyances of the president are kept.

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We live to enjoy a fly, sparrow and rat civilization.

Good cats, milk fed, around the barns are the best rat exterminators we have up to date.

Another improvement is the installation of a telephone in the country schoolhouse connecting the children with their country homes.

The best hay when made and the most difficult to make is clover. When it gets to be worth \$8 to \$10 per ton, it will make it in the right way—in the cock.

A good bathroom should have a place on every new farm home built, even if not more than \$1,200 is spent on such a house. It is not in any sense a luxury, but an absolute necessity.

While a possible crop of onions is 800 bushels per acre under exceptional conditions, an average crop may be placed at 300 bushels, or about twice as many bushels per acre as of potatoes.

The old man runs a good deal of risk with either a young, spirited horse or a young, spirited woman. He is liable to have a runaway in either case.

A scolding wife in the home is not a pleasant thing, but if a man makes her gather her own fuel, won't furnish her soft water and takes the egg money to buy his tobacco she has a right to scold all she wants to.

Men who have tried the White Holland turkeys tell us that while they will stay at home and bring more in the market than the bronze birds they are too tender and die down and die without any provocation at all.

We are pleased to note recently the fact that in an audience of over 100 ladies, all well and fashionably dressed, not one, so far as we could see, had a bird on her hat. We hope that the bird on the bonnet craze is about over.

Skunk farms are a failure, the two or three which were started in this country having been abandoned for the rather curious reason that when these animals are raised in captivity the quality of their fur so degenerates as to become almost worthless.

We incline to the opinion that it is all right that our nice girls should get married after they have taught school two or three years. Teaching wears out a woman faster than maternity.

There has generally been supposed that where the cornstalks were cut up and fed to the stock no harm would come to the cattle so fed, but we have the past winter come across two cases where several head of cattle died, with all the symptoms of the so called cornstalk disease.

If you have a dove of hoes to feed this summer, plan to have an acre of rape for each thirty hoes. Plow up the old hog pasture and sow to oats one bushel, rape six pounds to the acre and turn in when the growth is six inches high. If the hogs don't keep the field fed down, turn in the cattle one in awhile. This makes the cheapest and best summer hog feed to be had.

While many men think that they cannot farm successfully unless they have at least eighty acres of land, it is still entirely possible for a man to farm very profitably on five acres provided he is located within easy reach of any large town, and if he works his five acres in the right manner he will sugar off at the end of the year with a better profit than most men with eighty acres farms.

DON'T PLANT CORN TOO EARLY. It is well to remember that corn will do little in the way of germinating and growing when the temperature is below 65 degrees F. For latitude 41 and north April planting of corn is usually a hinder, cold weather and possible frosts being almost sure even if the plant does get out of the ground to give it a setback from which it never recovers. Our own experience and observation prove that corn planted not earlier than May 15 will, taking a series of years, make a better crop than that planted earlier.

The keeping of bees and the raising of fruit are just as happy a combination in horticulture as is pork and beans for a food ration.

Penches and Hippons from South Africa were obtainable on the Chicago market in February. The price was South African about \$5.50 per dozen.

We know of one farmer who has made a twenty-five cent straw hat do him three summers. The hat is not handsome, but there is no mortgage on his farm.

A disk harrow, some grass seed and a disk brought into harmonious operation on that weedy pasture during the month of April will do wonders for it next year. Try it.

In the year 1870 the state of Tennessee Stands like a Stone Wall.

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There is but little machinery left out and exposed to the weather compared with what there used to be. It is strange, but nevertheless true, that the better off men have become the more prudent and economical they get.

The American mile when taken to Africa to help fight the Boers does not seem to have that regard for the British army regulations which he should, being given to stampeding and running into the Boer lines when a scrimmage is on.

The use of the manure spreader will double the value of all fertilizer spread by it as compared with the old method and will save at least half the work connected with the spread and disagreeable job of taking the fertilizer from the yards to the fields.

The spring shooting of wild fowl should be stopped in all the states. The birds at this season are poor in flesh and fishy in flavor and should be permitted to seek their northern nesting grounds in peace after six months of continuous bombardment.

We heard a man complaining lately that the farmers' telephone line which served him was unavailable for business for the reason that the farmers' wives on the line had got into such a habit of visiting over the phone. We have not heard a better argument advanced for the installation of the rural telephone service than this.

We are asked to name those products which may be grown upon the average farm, which are richest in protein—the milkmaking, flesh forming elements as distinguished from the fat forming products. Here they are: Clover, alfalfa, peas, beans, oats, bran and shorts. Early cut clover, well cured, made into hay when the pods are well filled and before they are ripe, cuts out just as the grain is passing from the milk to the dough stage, are the most easily obtainable of this class of foods.

A wealthy telephone corporation, creating a long line across an eastern state, tore down a local farmer's line which was in its way. When remonstrated with by the farmer and asked to repair their line, the corporation representatives treated the farmers with contempt, telling them that the company worth \$1,000,000 had no time to fuss with farmers' lines. But the agent immediately put the line in repair when informed that the twenty-four farmers operating the line were worth half a million and would fight for their rights.

We were talking with a gentleman who lives in North Carolina lately, and he tells us that the good roads question is a very live one in that state, the county in which he lives having appropriated for this coming year's work on the highways the large sum of \$90,000. The work being done is all in the line of making macadam pipe roads. The south realizes the need of such work more than does the north, for what is only a sandy, rutted, and of bad roads in the west and north-west is extended in the south to cover the entire winter season.

We came across a case lately where the mere fact of the owner of a good farm keeping his farm homestead in a neat and attractive shape—nice, large dooryard, shade trees, evergreen windbreak, and barns well painted—refused \$10 per acre more than the farms upon either side of him could have been bought for, they being equal in good farms and with just as expensive buildings, but not nicely kept up. The work which this man did to make his place attractive had a cash value of \$1,000 had he chosen to sell.

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Blows out the gas and furnishes the newspapers with a jest and an obituary notice. "Didn't know it was loaded" may be the most plausible excuse for a blunder brought a victim back to life. Those who let a cough run on, in ignorance of the danger, and to escape from the consequences when the cough develops into lung trouble.

The best time to kill a snake is in the egg. The best time to cure a cough is when it starts. Ordinarily, a few doses of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure a cough at the beginning. But even when the cough is deep-seated, the lungs bleed and the doctor did him no good. I stated the case in a druggist who had tried a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In three days after being using Golden Medical Discovery he was up and about and in two more days he went to work. Two bottles cured him.

My husband had been coughing for years and people frankly told me that he would go into consumption. I wrote John Sherman, 125 25th Place, Chicago, Ill. He had such terrible coughing spells he not only grew much alarmed but looked for the beating of a blood vessel or a hemorrhage at any moment. After stated the case in a druggist who had tried a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In three days after being using Golden Medical Discovery he was up and about and in two more days he went to work. Two bottles cured him.

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Disse for fruit growing—and he wants to know why it is that land suckers are freely running over themselves to get land in the bleak and seniarid west and northwest and paying little or no attention to these inviting southern opportunities. It is not an easy question to answer. Fever and ague, social conditions, sterility of soil, and the fact he mentions. It may be said that northern bred men have never readily adapted themselves to southern conditions and that all marauded improvements and migrations of the American people are the result of the fact that they are and are going on at the present time, have usually followed the lines of latitude with which they started. Thus the Scandinavian, Russian and Finlander usually seek homes in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, the Irish, English and German those latitudes south of 41. More than anything else, it is the natural conditions of the southern climate and the poverty of the soil which hinder a rapid settlement of that section, attractive as the south country is in so many respects.

A well known manufacturer of musical instruments in Germany, Max Froyer, has introduced a process for making violins from clay. These instruments are therefore singularly pure and are cast in molds, so that each instrument is an exact counterpart of its fellow. It is said—but it is somewhat hard to believe—that the porcelain body acts as a better resonator than one of wood and that the tone of the instrument is therefore singularly pure and full. The same inventor is also making mandolins of china clay, and it seems that they are much appreciated in southern countries, where this instrument is regarded more seriously than it is in Britain. The absolute disadvantage of a mandolin instrument being made of china clay is the brittleness of that material, as well as its weight, but both these drawbacks seem to have been forgotten. For some time we have heard rumors of most excellent violins being made of aluminum, and this metal, from its extreme lightness and other qualities, would seem to be admirably adapted to such a purpose.—Chambers' Journal.

A curious and interesting plan has been adopted in Glasgow by certain landlords who, having improved much of their slum property, have been naturally desirous to keep it in good condition. This plan consists in offering prizes to tenants who behave themselves well and pay their rent promptly. All tenants who fulfill these conditions are allowed in summer to live rent free for a fortnight, so that if they take a holiday they need not pay two rents. The plan has worked well so far, and over 60 per cent of the tenants have claimed the prize.

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