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In the frame orchards near Portland, Wash., large small numbers are used to protect the fruit of ripening trees from the rain, which would cause the fruit to rot and burst. When the crop is harvested the numbers are put away for use the following season.

If the supply of seed corn is placed from the field, the seed is of poor quality and the crop will be small. It is necessary to go to the seed supply of seed corn to get the best. The seed should be stored in the dry place and should be kept in the dry place until it is used.

A rape pasture is not only a valuable addition to the farmer's income, but for the bees and other insects. If it is allowed to get a good start before being plowed in it will keep them supplied with green food all summer and will do so until the latter part of November.

A very praiseworthy type of municipal benevolence is to be put into effect in the near future in Chicago. The city will buy cows and pasture them in a newly filled and made portion of Lincoln park, furnishing pasture at bare cost to the baby-sitting man and to poor people who will go to the milk station for it.

Chicago has a cat as well as a rat problem. A census recently taken shows that the Windy City has 3,000,000 cats, of which number 1,000,000 are vases and balloons, having no regular boarding and lodging places. These tramps are considered a prolific source of spreading disease, and a plan is being made to exterminate them.

A bold fact that many a young man should remember who "can take a drink or let it alone" is that not even a saloon keeper cares to hire a man to tend bar who himself gets drunk. If a saloon proprietor won't put up with such help it can be taken as a pretty safe assumption that employers in other lines of business don't want them either.

The writer has found that a veil of mosquito netting attached to the under side of the rim of a straw hat and two or three inches out from the band provides an excellent screen to protect one's face when working in damp and shady woods. To make the protection complete the shirt sleeves should be rolled down and a pair of gauntlet leather gloves used.

There is as much difference between a piece of steak that is properly cooked—broiled or fried in a hot spider and turned frequently—and one that is cooked in fat until it is done to death and tough as leather as there is between daylight and darkness. And there is just as much difference in nutritive value of meats cooked in these two ways as there is in their palatability.

An interesting bit of bird lore comes from Utah. It has to do with the protection which is afforded by law to seagulls, which in the early days saved a grain crop for the Mormon settlers by devouring a horde of grasshoppers which were on the point of making short work of it. In addition to the protection by law which provides heavy penalties for killing the birds, it is said that a monument is said to be erected in their honor.

There is a good deal more truth than poetry in the contention that the high cost of living is not due so much to the high price of foodstuffs and other necessities as to the cost of a type of life that is expressed in the phrase high living—living other folks to do what we formerly did ourselves and buying luxuries of one kind and another that our parents and grandparents would simply have considered out of the question in view of the condition of the family bank account.

Nature in plant life does not take kindly to any attempt to defeat her reproductive process. This was shown in an interesting manner in the case of a field of oats situated in Gregory county, S. D., which it was thought was ruined by hull some weeks ago. The oat harvest in 1924 was a very good crop of bar was later out, which following this a second crop or stand of oats sprang up that now produced a yield of thirty bushels per acre if the frost holds off a sufficient length of time.

That the telephone may be used to save a great deal of money by the farmer is shown again by an incident which came under the writer's notice a few days ago. A farmer from the neighborhood of our town had had a large number of hogs to sell placed to his credit in a bank and a neighboring town district some six miles. On that particular day he was worth 40 cents per hundred more in the more distant district. The result was that he loaded up 7200 pounds of hogs and received \$220 for the haul, which he made easily in half a day.

The problem of keeping the boy contented on the farm is pretty nearly solved when the farmer gives his son with him and sends three or four days at the state fair, which provides an admirable combination of instruction and entertainment. The boy who thus sees with his own eyes the important place that agriculture occupies in the interest and attention of the most well-to-do people of his state will not be without the possibility of the old farm for him for the night and he will be a lot better in a way in the home life of the father that doesn't hold a candle to the culture in the development of other towns or cities.

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