

FARM TOPICS

Money in Cattle Raising.
The price of beef cattle are higher now than many years ago, and the breeds are better. If it paid farmers in former days to raise cattle it should pay now. Even if steers gave no profit in market, the manure left will be a valuable item. The quantity of corn fodder wasted every year would support enough cattle to supply the Eastern markets.

Cure For Hoof and Mouth Disease.
A simple way for preventing the spread of the hoof and mouth disease, which is unusually prevalent in Germany and which seems impossible to stamp out, has been discovered by Professor Winkler and is thus described: "The milk of cattle afflicted with the disease is well boiled, and from four to six quarts is fed to each animal for a period of eight days." Professor Winkler claims that it will give immunity to the disease, and as it is a very simple remedy and easily gotten up, it is at least worth a trial.

Advantageous Soils in Poultry.
Soils that are unfit for cultivation can be used to advantage for poultry. A sandy location is always dry, and the fowls can find more or less green food that would be insignificant in quantity for cattle. It is safe to claim that in this section of the country there is no soil that does not contain growth of some kind, even if but scant, and, as fowls prefer the young and tender plants that are just appearing above ground, whether weeds or grass, they can at least find all the green food necessary. The advantage of a sandy location, however, is its dry soil. Fewer diseases occur on sandy soils, and the fowls will require less care where they escape mud and dampness. With good shelter and attention in feeding the fowls a plot of sandy land can be made to pay.

Breaking Up Setting Hens.
The treatment that setting hens, or "setters," generally receive from inexperienced poultrymen is absurd. When a broody hen is not to be set, the sooner she gets to laying again the better. To bang her around and shut her up in some foul little coop without feed and water is barbaric. Such treatment would make any hen stupid. We have seen farmers or their boys "duck" their hens in water, throw them on the barn roof, pull out their tails, etc., as a matter of imagined policy. If possible the poultryman should avail himself of a yard and house for the purpose of "breaking up" his setting hens. The accommodations need not be large. Common sense will approve anything reasonable. Put your hens in this sanitarium and regard it as such. Right here is the place for your best feed, for your best dust bath, for your most chivalric cockerel. When released from this confinement your hens are ready to lay. Rational sense amounts to money in cornering the profits of any business.—G. P. W., in The Epitomist.

Milk Stool Which Will Not Upset.
The little stool shown in the accompanying illustration is unique in the way in which the legs are inserted,



A NEVER-TIP MILK STOOL.

being spread over a large space, and it is impossible to turn the milk over. The drawing is out of proportion. The stool should be twelve inch long and eight inch wide. The seat is made of two inch pine board. Holes are bored almost through the board, but not quite. These are in slanting directions, so that the legs when fitted will occupy the position indicated in the drawing. Now take a pair of old broomsticks, whittle the ends so that they will fit into the holes, drive them in tight and saw them off any length desired.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Cutting Middlemen's Toll.
The best methods of marketing garden truck and other perishable produce is just now the subject of much discussion between advocates of various plans. One set of farmers believe in the producer building up a retail family trade direct with consumers in cities and towns. Others oppose this, claiming conditions have so changed within the last generation this cannot be done. Both are right in a measure. Yet the general principle holds true that there is a field for "getting together" and cutting out some of the excessive middlemen's tolls. There is too wide a difference between what the producer actually nets and consumer pays for berries or fresh vegetables, poultry, etc.

No general rule can be applied to the situation. Each farmer must study conditions so far as his own business is concerned. In many instances he can work up a profitable trade in selling direct from farm to town resident. An important element in success of this kind is in seeing that quality is all right and that asked prices are not excessive. The town wife is a shrewd buyer, yet other things being equal she favors the fresh, crisp product direct from the country. Where conditions are suited try this business the coming season.—Farm and Home.

When a woman past forty disappears from sight for a few weeks, it is a sign she is getting new teeth.

THE MARKETS

PITTSBURGH.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	68	70
Bye—No. 2.....	61 1/2	62
CORN—No. 2 yellow, shelled.....	47	47 1/2
No. 2 yellow, unshelled.....	48	48 1/2
Mixed ear.....	45	46
OATS—No. 2 white.....	32	32 1/2
No. 3 white.....	31	31 1/2
Flour—Winter patent.....	15 25	15 50
Fancy straight winter.....	3 75	4 20
HAY—No. 1 timothy.....	13 00	13 50
Clover No. 1.....	10 00	10 25
FEED—No. 1 white mid. ton.....	17 50	18 00
Brown middlings.....	15 25	15 75
Brn. bulk.....	15 25	15 50
STRAW—Wheat.....	7 50	8 00
Oat.....	7 25	7 50

Dairy Products.

BUTTER—Eldon creamery.....	22	22 1/2
Ohio creamery.....	19	19 1/2
Fancy country roll.....	13	14
CHEESE—Ohio, new.....	10	10 1/2
New York, new.....	10 1/2	11

Poultry, etc.

HENS—per lb.....	9 1/2	10 1/2
CHICKENS—dressed.....	13	13 1/2
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh.....	13 1/2	14

Fruits and Vegetables.

GREEN BEANS—per bushel.....	1 50	1 65
POTATOES—Fancy white, 3 bu.....	7 50	8 00
CABBAGE—per barrel.....	1 40	1 60
ONIONS—per box.....	1 30	2 00

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent.....	3 70	3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	73	73 1/2
CORN—mixed.....	47	47 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white.....	32	32 1/2
EGGS.....	13	13 1/2
BUTTER—Ohio creamery.....	13	13 1/2

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter patent.....	3 35	3 40
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	73	73 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	47	47 1/2
OATS—No. 2 white.....	32 1/2	33
BUTTER—Creamery, extra.....	19	19 1/2
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts.....	13 1/2	14

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patents.....	3 70	3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	78 1/2	79 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	47 1/2	48 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.....	32 1/2	33 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery.....	13 1/2	13 1/2
Eggs—State and Penna.....	13 1/2	14

LIVE STOCK.

Central Stock Yards, East Liberty, Pa.

CATTLE.

Prime heavy, 1500 to 1600 lbs.....	5 90	6 00
Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs.....	5 45	5 75
Medium, 1200 to 1300 lbs.....	5 25	5 55
Fat heifers.....	5 15	5 40
Butcher, 900 to 1000 lbs.....	4 50	4 80
Common to fair.....	4 00	4 40
Oven, common to fat.....	2 00	4 35
Common to good fat bulls & cows.....	2 50	4 40
Milch cows, each.....	25 00	50 00
Extra milch cows, each.....	37 50	50 00

HOGS.

Prime medium weights.....	6 25	6 30
Best heavy Yorkers and medium.....	6 30	6 35
Good to choice packers.....	6 12	6 15
Good pigs and light Yorkers.....	6 10	6 25
Pigs, common to good.....	6 10	6 17 1/2
Prime heavy hogs.....	5 90	5 95
Common to fair.....	5 60	5 75
Bought.....	4 25	5 75
Stags.....	3 75	4 50

SHEEP.

Extra, medium weight wethers.....	4 00	4 15
Good to choice.....	3 70	4 10
Medium.....	3 30	3 50
Common to fair.....	3 00	3 50

LAMBS.

Lamb, clipped.....	4 20	4 75
Lamb, good to choice, clipped.....	4 10	4 60
Lamb, common to fair, clipped.....	2 50	3 50
Spring Lambs.....	4 00	6 00

CALVES.

Veal, extra.....	6 00	6 50
Veal, good to choice.....	5 00	6 40
Veal, common to fair.....	3 00	4 50
Veal, common heavy.....	2 75	3 00

BUSINESS NOT AFFECTED.
No Disturbance Caused by Bank Failures. Labor Situation Improving—Mills Are Too Busy to Make Repairs.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: It does not follow because bad banking methods have caused one of the New York banks to close its doors with attendant circumstances that create a discussion in Wall street, that general business in any way affected by or at all responsible for the trouble. The country is undeniably prosperous and with prospect of an abundant harvest to supply our own needs and increasing European deficiencies, the situation is viewed with confidence.

Reports from the country speak of a continued active movement of merchandise with the jobbing trade and embracing nearly all lines. The fiscal year closes with conditions in the iron and coal industry in marked contrast to the situation at the corresponding date in 1900, and difficulty is experienced in stopping machinery long enough to make necessary repairs, prices are well maintained and steady, without unreasonable inflation. Construction proceeds at an unprecedented pace, so that structural material, builders' hardware and kindred goods find ready purchasers.

Footwear forwardings from Boston have averaged over 100,000 cases weekly for two months, raising the total for the half year to 2,358,521 cases. Exports to Great Britain are a most satisfactory factor in the present movement. Some Eastern shops are so well supplied with contracts that deliveries cannot be promised before September.

Stocks in dealers' hands are light, which gives the market a strong tone. Leather is active and firm, with hemlock sole in good demand. Upper leather is selling freely, though not equaling the activity in sole. Receipts of imported dry hides at Chicago have made further advances and holders are inclined to wait for still better terms. Wheat prospects are further improved throughout the entire producing region. Foreign needs continue the sustaining influence; in four weeks Atlantic exports, flour included, aggregating 13,000,000 bushels, against 10,980,076 last year, and 8,024,638 in 1899 while Pacific exports were 3,505,400 bushels, compared with 2,753,978 in 1900 and 2,447,740 two years ago. Corn is supported by reports of injury, and receipts are less than half last year's, but the export movement is equally unsatisfactory.

Wheels at textile mills are no longer generally idle. Improvement in all branches of this industry has come with a rush and manufacturers are making up some earlier losses.

Dark Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a great many years, and although I am past eighty years of age, yet I have not a gray hair in my head."
Geo. Yellott, Towson, Md.

We mean all that rich, dark color your hair used to have. If it's gray now, no matter; for Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair. Sometimes it makes the hair grow very heavy and long; and it stops falling of the hair, too.

\$1.50 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address: J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Constipation

Does your head ache? Pain back of your eyes? Bad taste in your mouth? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, headache, dyspepsia.

25c. All druggists.

Want your mustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use the **BUCKINGHAM'S DYE** for the Whiskers.

Unique Business Enterprise.
One of the most unique lines of business, and one which is followed by but few persons in the United States, is that of buffalo farming, and near the little station of Cochrane, Wis., is located one of the most extensive farms of this sort in the country. The ranch is operated by Huber Brothers, and they have a large herd of this species of animals. Twelve years ago C. Huber went to Thief River Falls, where he secured two buffaloes that were owned by Indians. These, with a few others, were taken to his Wisconsin farm, and formed the nucleus of a herd that now numbers 42 full-blooded animals. Huber Brothers have sold specimens to various parks in this country, and one animal was sent to the London Zoo. Recently Burgess & Hanson, of Linn, Ia., purchased a herd of six from Huber Brothers, with which to stock their ranch. Included in this lot were Old Tom and Lincoln, the kings of the herd. Tom has lived in captivity for years and was captured without much trouble, but when attempt was made to corral one of the cows, a partly tame animal, she ran against a fence and sustained injuries of such a nature that it was found necessary to kill her. At present the Huber herd numbers 26 full-blood, and a large number of cross-bred animals.

Growing Bottles.
There is an Australian curiosity called because of its peculiar form, the "bottle tree." It grows to a height of 50 feet and seems to represent bottles of all shapes, both right side up and up side down. The interior of the tree contains a glutinous substance that makes a refreshing drink, and to obtain which it is often tapped in the same manner as our maple sugar. The natives some times hollow out the trunks of these trees and thereby make excellent canoes.

A trial will convince anyone that he should not do without Garfield Headache Powders; take one when suffering from headache, nervousness or fatigue, send to Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., for samples.

It's a wonder some people don't get indigestion from chewing the rag.

The ancient ink closely resembled black paint, and on account of the large quantity of gum employed in their composition the letters stood up in relief on the parchments as though embossed.

PITMAN FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all druggists.

Only three per cent. of the total land area of the Southern States is under cultivation.

There are 6742 locks and keys in the Grand Opera House, Paris.

Best For the Bowels.
No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASABAR'S help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASABAR'S Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. G. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

Speaking of autographs, it's the man with a big bank account whose signature is most valuable.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?
It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Tired, Aching, Hot, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. Cures while you walk. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores. 25c Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

New Food Plant in Africa.
German papers speak of an annual plant growing in tropical Africa, belonging to the leguminous class, which is largely cultivated by the negroes as a food article, writes Consul General Richard Guenther, of Frankfurt. It has also been introduced to some extent in Southern Asia and in Brazil. It is called woadu by the African negroes; the botanical name is Glycine subterranea. The French expert chemist of ailments has recently analyzed the fruit of the woadu with reference to its chemical composition and its value as food. The fruit, like the peanut, matures underground. The edible kernel has the shape of an egg, and is dark red, with black stripes and a white hilum, like most beans. It furnishes a very white flour, whose flavor after cooking much resembles that of chestnuts. The chemical composition is 58 per cent. of starchy substance, 19 per cent. nitrogenous, 10 per cent. water, 6 per cent. oily, 4 per cent. cellulose substance and 3 per cent. ashes. It will be seen that two pounds of these beans would supply the daily requirements of the human system.

Tibet is larger than France, Germany and Spain combined, and has a population of 6,000,000. It is ruled over by Dalai Lama, who acknowledges only nominal allegiance to China. He is the head of Lamaism, which is the oldest and strictest sect of Buddhism. Nearly all Mongolia is of the religion of the Dalai Lama of Lassa, and an ambitious man in the place could make trouble for China.

E. A. Reed, Toledo, Ohio, says: "Hall's Catarrh Cure cured my wife of catarrh fifteen years ago and she has had no return of it. It's a sure cure." Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Some men can never find anything about the house except fault.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Agriculture is developing rapidly in the West Indies.

To the golf writer the pen is mightier than the sword.

Fiso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Hara, 322 Third Avenue, N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Even a small barber can be called a strapping fellow.

A Garfield Headache Powder is a harmless restorative for weak or overstrained nerves; anyone feeling languid or depressed will be benefited by taking this simple remedy. It is the best cure for headaches known.

Our Population and Great Britain.
Forty-one and one-half millions of people are now crowded into the United Kingdom, says the National Geographic Magazine. A similar density of population in the United States would mean a total population in this country, excluding the dependencies, of about one billion thirty-six millions.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY: gives quick relief and cures where other remedies fail. 10 days' treatment. Free. Dr. R. B. GREEN'S HOME, Box B, Atlanta, Ga.

"The Sancerre that made West Point famous." **McILHENNY'S TABASCO.**

FISO'S CURE FOR COUGHS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, etc. In time. Sold by druggists.

Worms IN CHILDREN ARE veritable demons, and must be removed or serious results follow. The medicine which for 60 years has held the record for successfully ridding children of these pests is **Frey's Vermifuge**—made entirely from vegetable products, containing no calomel. **IT ACTS AS A TONIC.** 25c. at druggists, or by mail. E. & S. FAY, Baltimore, Md.

If afflicted with sore eyes use **Thompson's Eye Water**

Wood is not generally well seasoned by a very high temperature. If the heat is too great the moisture escapes very rapidly and the wood is liable to crack or split.

In Algiers a motor vehicle transport now makes a daily run of 100 miles between two towns where vehicular traffic of no kind has ever before been possible.



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MILLIONS OF MOTHERS USE CUTICURA SOAP ASSISTED BY CUTICURA OINTMENT THE GREAT SKIN CURE

For preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin of infants and children, for rashes, itchings, and chafings, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Millions of Women use Cuticura Soap in the form of baths for annoying irritations, inflammations, and excoriations, for too free or offensive perspiration, in the form of washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, especially mothers. No amount of persuasion can induce those who have once used these great skin purifiers and beautifiers to use any others. Cuticura Soap combines delicate emollient properties derived from Cuticura, the great skin cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and the most refreshing of flower odors. It unites in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE, the BEST skin and complexion soap and the BEST toilet, bath, and baby soap in the world.

Cuticura THE SET
COMPLETE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL TREATMENT FOR EVERY HUMOR. Consisting of CUTICURA SOAP, to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle, CUTICURA OINTMENT, to instantly allay itching, inflammation, and irritation, and soothe and heal, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, to cool and cleanse the blood. A SINGLE SET is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and scaly skin, scalp, and blood humors, with loss of hair, when all else fails. Sold throughout the world. British Depot: F. NEWBERRY & SOXS, 27-28, Charterhouse Sq., London. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Sole Props., Boston, U.S.A.

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Just try a package of **LION COFFEE** and you will understand the reason of its popularity.

LION COFFEE is now used in millions of homes.

"MY MARY ANN."

(Can be sung to the air of "My Maryland.")

In the kitchen she has sway—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
There she rules throughout the day,
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
Breakfast, lunch and dinner fair
Excellent she'll prepare,
Served with **LION COFFEE** rare—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!

She's a tried and trusted cook—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
You can bet she knows her book—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
Coffee she can understand—
She will use no other brand—
Than the **LION COFFEE** grand—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!

Well she knows it is not glazed—
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
That in million homes 'tis praised!
Mary Ann, my Mary Ann!
One pound package, in the bean,
Lion head on wrapper seen,
Premium list inside will mean
Presents for my Mary Ann!

In every package of **LION COFFEE** you will find a fully illustrated and descriptive list. No housekeeper, in fact, no woman, man, boy or girl will fail to find in the list some article which will contribute to their happiness, comfort and convenience, and which they may have by simply cutting out a certain number of Lion Heads from the wrappers of our one pound sealed packages (which is the only form in which this excellent coffee is sold).

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