

Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2) years to reach a conclusion and adjust their see-saw differences while Italy and the unknown revolutionary Russia now advance to the fore. The former seems secure under good government but what the future holds in store for experimental Russian is un-evident to us all. It remains only too true that we should not hazard her too lightly, what with her human millions, her great store of resources, natural and otherwise and her fierce, red enthusiasm. Nor can we with any degree of safety ignore the children of the Orient or the drowning masses in the Sea of India.

France and the United States hold the world's gold but fate holds their destinies and that of all nations so that none may be so bold to say, "This one shall take that path," "That one will falter by the way."

A Reader.

SCIENTIST CLAIM MOON USELESS AS FARM GUIDE

Many rural people practice what is known as moon farming says "The Pathfinder." That is, they plant seeds, shear sheep, prune trees, butcher animals, lay shingles and do other farm work according to the phases of the moon. They believe:

Pork from hogs killed in the dark of the moon will shrink when cooked.

Animals born during the new moon thrive better.

Fleeces sheared in the wane of the moon weigh more.

The seeds of corn and other crops that grow above the ground rot when planted in the light of the moon.

Crops that grow under the ground like potatoes and beets, grow near the surface and produce a light yield when planted in the dark of the moon.

Shingles laid during the new moon curl up and pull the nails out.

In a sentence, nothing should be done except "when the moon is right."

Darwin wrote that the Gauchos of the Argentine think that "nothing can succeed without it be begun when the moon is on the increase." Before the Revolution the French government directed its foresters to cut timber only "in the wane of the moon," on the theory that wood cut during that phase would not rot so quickly. Belief in the moon's influence over such activities dates back thousands of years and is probably a survival of moon worship among the ancients. Two centuries ago it was still widely believed that the lunar orb controlled even human affairs. Scientists sought in vain for a relation between the phases of the moon and activities on the earth.

Moon-farming, says the Department of Agriculture, has no support from any scientific point of view. Repeated experiments indicate that the phases of the earth's germination of seeds, the warping of shingles, the weight of wool, or the shrinkage of pork. Most of the beliefs associated with moon-farming are not based on the assumption that direct moon-light is especially potent, but rather that the moon exercises some mysterious and occult power over mundane activities. Even the light and heat from the moon are not sufficient to affect plant growth materially. The moon has no appreciable influence on any of the major conditions affecting the growth of plants and consequently does not govern agriculture. Moonlight is merely reflected sunlight.

Experiments show that full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight, and plants so shadowed that they receive only 1-100th of normal daylight, grow little better than they do in total darkness. But 1-100th of daylight, already too feeble to stimulate plant activity appreciably, is still 6,000 times brighter than full moonlight. Therefore the stimulus of moonlight on plant growth must be negligible. From time to time some pseudo-scientist revives the theory that moonlight, being reflected light, is "polarized" and therefore particularly potent in affecting plants. There is no evidence that such is the case.



BOOST BETTER BUTTER

By Prof. W. B. Krueck

When you go into a restaurant or barbecue stand today and ask for a sandwich you are likely to receive a piece of bread—or a roll and a piece of meat.

When we were children at home and went into our mother's kitchen and asked for a sandwich we got a piece of bread, well buttered, and a piece of meat.

There are probably 500,000 restaurants and hamburger stands in the United States. A great many of these are getting by without putting any butter into a sandwich. Do you realize as a producer that if you would demand a buttered sandwich you would encourage the operator to serve all his sandwiches in that way? One pound more butter used per day in each restaurant or hamburger stand would increase the demand for butter and dairy products.

Are you a booster of butter consumption? If so, why not demand a complete sandwich?

Apple Maggot.

This insect is closely related to the Mediterranean fruit fly. During the month of July the fly lays its eggs in the fruit but makes no visible opening through the skin. The maggot which hatches from the egg matures as the fruit ripens and early sweet apples show injury first. The flesh of the apple is tunneled by the winding burrows of the maggot and these assist in the breakdown of the fruit while in storage. Where infestations are heavy, winter varieties are often attacked. Arsenate of lead is used as a poison for control of the fly but will not harm the maggot in the fruit. For that reason it is necessary to poison the fly before the eggs are laid. Spraying is done at the time of the emergence of the fly which usually occurs during early July. A survey in the infested regions shows where the arsenate sprays were omitted at this time that severe infestation resulted.

Emergence cages, which are necessary in accurately timing the sprays, are being arranged at several locations in the country to capture the flies as they emerge. These are made by placing about a bushel of infested apples in a barrel which has had the bottom removed. As the maggots mature they will burrow down into the soil to pupate. Early next summer a screen will be placed over the barrel to capture the flies as they emerge. Mr. Dill, Entomologist, at State College, placed traps at orchards of N. O. Fassett, Forkston;

Kitner, Mehoopany; Gordon Shook, Stull; George Clark, Beaumont; A. L. Major, Centermoreland and E. O. Wright, Marsh Creek.

FALL MOLTS

By Prof. H. D. Munroe

Many flocks of early hatched pullets are now in a fall molt. This condition was brought about by the very warm fall weather; by forced production caused by using lights; by feeding too heavy with milk and by over-feeding with scratch feed causing the birds to develop a dull appetite for some grains and finally to lose weight.

To bring the birds out of this molt as soon as possible it is necessary to increase the laying mash consumption. Feed a moist laying mash once or twice each day. For a while decrease the amount of scratch feed. Feed extra milk in the moist mash or in the condensed form. Increase the day to about thirteen hours by use of lights. Egg mash will develop feathers faster than any other feed.

As the flocks begin to come back to normal production (50 per cent), gradually increase the scratch feed until you are giving them all they will "clean up" daily. Reduce the amount of moist laying mash fed daily and when production reaches 40 per cent change to a moist fattening mash. Discontinue the use of extra milk when production reaches 50 per cent.

Keystone Poultrymen Wins Chick Contest

A Pennsylvania poultryman won first prize in a national chick growing contest sponsored by Poultry Tribune, Mount Morris, Illinois.

George Baggott, Wyalusing, won \$500 by raising 98.27 per cent of his 1035 chicks, keeping an excellent record, and writing a good letter telling of his experience.

Samuel Roxberry Jr., Slatington won \$5 and honorable mention with his entry. Thirty-five other Pennsylvania poultrymen were included among the prize winners.

TROUT SPAWN IN MOUNTAIN STREAMS

(Continued from Page 3) ly, Benjamin Kane, of Susquehanna, hooked a mammoth bass. The big fellow tipped the scales at five and one-half pounds, and is said to have been one of the largest bass landed in that vicinity in a long time.

Conowingo Lake on the Susquehanna River has yielded fine catches of bass and wall-eyed pike this fall, reports indicate.

Anglers fishing the rivers are finding riffle chubs exceptional bait this time of the year. Some of the finest small mouth bass and wall eyed pike landed have struck at this active bait. Shiners, run chubs, and crawfish also are favorites with live bait fishermen. Bait casters are finding spinners and plugs effective lures for pickerel in many instances.

Second Thoughts

By Mediator

In the tale, the physician observes none of the conventions of the ordinary M.D. Frequently he interrupts a treatment to take time to milk his pet cow. Once he dropped his syringe in a spittoon in which there was an accumulation of months and the long line of patients who invariably are waiting in his office all day killed time while the venerable old man took the cuspidor into the back yard and fished for his equipment.

SMART ADVERTISING

It takes a clever person to keep up with the cigarette advertising these days. At an expenditure of several million dollars, the big cigarette manufacturers are copying each other's arguments. Now, they are all toasted, they have all got cellophane wrappers and they are all helpful to your throat. As we figure it, they've all worked themselves right back to where they started and probably will have to begin all over again taking customers from each other. Personally, we've started smoking a pipe.

HICKS

Trying to pass through a crowd that was gaping at a string of fire engines racing over 42nd street, New York, last Saturday night we were reminded that the allegedly hard-boiled New Yorkers are much more curious than such countrified persons as this correspondent. Certainly all the people in the mob through which we tried to pass were not visitors to town.

ONE HICK

Nevertheless, there are sage individuals who can spot visitors in New York in the wink of an eyelash. We have had squint-eyed fellows side up to us with all sorts of propositions. We try earnestly to put on a metropolitan front but these sour-faced chaps size us up as hicks with little difficulty.

AMERICAN BEAUTY

As residents of a district in which the representatives of many nations are neighbors, people in this region should find Edna Ferber's new novel, American Beauty, particularly interesting.

Miss Ferber has based her story on the traditions of an old New England family, from the time of Captain Oakes, who settled in Connecticut and established the estate, to his great-grandson, son of aristocrat and immigrant, holding tightly and proudly to the remnants of tradition and property.

And old man returns to his boyhood home, which he remembers as an agricultural section, farmed by good New England stock. He finds, in 1930, the section is controlled, by Poles, whose women work in the fields and whose broken English is a startling sound for the old man who was lonely for the clipped accents of the Yankees.

Miss Ferber leaves the reader to decide if the union of races has been damaging or beneficial. The book is thoroughly worth reading.

Wise Spending

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In other words, the biggest business on earth is not making money. It is not gaining material things. It is Keeping men from losing their own soul. The world is in a bad fix. I don't mean financially. Our spiritual problem. There is lots of wheat, more cotton than we need to clothe the world. Yet, we are going into a winter when people will suffer from cold and hunger. Man has failed. God has done his part. The season has been glorious. The harvest bountiful. Man has got the world in an awful mess. Man cannot put the world right. Our hope is in God. Man is beginning to realize that he has failed, that is the only hopeful sign. This is the day of opportunity for the Christian leaders. So few seem to realize that now is the time to do real revival. That is our only hope. God wants your heart. If he can get your heart he will comb out the kinks in your head. John 14:6 "And I will pray the Father and he shall send business for God. What we need is a you another comforter that he may abide with you forever."

What a wonderful promise. And that promise is fulfilled. You say if a man dies shall he live again? Yes, for the body falls and the spirit rises to the one who gave it. For death is only a change of residence from this old world to a better world above where there is peace, joy and happiness, where the trees are always in bloom and the roses never fade. Do you want such a home? If you do get on the ship of Zion. Jesus is the captain, he will take you safely through.

A scotch woman, while dying, was asked what she thought of death, she said: If I die I will be with Jesus, and if I live, Jesus will be with me.

Did you ever hear tell of a better salvation? You know when man came from the hand of God in Creation's moun he was pronounced every good. But before he got out of the garden he ran off the track, and dragged the whole human race down with him. And since that time God has made a way that men might be redeemed and the only way is through Jesus' blood.

Noah built an ark that saved eight. Jesus built a bridge from earth to heaven, that can save the whole human race. John 3:16—For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Don't forget, be sure your sins will find you out, things are not now as they should be but sooner or later the wrong will be righted, the wicked shall fall, the dark will be lighted up, and the good will prevail. Death does not end it all, only a starting point, when you have an opportunity to witness for Christ tell them there is pardon through Jesus' blood. Salvation means something saved from the wrath of God to come.

A snow flake is a tiny thing, it will melt on an infant's hand, but enough of them piled up on a railroad track will stop a locomotive. And enough neglects of individuals will block a revival, or put a church on a standstill, Jesus has promised you another comforter, and he will abide with you forever, Nellie left home, she told her Mother that she wanted to go out into the world, away from home, and she packed up her clothing and went, and after a long time in the world of sin by herself, she said I wonder if Mother is still living? I believe I will get ready and go back home, so she started, and after a long journey she reached the old homestead, she took hold of the latch of the gate and opened it. She said the click of the old latch sounded good to her, if Mother is only living? It was dark and as she found her way up to the door, she reached for the latch and it was not there, for the door was open. It was a bitter cold winter night, she looked around and saw a dim light burning on the table and she called, "Mother, Oh, Mother," are you here. An old grey haired lady started down stairs with a light in her hand and said: "Yes Nellie your Mother is here." And when she came into the kitchen, Nellie said: Oh, Mother "I have come back" and kissed her. What does all this mean: the door open on a cold winter night like this, Nellie, that door has not been closed day or night since you went away, I thought if you ever came back, you would find the door open and a welcome home for you, and if any of you are out in the world of sin, Jesus is ready to welcome you. For he says any one that will come unto me I will in no wise cast out, and if your Mother or Father is living don't wait until they are gone and then say, "I wish I had my life to live over again I would of done better by them. If you want to give them roses, do it while they are living, they can enjoy them then for after they are dead it will not do any good, for they cannot see them, nor can they smell them. I am glad I can say "Praise God if my parents were to live over again, I did the best I could for them while they were living." Revelation 3:20—Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and will open the door, I will come into him, and sup with him and he with me.

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