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**Farmers Column**

VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR THE FARMERS

Strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries are of a very perishable nature. They must be picked just right, and if allowed to become overripe they become soft and are rejected by customers. This is a loss to the grower. The strawberry must be reset every three or four years for the best success; while the raspberry and blackberry should be reset every five or six years. This always means a large amount of careful and painstaking care.

A cow should be dried off for six weeks before calving. It may take two weeks to dry her off, that depending upon the persistency of milk flow. To dry a cow off the rich feed has to be removed and the cow allowed to pasture short grass or oat hay. Some milk is left in the quarters at each milking at first; then a milking is omitted; then the milking is done every other day, and afterward only a little milk is taken, as seen to be necessary. There is no specific rule for such work, and it requires the best judgment and experience of the attendant.

It is an easy matter to grow a crop of strawberries, but quite another thing to sell them profitably. Strawberries, to sell well, must be packed carefully in boxes and placed on the market soon thereafter. Few towns are well equipped with strawberries during the strawberry season. Any individual who will plant one to five acres will find a ready market for all his product at home. For home market strawberries should be nearly ripe when picked; but for shipping they should be picked a little greener. It is an easy matter to pick a small area, but when several acres have to be picked every day it is not easy. Shortage of help is the main trouble. When picking for shipping a field should be picked every day if possible, but for home market, to pick over the same ground every other day is often enough. It is well to see that the boxes are well filled.

The capacity of brooders and hovers is often overestimated, and one half to two thirds of the number of chickens commonly advised will do much better than a larger number. The danger from fire, due frequently to carelessness and lack of attention, is considerable in cheap brooders and hovers, while there is some risk in the best grades, although proper care will reduce this to a minimum. Individual hovers in colony houses or several in one large house are giving quite general satisfaction on small poultry farms, while the pipe system of brooding is commonly used in large commercial poultry plants and where extensive winter brooding is done. Gasoline brooders, brooder stoves that burn engine distillate oil, and a separate individual hover heated by a coal fire are coming into more general use, each with a capacity varying from 200 to 1,500 chickens. These large individual brooders are used in colony houses, and when the chickens are weaned the colony house is used as a growing coop, which requires a smaller investment than the long, piped brooder house and allows one to rear the chicks on range to good advantage.

ers prune their young trees too heavily performed as winter pruning. After the shape of the tree has been obtained through winter pruning, the filling out of the branches and the trunks should be accomplished by summer pruning. This is especially true during the fourth and fifth years after planting. As a rule, most fruit growers prune their young trees too heavily during the first years. Growth becomes excessive, especially in length, and the branches do not become properly braced at the crotches of the tree. If summer pruning is done between the middle and latter part of June, when the growth in length has reached from 12 to 15 inches, by cutting off the terminal buds, it will invariably check the growth in length and increase the thickness of the trunk and branches. Further, it tends to produce fruit spurs by checking the flow of the sap. Summer pruning may also be practiced on older or bearing trees in connection with the thinning of the fruit. In this case there is very little occasion for cutting and pinching off the terminal shoots, as older trees make little or no wood growth. Cutting out a number of fruit spurs will give a larger food supply for the remaining ones, and the size of the fruit borne is greatly increased.

The Great Landis Reunion of 1916 The sixth annual Landis family reunion will be held in the Sunday School room of the Salem Reformed Church, 7th and Chew streets, Allentown, Saturday, August 19, 1916.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all bearing the name of Landis or related or intermarried into this family to attend this reunion or bring any such along as may not have the special notices. An excellent program of speaking, singing and reading will be arranged. The committee is not sparing anything to make this the most successful reunion we have yet had.

Any further particulars will be gladly furnished by either the President, Dr. D. M. Landis of Pottsville, or Secretary M. R. Landis of Coopersburg, Pa.

**Engagement Announced**

The engagement of Miss Cecil E. Smith, a well-known music teacher of Elizabethtown, and W. R. Weiland, also of Elizabethtown, has been announced.

**Rooster Walks Backward**

Since some weeks ago, when the feed was operated on for the removal of a four-inch splinter of bone lodged in his claw, an Opington rooster belonging to John E. Orphan, of St. Marys, Pa., walks backward. That the chicken simply got started wrong after a month's total disability and that it will eventually learn to go ahead, is the belief of William Whitehead, who did the surgery.

**Now is Mexico**

The Lancaster County soldier boys that were camped at Mt. Gretna the past ten days, departed Saturday on three special trains for El Paso, Texas. They comprise the Fourth Regiment.

**Timely hint to preparation marchers:** Be prepared with good, well fitting shoes to march in.

**FARM WOODLOTS**

Value of Forested Areas Frequently Overlooked—Timber in Some Cases the Most Profitable Crop



A permanent woodlot is an essential part of a well-equipped farm. In heavily wooded States especially farmers are likely to overlook this fact and recklessly cut, misuse or clear up their forest areas. It does not occur to them that it may be advisable to allow thrifty, immature timber to mature rather than to remove it as a loss; and that it is often better to practice intensive agriculture on areas already cleared than to clear additional areas which are in growing timber.

The one direct economic reason for the use of land as woodlot is that on some areas timber is the most profitable crop that can be grown. This, of course, is especially true of poor and rough land. Where all the land is adaptable to more valuable crops the woodlot should occupy only a small part of the farm area.

There are a great many indirect considerations, however, which justify the maintenance of a permanent woodlot on the farm. The most important ones, a number of which are: (1) For convenience of home use for fuel, posts, and other farm needs; (2) as a wind-break for buildings or crops; (3) as a shelter for stock; (4) for protection of land from erosion; (5) to furnish work for men and teams during spare time; (6) for purely esthetic reasons and for recreation purposes, for which reasons alone a farm with a well-located grove of trees, however small, will sell for more than one without. Thus a woodlot may at the same time increase the general prosperity of the farm, add to its comfort as a home, and enhance its value as an investment.

The reason farmers have not given as full consideration to the woodlot as it deserves is that they have not had complete enough knowledge of the market possibilities of various woodlot products and of the rate of growth and possible yields per acre of properly cared for stands of different species and ages, or that they have considered only the present need and have not looked ahead. Special attention is now being given by the Forest Service to these questions and to the question of improved methods of marketing. Information about the uses of various kinds of wood and the markets for them has been compiled for a number of States. In some cases this information has been published by the State Foresters in Wood-Using Industry Reports and in Handbooks for Marketing Woodlot Products. A new bulletin prepared by the Forest Service (Farmers' Bulletin 715, Measuring and Marketing Woodlot Products) is a handbook of practical information for farmers regarding the measurement of timber, the forms in which woodlot products are sold, the methods of sale, and the way to find a market. Another just published (Farmers' Bulletin 711, The Care and Improvement of the Woodlot) contains information intended to assist the farmer in managing his woodlot so that it will yield the best quality and largest amount of timber of which it is capable.

The farmer too often considers only the local and immediate uses of a woodlot, overlooking other functions that might ultimately prove to be more important. For example, where agriculture is carried on heavily wooded regions, timber is likely to be considered only as a lumberance. In long settled farming regions, where most of the timber has been cut and only a few trees are left, the farmer may prefer to save the remnant for the shade it gives to stock or buildings or because it improves the appearance of the farm. In prairie country, protection to grain crops, orchards, stock or buildings, together with service as a convenient supply of wood for farm consumption, may cause owners to place a high value on their woodlots. In mountainous regions near thickly populated manufacturing centres the woodlot may be valued for its wood-producing capacity alone. The temptation is to forget or underestimate those functions which are not obviously and immediately beneficial. As a matter of fact, the less obvious functions are often the very ones which are likely to prove of the greatest value in the long run. For example, many of the Minnesota farmers who totally cleared their lands would be glad to have their woodlots back again for protective and other purposes; and farmers in the Central States already regret the abuse which has robbed their woodlots of the capacity to yield a wood crop of increasing value on the poorer soils of the farm. It is, therefore, greatly to the interest of all farmers to consider not only the present but the possible future usefulness of a farm woodlot.

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**Coming Events**

July 27—Excursion to Bethany Orphan Home, Womelsdorf.

Aug. 1 to 10—United Brethren Campmeeting at Mt. Gretna.

August 5—Auto and Aeroplane exhibitions, Middletown fair grounds.

Aug. 2 to 12—Stoverdale campmeeting.

August 5—F. & S. excursion to Willow Grove.

Aug. 8 to 18—Stoverdale camp.

Aug. 15 to 18—Middletown fair.

Aug. 15 to 24—Geyer's Campmeeting.

Aug. 22 to 29—Hillsdale campmeeting.

Aug. 23 to Sept. 2—Granger's Picnic, Williams Grove.

Sept. 4 to 8—Lebanon fair.

Sept. 12 to 15—Hanover Fair.

Sept. 18 to 22—Cariyalie fair.

Sept. 19 to 22—Allentown fair.

Sept. 19 to 22—Grants fair.

Sept. 26 to 29—Lancaster fair.

Oct. 9 to 6—York fair.

Oct. 10 to 13—Newport fair.

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