

## FARM TOPICS

### DAIRYMEN ADVISED ON PASTURE CARE

#### Fertilization Is Regarded as the Best Plan.

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If the old myth that "cows talk at midnight on New Year's eve" were true, many a cow would have advised her owner long ago that pasture should be considered a cash crop.

Most farmers do not consider pasture as a cash crop, since they never actually see any money being returned directly from the pasture. But the cow is the middle-man in this case. It is because of this lack of understanding on the part of dairymen that pasture lands are the most neglected sources of farm revenue.

A complete pasture fertilization program, which includes an application of nitrogen fertilization at the rate of 250 to 300 pounds per acre in the spring, brings returns in cash four to six weeks after the fertilizer is applied to the soil.

Experimental work has been tried out on a demonstration basis. The results have been uniformly good.

More dairymen should make plans this spring to treat their pastures the same as they treat their other farm crops, and thereby get more and cheaper milk from their dairy cows.

### Percheron First Among American Draft Horses

Among draft horses the clean-legged Percheron has always held first place in American markets, something like 140,000 of them having been registered in the stud book without counting the 30,000 horses of almost undistinguishable type in the French Draft book, says a writer in the New York Herald-Tribune. Gray was the prevailing color of the early Percherons imported to this country, some of which came from France almost one hundred years ago. They were lighter in weight and more breezy than the modern type, often showing coachy conformation and action, with a strong suggestion of Arab blood about the head.

As heavier trucks came in with more and better pavements, increasing weight behind the collar was demanded by the buyers, and this brought into prominence the coarser and more sluggish but heavier and tighter-made Belgian horses that sometimes tip the scale beam at close to 2,000 pounds. The breed made wonderful progress in this country until motor trucks were perfected, and seemingly fabulous prices were reported for some of the prize-winning stallions both here and in Belgium, where the government has long supervised all breeding operations to eliminate the unsound and unfit.

### Minorca Large Bird

The Minorca is the largest of the Mediterranean or egg breeds. It is characterized by its size, its length of body, and the large comb and long wattles. The Minorca shows a long back which has a noticeable slope from the shoulders downward to the base of the tail. The under-line of the body is also noticeably long. The tail is rather low carried and is well spread. The Minorca also has long shanks and is well up on the legs, showing hock and part of the thigh.

### Raising Geese

One acre of rough, unprofitable land is enough on which to raise a fine flock of geese but there should be a small stream of running water. If this ground is enclosed with wire netting, the geese will be by themselves, and not bother other poultry, for they are apt to be quarrelsome at feeding time. Geese should have only ground grain, though they thrive on oats after they are grown. Geese have no crop in which to soften their food so wheat and corn are not suitable feed for them.

### Farmers Pay Weed Tax

Every farmer pays his share of the weed tax, with the average amounting to about \$450 a farm a year, according to a crop production expert at the University of Illinois. Although much can be done toward reducing this loss through the use of a small fanning mill for cleaning grain, farmers must often have their seeds cleaned with special machines of commercial seedsmen in order to remove the many noxious weeds.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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### Lesson for May 16

#### THE FORBEARANCE OF ISAAC

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 26: 12-25.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Man Who Wouldn't Quarrel.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Was Isaac a Hero?  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How to Prevent Quarrels.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Promoting Peace.

In a world largely dominated by the philosophy that might is right, and in which men are urged to assert themselves and demand their rights, exacting them even by lawless and violent methods, it is increasingly difficult to proclaim the truth that meekness is not weakness and that the Christian virtues of patience and long-suffering are not simply outmoded theories which do not fit our modern world.

The story of Isaac, the second of the patriarchs, is instructive from beginning to end. The five chapters preceding our lesson merit careful reading. Isaac had come through many blessed experiences and had also sadly tasted the defeat of unbelief and sin before we reach the time of our lesson. Fearing a famine, and evidently not being certain that God would care for him, he had gone down from the promised land, and was dwelling in the land of the Philistines. But God had not forsaken him, and even there he blessed him.

#### I. Peace, Prosperity, and Envy (vv. 12-17).

Isaac was at peace although he was in the enemy's territory. God had given him great prosperity with the result that the Philistines hated him. Times have changed, but men are the same. Many are they who will not have the Lord Jesus Christ to rule over them, but who cast envious glances toward those who because they have honored God have been honored by him with peace of heart and have prospered in whatever they do. (Read Psalm 1.) Note that Isaac's testimony is strengthened by his willingness to yield even what was his right, rather than cause contention. Undoubtedly there are times when one must defend his name and his possessions, but all too often those who "stand up for their rights" have wrecked homes, churches, and nations, and have gained nothing but an empty victory.

#### II. Peace in the World Is Temporary (vv. 18-21).

Isaac moved on and dugged more wells, and for a time he was again at peace, but not for long. He was still in the land of the Philistines. We are in the world. We long for peace, we would throw all our influence on the side of peace. But let us not be misled, for as long as sin is in the world there will be strife and war.

Many noble Christian men and women have permitted their God-given hatred of war and killing to mislead them into support of unscriptural and impossible peace programs, often to the loss of their interest in the preaching of the gospel and the winning of souls to Christ.

#### III. Perfect Peace in the Presence of God (vv. 22-25).

When Isaac came up into Canaan the land which God had promised him, he found permanent peace and renewed fellowship with God. Even so, the Christian man and woman who will step out of a spirituality-destroying fellowship with the world and will come wholly over into the spiritual Canaan will find true peace and intimate communion with God. A broader application of the same truth brings before us the teaching of Scripture that when the One who has a right to reign, the Lord Jesus Christ, returns to take his throne, then and not before, will peace cover the earth. In the meantime those who bear the beautiful name Christian, who are true followers of the Prince of Peace, will give themselves to such patient, loving, and long-suffering testimony to Him that their personal influence will be toward peace in the home, in the church, in the community, in the earth.

Always remember that God's Word, the Bible, is our guide. Let us read it diligently, intelligently, prayerfully. To help the reader to do this, the writer of these notes will be glad to supply without cost or obligation a Bible-reading calendar with a workable plan for reading the blessed Book through in a year. If possible enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope with your request.

## THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

It hurts my conscience to be rich—  
We're really all of equal rank,  
And some folks starve while here am I  
Just hoarding pennies in my bank.



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## Field Marshal Haig Had One Sensitive Point

Field Marshal Haig failed to pass the staff college examination in 1893, partly because of color blindness, according to Duff Cooper, in "Haig: A Biography."

"Years afterward, when Haig was riding with his aide-de-camp across the plains of Flanders," adds Cooper, "he pointed to a field in the distance and commented on the beauty of the scarlet poppies that were growing there. The discreet aide-de-camp murmured his agreement but looking where the commander in chief was pointing, he could see nothing but the rich brown earth recently turned by the plow."

## Nature and Mind

ALL my mind was wholly everywhere.  
Whate'er it saw, 'twas actually there;  
The Sun, ten thousand stages off, was nigh;  
The utmost star,  
Tho' seen from far,  
Was present in the apple of mine eye.  
O wonder and delight!  
O sacred mystery!  
My soul a spirit wide and bright,  
An image of the Deity!  
A most substantial light!  
That being greatest which did nothing seem.  
—Thomas Traherne.

## Mutual Attraction

Usually, in any environment, two men of intellectuality can't be kept apart. They find each other as the magnet finds the lodestone.

## AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

**Outer Leaves of Lettuce**—The outer leaves of lettuce, often trimmed off and thrown away, are more than 30 times as rich in vitamin A as the inside leaves.

**Hanging Pictures**—Never allow picture frames to touch the wall if it is damp. The frame will soon become damaged. With a small tack or gramophone needle, attach two small corks at the bottom of your frame. These will keep the frame off the wall.

**Removing Mustard Stains**—Mustard stains can be removed from table linen by washing in hot water and soap and rinsing in warm water.

**Beef Juice**—To make beef juice add 1 pound of fresh, raw, finely chopped round steak without fat to 6 ounces of cold water. Add a

pinch of salt, put the beef and water in a glass jar and stand it on ice, over night. Shake and strain it through coarse muslin, squeezing hard to obtain all the juice.

**Butter Layer Cake**—When raspberry jam that is not of firm consistency is to be used for filling a sponge sandwich cake it is advisable to butter the inner surface of each layer before spreading it with jam. This will prevent the moisture from soaking into the cake and making it sodden.

**With Fancywork**—Before starting to draw the threads on linen for hemstitching, wet a small brush, rub it over a bar of soap until a lather is produced, scrub the threads of linen that you wish to draw, and they will pull out easily.

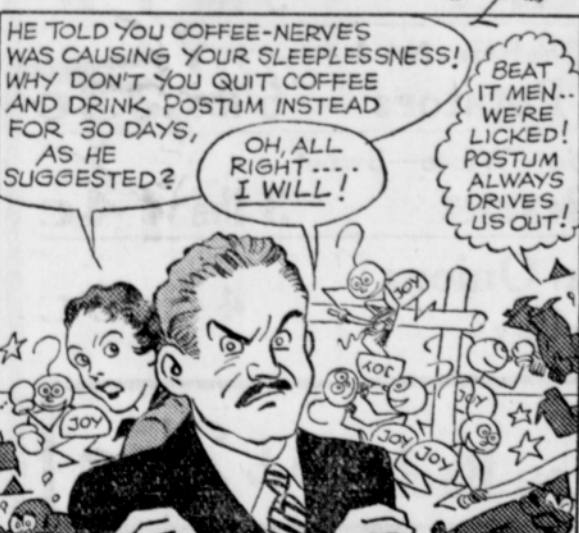
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