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"For Sandy Always."



Wanted-----Producers.

We have become so accustomed to the cry that the prevailing high prices of living are the result of our increased exports of food stuffs that it comes as somewhat of a shock to learn from official figures that during the past year our exports of food supplies were in reality something like \$100,000,000 less than the previous year. And it is stated on the same authority that never before has the visible supply been so low.

The food speculators have been yelling that Europe was making such a tremendous demand for our food supplies that the enormous shipments in themselves were the cause of sky high prices. That, too, appears to be a mixture of financial wind and hot air.

Congress is "investigating" the price boosting combines. But did you ever hear of the politicians of either party doing anything more than "investigate"? Did you ever hear of a conviction? More wind—political wind.

There are two distinct causes for the prevailing high prices. We lack producers, and we are cursed with a set of food speculators who would starve a baby to death for a penny.

Our production is not keeping pace with the demand, because our farmers are leaving their acres and turning their faces to the allurements of the town and city. And there are none to take their places on the farms. As Mr. Cleveland so tersely put it, "this is a condition not a theory."

Food speculators know this and are buying and hoarding the supply and doling it out in dribbles at their own prices.

Foreign demand? Bunk!

Wholesale robbery? Yes!

When we get rid of four-fifths of the middlemen, and jail the speculating price boosters, and keep the men on the farms and put more of them there, then we will have ample supplies at reasonable prices, and get until then.

And in the meantime congress will keep right on periodically "investigating" and making an ass generally of itself, as it has always done and always will do, irrespective of party.

We need more producers and fewer robbers.

The fellow who "knows it all" doesn't need an airship or an automobile. His own "wind" carries him right along to nowhere.

The Roads of 1917.

It will be but a short time now until the rigors and storms of winter will be past and the problems of a new year will be before us for solution.

One of the most important of these problems will be, "What of our country roads in 1917?"

The year 1916 witnessed the greatest impetus to road building that has ever been known in our history. Government, state, county and municipality all awoke and attacked the problem with vigor, and the results in many instances were most gratifying.

But there was, the past year, another element in the solution of the good road problem that heretofore had been lacking—that of community co-operation. In many parts of the country the importunities of the good roads advocates had their effect, and the PEOPLE awoke to the live fact that the roads were THEIR roads, and that THEY were individually responsible for their maintenance. And this was just the added force needed to give the movement an impetus that nothing could stop.

It is this feature of community co-operation that must be fostered if roads be made what we would have them. Each and every citizen must be fully aroused to HIS responsibility—not merely to pay his taxes and give his few days work each year, but to shoulder his full share of responsibility and never let up until every road in his community is a GOOD road.

Many communities have worked up a sentiment that each and every citizen shall give one day out of each month to voluntary labor on the roads. This is an auxiliary to all other road working facilities. And the plan as carried out in these communities has worked splendid results in the improvement of the highways.

If all communities will organize on this plan, work it up to a maximum of efficiency, and keep the enthusiasm at white heat, it will be only a short while until they awake to the fact that their road problem has been solved.

Oh, for the good old times when a dollar would buy a dollar's worth of something.

From the number of bills piled up on our desk one would never think there was a shortage in paper.

No matter how we may cuss the cold weather, we will rave just as heartily at the heat next summer.

Leap Year? Forget it! There wasn't a single piece of nerve reported in this whole community.

Any Mutt can tell how to stop the war. But we can't.

Our national race for preparedness appears to have dwindled down to a lazy dog trot.

"Persian Cat in Court," reads a headline. Too bad more of our "cats" are not there.

Ten minutes on the wood pile is equal to a bushel of coal when you wait to warm up.

If both sides will just quit fighting and go home we will have peace.

In spite of all we still retain our sublime spirit of optimism. There'll be another Christmas some day.

They say every dog has his day. Had yours yet?

On the theory that misery loves company, General Pershing no doubt will welcome the news that Obregon is going to "get Villa."

WELL RIPENED CREAM SECRET OF GOOD BUTTER

Once in awhile a churning of butter will come with a flavor that is undoubtedly a little bit "off," writes a correspondent of the Iowa Homestead. The experienced buttermaker quickly detects this slipping down in the standard, but it is not always so easy to determine just where the fault lies. It is a pretty good guess, however, that the ripening has not been done just right, for it is easier to fail here than at most any other point. What, then, is good ripening?

We use a common milk can for this purpose, two of them when we have a flush of cream. As the cream comes from the separator we receive it in a milk pail. This is at once—and by that I mean just what I say, at once—taken to the well platform and set into a tub of water just drawn. While cooling it is stirred to get out any animal heat there may be in it. A long handled spoon is used for this purpose. Care is taken to reach clear to the bottom and all around on the sides of the pail.

When thoroughly cooled the cream is taken in and poured into the milk can, when it is set away to stand until



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time to churn. If we have other messes of cream, all are thoroughly mixed in the can. Just here we used to have trouble. Two messes of cream in the same can and not well mixed are sure to come to grief. I remember the time when we left much butter in the cream after churning, just because the different messes were not completely mixed. Now we have a cone shaped device for the stirring. This is open at the bottom and provided with a long rod for a handle. This will reach to the very bottom of the can, and if pains are taken there is no need of improper agitation and consequent poor mixing. You can get such a stirring arrangement of the manufacturer of dairy implements.

If the churning is not to be done in a day or two we let the cream can stand where it will be cool and where no bad odors will reach it. By the way, any odors are bad for butter. The purer the air in which milk and cream are kept the better the butter will be. A few hours before the churning is to be done the cream can is brought out and set in a warm place, and the cream frequently stirred. The sooner the ripening can be done the better. We never have used a starter in ripening, although that can be done very successfully after a little experience.

When ripe enough we cool the cream down to the proper temperature for churning. This varies a little according to the time of the year and the temperature outside the can. Fifty degrees is about right for summer and 65 for the other seasons. By following these rules we have had our best success, and I am not ashamed to say that we have had very good success with our butter.

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Cruel.

Jack—That horse knows as much as I do. Belle—Well, don't tell anybody you may want to sell him some day.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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Breeding Old Sows and Gilts.

It is an easy matter to find men who will take sides on the question of using gilts or old sows for breeding purposes. Ordinarily it is a good thing to have a few of each. The old sow will bring through larger litters, but of course there is considerable outlay for wintering, whereas the gilt may raise a fairly good litter and be ready for market ninety days after her pigs are weaned. This plan has been followed by many successful men for a series of years with good results. Mature stock is more to be advocated in the case of those who handle pure breeds, where closer attention is given in caring for the litter and where great importance is attached to growthiness. The old sow's pigs will be larger and sturdier at six months than will pigs from a gilt, and this is of some importance to those who are raising pure bred hogs.—Iowa Homestead.

The Farrowing Sow.

Don't change a sow's nesting place at farrowing time. If she is in a straw stack leave her there until the pigs can walk home. Be sure, of course, that she is well fed and warm.

Mackerel For Nerves.

Mackerel is an even better food for the nervous than cod and some other kinds of fish, because it contains a larger percentage of the fat which the nervous system requires. The food value of mackerel is: Water, 73.4 per cent; protein, 18.3 per cent; fat, 7.1 per cent; ash, 1.2 per cent.—Chicago Journal.

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