

Farmers Column

VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR THE FARMERS

Keep Records of Your Cows—Better Handling of the Farm—The Keeping of Sweet Potatoes—Fooling With Alfalfa—Action of a Horse

The biggest hen is not the business hen.

Charring corn is one way of providing charcoal for fowls.

Don't expect to win every prize you compete for this fall.

Some breeds are easier plucked than others. This makes a difference.

The hen needs a balanced ration, the same as the cow or the man.

Broken charcoal is a fine conditioner for birds of all ages at all times of the year.

It is the abuse and not the use of corn that condemns it as a poultry food.

It is very poor economy to inbreed to save the expense of buying new roosters.

Air slaked lime sprinkled on the floor and on the dropping boards will help to keep the place healthy and the air pure.

The action of a horse is a very important item in his makeup. It should be straight, free and under control of himself. There should be no swaying, nor wobbling, nor throwing of his feet. The tracks should be in a regular line, and placed in the same general position when compared with each other.

Twenty years ago the owner of a West Virginia farm began "fooling" with alfalfa. He scattered it about his farm, but never made a success of it. But the scattering plants slowly inoculated the farm, and now alfalfa can be successfully sown without inoculation anywhere on the farm. There is a lesson in this for many of us. If we will pursue the plan of sowing a quart or so of alfalfa seed to the acre with all our clover or grass seeding we shall soon find that the farm has become "friendly" to alfalfa.

Sweet potatoes that are sound, have never been touched by the least frost and have not been bruised by rough handling will keep well if stored in a fairly dry and warm room. It is useless to try to keep potatoes not answering these conditions more than a short time. They are sure to decay or become worthless for eating. I never enjoy a sweet potato more than when they come on the table nicely baked or steamed, shortly after I have dug them from my own garden. In my present location I am unable to grow them. I could do it easily if I had a piece of warm sandy loam in fairly good condition. It's not worth while attempting to grow them in our climate here in our strong loams, mucks or other cool soils.

I believe that the time has come when more capital in the form of employed labor, fertilizers, farm machinery, animals' food and more extensive intensive tillage can be successfully applied to our farming. The great economic question is not small farms or more acres, but the complete getting away from small yields and crop failures. Not only more acres tilled, but each acre tilled far better. Any system of crop growing is one on a safe foundation when the bulk of the field crops are fed to the live stock and the resulting manure saved and applied to the fields with as little loss as possible. Pursuing this course and buying fertilizers to encourage the growth of crops enables us to expand our farming.

There are too many cows in herds of the American farmers that do not pay for their own keep, much less yielding a profit, but the unscientific dairyman who relies alone on his eyes and own judgment rather than on records of yield and income, keeps on until he has his eyes opened by the progress of his neighbor, who may have joined a cowtesting association. As illustrative of the difference in value of the average cows in a herd, may be cited the record of the work of cowtesting associations in operation in the state of Iowa since 1909. The best cow of the 688 tested returned a profit of \$106.77, while the poorest cow showed a loss of \$19.44. The average profit from the best cow in each of the 46 herds tested was \$59.04, and from the poorest cow in each herd, \$16.63. From the data presented it has been estimated that ten years in a cowtesting association ought to bring all the cows up to nearly 290 pounds of butter fat per year.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Our Home Markets Butter, per lb. Eggs, per doz. Lard, per lb.

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

What Shwilkey Bumblebeek Has To Say This Week.



Well wara enichs fon eich drow fer hawsa 'om Somshdawk? Won deer woret wiset der eny how was de bowera denka fon de neya law. Der wake es ollavile gookt is selly law nix des en ferdulty nuisance.

Oilly mon es gate fer hawsa mus en dawler oter a pore sent may geva fer en license. Won aer seller dawler nema date un date ferr hawsa kawfa—sel waer enyhow may es aer sheese kent—waer aer feyl besser op, denkst net?

Ich wase a pore kals des sel gadu hen. Ower now nem em bowe si site. Es waer sheer noteventich des aer en license rous nemt fer uf sime agena boweri sheesa. Un si gnecht, der orm drup, daerf aw net gay uny en license. Daer gate ferlicht aens oter tzway mole nows, griekt ferlicht ay haws un uftmols gore kenny, un es kusht ene en dawler.

De bowera doe room sin oll gaega selly ney law un deena era londt trespassa. Do om Mount Shoy room hut sheer olly bowe notices of gadu. Now wu in der dihenker sel en orem er booker ve mich gay fer hawsa sucha? Der aenicha blots waer uf de ahtrose un dot huts kenny.

Well mer wella oll huffa des won de legislature viter tzomer kuma in tzway yore noch dem, des se selly ferdult law repela.

PLEASANT HILL

Harry Rutt finished seeding last week. Joseph Smith, of near Rheems, was circulating in our midst last week.

William Warner and wife, accompanied by Harry Nye, all of near Maytown, were visitors at the Fort on Sunday.

Milton Pauls, who operates the Jacob Shank farm down the Maytown road, was threshing his wheat crop out last week.

Harry Heisey lost a valuable horse last week. It strayed on to the railroad and the engine put the finishing touches to him.

Milard Stump our country butcher who is located back of the Hill is making a very successful venture in his new field of operation.

An early return of winter was proven down on the main boulevard at Rheems last week, when Jacob Heisey the veteran prohibitionist, was availing himself of a sleigh-ride behind a fast dust thrower.

A very nice birthday dinner was served to E. R. Neideigh at the Fort on Sunday by his hospitable wife. Edward had reached the 33rd mile post, and is still in his element.

Around the table were seated his four daughters, Barbara, Annie, Mary and Ruth, three sons were also present, consisting of William, Robert and Alpheus.

Quite a united assemblage of children of Samuel K. Weaver and wife spent a very pleasant Sabbath day here. They consisted of Miller Weaver, wife and family, John Weaver, wife and family, Simon Landis, wife and little daughter, Laura Jane, all of Rheems; Milton Haines and wife and Mabel Floyd, of Pleasant Hill. A very pleasant and agreeable time was spent and was highly appreciated by all.

NORTHWEST RAPHO

Emma Ruth, daughter of Isaac Geib is on the sick list. Jno. R. Gibble visited in the home of Frank Shenk's on Sunday.

Jos. R. Gibble sold "Bert" favorite steed of 14 summers.

Miss Anna Shenk was the guest of the Misses Daisy and Katie on Sunday.

You can plainly see which represent the Domestic B... those who drive a mule... church.

Benjamin Stauffer spent Sunday at El... ing conveyed Mrs. ... ecker of Palmyra.

Benjamin Stauffer records by del... rich & Bro. ... last, that the ... pounds. His ... smiles ha... champion.

A. Y. ... sort of ... raised ... Alma Clark, of Ann... so fortunate as to have ... parents.

100 Licenses issued this morning 9,200 hunters' had been purchased at treasurer Schock's office. It is not clear whether this record is by another county in the spite of the fact that there are many counties in which...

A VERY UNPOPULAR LAW

We Have as Yet to See the First Person That Favors It

To show how unpopular the new gunners license law is we quote from our exchanges the following:

Lancaster county farmers have a new wrinkle in putting one over on the gunners, and it exists in all sections close to the borders of adjacent counties. They assert that if the State has a right to charge a dollar for a license to go gunning they are entitled to the same for allowing the hunter to shoot game on their property. There have now been granted more than 6,000 licenses in the county, and there is not a stretch of land that trespass notices cannot be found on fences and posts—Philadelphia Record.

With the law such that the farmer, under certain conditions, cannot gun on his own premises without a license, it is no wonder he is kicking against the present game act and making it as objectionable as possible. There never was a demand or necessity for such law as the present, and so if the farmer resents its enforcement he is but doing the natural, human thing. He thinks the best way to repeal a bad law is to rigidly enforce it—a position Gen. Grant once took. So let no one kick against the farmer, but against the powers that be who passed the act in the interest of privileged persons or special interests—Lancaster Examiner.

HERE AT HOME

Mt. Joy Citizens Gladly Testify and Confidently Recommend Doan's Kidney Pills

It is testimony like the following that has placed Doan's Kidney Pills so far above competitors. When people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room left for doubt. Read the public statement of a Mt. Joy citizen:

Mrs. H. E. Greenawald, Donegal St. Mt. Joy, Pa., says: "For some time I was in poor health, and I finally came to the conclusion that my kidneys were disordered. My back ached constantly and I was subject to chills and dizzy spells. The least work tired me and I had but little ambition. Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I decided to give them a trial and procured a box at Garman's Drug Store. They acted just as represented. I got prompt relief and improved in every way. I gladly confirm the statement I gave some years ago, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills. My health has been good since."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Locals Were Defeated

In a hotly contested game the Elizabethtown foot ball team defeated a team from this place on Saturday on the former's grounds by the score of 6 to 0. The line-up was:

- Mt. Joy Positions: Elizabethtown Conrad left end, Ruhl left tackle, McLaughlin left guard, Ring center, Painter right guard, Fish right tackle, Gochanauer right end, Ream fullback, Hess quarterback, Pennell right halfback, Heistand left halfback, Ream fullback, Oliver Touchdown, Heistand. Time of quarters, 10 minutes. Referee, Murphy, Umpire, Peters, Timekeeper, Ream.

The Donovan Store

The people of Lancaster and surrounding counties who attend the movies were recently surprised to see a street car in nearly full size thrown on the screen, but it was recognized almost instantaneously by every body as the familiar Donovan Street Car, with its ride to Lancaster Free slogan, which is placed all over the county, on fences, on poles, in fields and in newspapers, and this method of advertising the firm's courtesy to its patrons on all purchases of \$10 or more, once again demonstrates the fact that Donovan's, with its big 28 departments a regular big city store, is no wonder when told that the Donovan Store for out of town customers they term themselves, is doing a big business as is done in Lancaster City today. Look for the Donovan Street car—They're real as life



5A Horse Blankets

will save you money because of their unusual wearing qualities. They fit perfectly, have the right hang, and ensure warmth to the horse. 5A Horse Blankets are made of the strongest, tightest-twisted yarns—

Cost You Less Money

than you would pay for ordinary blankets, because we make the buckles, straps—everything—complete in our factory, the biggest horse blanket factory in the world, and sell direct to your dealer, thereby doing away with jobbers' profits. 5A Horse Blankets are made in large assortment of patterns and styles. Our trade mark, 5A, is on every genuine blanket. Look for it. It means a big saving to you.

5A Storm King Square Blanket

is made especially for bitter, stormy weather and the hardest outdoor wear. Woven extra strong, heavy, and exceedingly warm. Outwears several ordinary blankets. Every horseman wants it. Weighs 8 lbs. and measures 84 x 90 inches. Medium price.

Buy a 5A Square Blanket for street use. Buy a 5A Dias Circle Blanket for stable use. Buy a 5A Plush Robe for carriage or auto. Write for booklet showing blankets in colors. WM. AYRES & SONS, Philadelphia, Pa.

To Our Patrons

Read This Ad Carefully and Profit By The Experience of Others

This ad has paid us, but the way our customers are talking about the results they are getting from our FEDERAL STOCK & POULTRY FOOD is convincing enough for you to try it too. If it were not good, we would not be selling it. They are not only pleased with the results they are getting, but amazed at the beautiful and valuable premiums we are giving. These premiums are limited in number, so the first who buy, are the ones who will get the premiums.

The goods to put up under serial number 17232 and all the ingredients printed on the label of every bucket.

We will be pleased to show you what the proposition is and feel confident of your future business, after you have given it a trial.

Still more convincing, to ask the man who is feeding it. Distributed by BRANDT & STEHMAN, Mt. Joy, Penna.

Let Us Show You a REAL Line of Overcoats

THEY'RE HAVING "16 degree" weather and snow in the great Southwest—and the weather sharps say the East is due for a "visitation" of Winter very shortly.

Naturally, that leads us to "talk Overcoats, a field in which we are REAL LEADERS, both in point of size of stock, variety of selection and lowness of price.

We show Overcoats for all ages, Chesterfield lengths, in Black, Gray and Oxford for middle-aged men; pretty mixed effects for the younger element; fancy belted back and Chinchilla Coats for the sporty fellow. Prices \$8.50 to \$25.

For Young Men and Ladies: "Mackinaw" Coats.

Swell effects in warm-toned Scotch Plaid Blanket Cloth for street, auto or driving wear. Many ladies are getting them here because of their desirable MANNISH LINES. Priced from \$7.50 to \$15—\$2 to \$3 lower than the average store.

Groff & Wolf Co.

26-28 North Queen Street LANCASTER, PENNA.

Advertisement for Moore's Mill Work, featuring flour, grain, and other products. Includes text like 'MOORE', 'SALT, CEMENT AND FERTILIZER', and 'and Mill Work a Speciality'.

Advertisement for Furniture, featuring desks, tables, and kitchen cabinets. Includes text like 'FURNITURE', 'Ladys Desks', and 'Kitchen Cabinets'.

Advertisement for F. H. Baker's Coal and Lumber Yards, featuring various building materials. Includes text like 'F. H. Baker's', 'Coal and LUMBER YARDS', and 'No. 1 Cedar Shingles'.

Advertisement for Mennonite and other customers, featuring clothing and fabrics. Includes text like 'Mennonite and other Customers', 'ready-made stock of Plain Suits', and '9 to \$14'.