

OUR FARMERS' PAGE.

ENTERPRISE READERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY OR "BIG CROP" ITEMS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

DAIRY MANAGEMENT.

Rules Laid Down by the Vermont Dairymen's Association.

The Vermont Dairymen's Association has promulgated the following rules for the management of dairies:

The stables should be well ventilated, lighted and drained; should have tight floors and walls and should be plainly constructed.

No musty or dirty litter, no strong-smelling material and no manure should remain in the stable longer than is absolutely necessary.

Whitewash the stable once or twice a year. Would recommend the use of land plaster in manure gutter daily.

Feed no dry, dusty fodder previous to milking. If dusty, sprinkle before it is fed.

Brush the udder just before milking and wipe with a clean cloth or sponge.

Keep healthy cows. Promptly remove suspected animals. In particular, add no cows to the herd unless it is certain that they are free from tuberculosis.

Do not excite cows or expose them to stress of weather.

Feed a good cow liberally with fresh, palatable feeding stuffs. Do not change these suddenly. Provide water, pure, but not too cold, in abundance.

The milker should be clean and his clothes likewise.

Milk quietly, quickly and thoroughly.

Throw away into the gutter the first few streams from each teat. This milk is very watery, of very little value and is quite apt to injure the remainder of the milk.

Remove the milk promptly from the stable to a clean, dry room where the air is pure and sweet.

Strain the milk through a clean, flannel cloth, or through two or three thicknesses of cheesecloth.

Aerate and cool the milk as soon as it is strained. The cooler it is the more souring is retarded. If covers are left off the cans, cover with cloth or mosquito netting.

Never mix fresh milk which has been cooled, nor close a can containing warm milk, nor allow it to freeze.

Hard Roads of Black Dirt.

At Bement, Platt county, Mo., a road-making experiment is in progress which will be watched with much interest. It is conducted under the direction of the State Highway Commission and is intended to demonstrate the advantage of the highly compacted earth as an element in the permanency of roads.

A stretch of road a half a mile or more in length was excavated to a depth of 20 inches to 2 feet, and the earth thrown out at the side. Then an enormous steam roller was put into this excavation, which is about 20 feet wide, and the bottom rolled down as solid as it could be made. Then the excavated earth was thrown back in by degrees, drenched with water and rolled thoroughly, and so on till the excavated earth was put back. This rolling process is so rigid that the earth thrown out will not nearly fill the excavation, and to complete the filling of the excavation ample ditches are cut at the sides of the road, the earth thrown into the excavation and thoroughly compacted with the roller. The excavation is filled up to the height desired for the roadway, and thus the road consists of a body of earth nearly or quite 2 feet thick, compacted as firmly as it is possible for a roller to compact it.

Now, the theory is that, if this road is thoroughly drained, so that it can not be undermined by water, and is dressed down on the top with a drag whenever it is wet from rains, it will shed water on the top and be a permanently solid and smooth road and one that can be constructed at moderate cost.

Keeping Poultry.

In the Southern States and other warm regions, chickens are often prepared for the table as soon as killed, a practice unknown in the North. In that case the animal is cooked before the animal heat has left the body, and the flavor differs somewhat from that of a bird that is kept. If a bird is not to be cooked immediately after it is killed, it should be kept twelve hours or more before it is used. After animal heat leaves the body a range known as rigor mortis sets in. This sets the flesh and stiffens tendons until they become hard. In some hours this stiffness passes off. Cold storage usually begins the season in October and ends in May. Ordinary poultry will remain sweet for a week or more in a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit. It is to be kept longer must be stored

in a dry temperature that reaches no higher than 34 degrees. All meats should be used immediately after taken from cold storage as they decompose rapidly when brought to the air. Much more rapidly than birds, or meat just freshly killed and subjected to same heat and air.

Fish Laws Needed.

The new movement will make the entire problem of fish supply one for Washington to deal with. Every State in the Union will be asked to cede its rights over the principal rivers and lakes which pass through the territory of other states. Thus empowered, the United States Government will be able to enact uniform laws and have authority to compel observance of regulations that will prevent the wholesale destruction of one of the most important staples of our food. Fish in the great inland seas is not 50 per cent of what it was. Nearly every state has some laws to protect fish and there are also Canadian restrictions, but they differ, and it is not possible to secure in Michigan an obedience to an Ohio statute. So a conference between state, federal and Canadian authorities becomes necessary in order to map out a program that will give the fish a chance. It is hoped that by the time the United States and Canada have their conference Uncle Sam will have obtained from all the interested states the rights necessary to act for all.

Raising Alligators.

Of all the interesting uses to which incubators have been put that of hatching alligator eggs is probably the most striking, says Popular Mechanics. An Englishman at Hot Springs, Ark., is engaged in raising alligators for the market. The demand for the hides to use for manufacturing purposes is constantly increasing while parks and zoos buy the live reptiles for exhibition.

Currant Cuttings.

Take up the currant cuttings and plant in nursery rows, and throw a ridge of earth over them so that they are covered about 3 inches deep. In the spring this covering should be removed, so that the tips are left just below the surface of the ground. In this way currants are readily propagated from hardwood cuttings made from well-ripened shoots of one season's growth.

A Balanced Ration.

A good balanced ration for feeding cattle recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture, is composed of 12 pounds of shelled corn, 5 pounds of wheat bran, 2 pounds linseed meal and 10 pounds corn stover for steers or cows of 1000 pounds live weight.

Twig Diseases.

It may not be generally known but many twig diseases of trees are spread by pruning tools. One very successful nurseryman dips his pruning knives and saws in a solution of carbolic acid before beginning to prune another tree, so if any germs are on the tool this treatment will destroy them. As soon as a wound is made it is a good idea to disinfect and paint it to keep out the moisture. There is danger of trees contracting disease as the germs enter the wounds and diseased place result, or the exposed parts will begin to decay as soon as the moisture gets a hold.

Only Healthy Animals Pay.

Pure water only should be supplied to hogs. Do not think that the hog will eat anything and it will be best for him. Clean food and drink are better and more profitable for any animal. Healthy animals only are profitable in this age.

Guinea Fowls.

It is a hard matter to distinguish the sex of Guinea fowls. Some authorities claim that the male chatters in a quick manner, while the female gives off a sound like "Otrack," or "Joe Pratt," or "Buckwheat." The male gives a sound similar to a screech turned into a laugh.

Profitable After Crop.

A man in Cooper county, Mo., sold a load of clover seed that brought him \$348.80. The seed were saved from a forty-acre field after a heavy crop of clover hay had been cut off. Clover is one of the best paying crops that a farmer can raise, and is a great benefit to the ground.

Notes.

The egg producing hen is the active bird. Get rid of all old hens; they are the drones in the flock.

Feed regularly. Sheep are good time keepers. They get restless if you are late with feed.

If well fed at night, the hogs will be kept warm and not become hungry before morning.

Wood ashes make a splendid fertilizer for strawberries, raspberries, currants and grapes.

Don't let any man, dog or animal that has been among sick hogs come near your hogs if you can help it.

Trees should be set exactly straight, because this adds to the looks of the orchard and facilitates cultivation.

You can make vinegar from cider by adding two quarts of molasses to every barrel of cider and exposing it to the warmth and air.

A large quantity of salt is fatal to fowls; yet they need salt in all soft food, the same amount we usually put in for our own food.

A dairyman who has always made money out of his cows tells us he grinds his feed. He also runs his clover hay through a cutter.

Don't part with the cholera cured sow—she will not have it again and is worth her weight in insurance policies if she is a good breeder.

The butter maker at the creamery never guesses at things. His cream is put at the right temperature and at proper degree of sourness to churn readily.

On almost every farm there is more or less skim milk. This makes a splendid feed for adult fowls, especially when they are being fed for egg production.

Every lot of poor stuff that goes to market makes just that much less to market for something good. To leave the good and bad together is rank folly.

Thin out the raspberry suckers where necessary by pulling them clean out, using a fork to loosen them if the soil is too hard for them to rise without it.

It pays to feed the young fowls liberally until full grown. Chickens are not unlike calves, colts and other animals. Once stunted they never regain their vigor, not with the most careful feeding.

Water poured over the floor tends to keep the dairy cool, for wherever there is evaporation going on heat is used up in the process, and the substance rendered cooler thereby.

You may starve your cows into eating most any kind of food, but you cannot compel them to turn the stuff into milk. Most cows will do their part, but they must have proper raw material.

A reader sends this recipe for the horse that has a disordered state of skin: Powdered ginger, three ounces; emetic tartar, two ounces; opium, one ounce. To this add enough syrup to make sixteen pills and give one each evening in the soft feed.

Many horses are injured by going too long without being fed. This weakens the stomach and causes indigestion. It will be difficult to fatten the horses in this practice has been followed very long. A few weeks run to grass will be of great benefit to such horses.

A tree taken from the nursery should be handled just as carefully as a cabbage plant, should be moved to the orchard with the least possible exposure, and carefully set. In nine cases out of ten, where a tree gives poor results, the fault can be traced back to the careless handling before planting.

IT WAS HIS MOVE.

"It's your move," she smiled. He smiled back at her, his hand hovering above the checker board.

"Really?" he asked, looking at her in a witty sort of way.

"Hub-hub," she softly answered.

"Really?" he asked again.

"Hub-hub," she breathed, and demurely dropped her eyes.

His success began to intoxicate him, and he felt that never before had he been in such strong form, never had his wit been so keen or his manner so engaging. His spirit soared, and he looked upon his opponent with kindling eye.

"There!" he said, making his move at last.

"There?" she asked, giving his ejaculation the appearance of having been conceived in subtle humor. "There?"

"There!" he repeated.

They made eyes at each other and she moved one of her men. He briskly moved one of his.

"No, no," she faintly murmured. "You must take me."

"Take you?"

She nodded her head without looking up, and the next moment he had taken her, and two hearts beat as one.

"And you will always think of me?" she asked, as he was bidding her good-by, after he had measured her finger for the ring.

"How could I help it?" he asked.

"Always?" she insisted.

"Always!" he repeated.

"Will you think of me tonight as you go home?"

"Every step of the way."

They parted at last.

"He loves me!" she whispered to herself. "Oh, he loves me I knew it from the first! Maybe this won't make some of them jealous; and I am the first girl he ever loved, and it's to be a diamond band! Oh, oh!"

And as he walked home he turned a troubled face up to the moon, halted suddenly and addressed the night:

"When she began that funny business about taking her I ought to have sat tight and kept my fool mouth shut; that's what I ought to have done!"—New York Evening Sun.

Before Marriage.

Facts to ascertain when meeting an attractive young woman with whom you may fall in love:

Is she selfish? You can tell this in three ways: By the manner in which she listens to what you say; by the way in which she accepts what you do for her, and by the difference between the way she treats you and the way she treats others.

Is she fickle? If she talks about light things she isn't. Deep, she is.

Is she extravagant? By the way she protests against you spending money on her, and always arranges matters so that you can't help but do it.

Is she a bad housekeeper? By the way she dresses. If she isn't spick

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First, because if she really loves you she will change.

Second, because if you love her it will be so much more interesting.

Third, because you are probably mistaken about her, anyway.—Judge.

"WE PRAISE THEE."

We praise Thee, Heavenly Father For sunshine and for rain, For our every blessing,

For our every gain. We praise Thee for our loved ones, And Thy loving care, And for our own in Heaven, Who are waiting for us there.

Our Father, Thou who love'st us, Who carest for us all, We thank Thee, Thou dost ever Note even the sparrow's fall. Be Thou forever near us

Thy life's storms are past; May we when life is ended Praise Thee in Heaven at last. —Elsie BRAYTON-BLOOD.

"I suppose," said the casual acquaintance, the day after the wedding, "it was hard to lose your daughter?"

"No," replied the bride's father. "It did seem as if it was going to be hard at one time, but she landed this fellow just as we were beginning to lose hope."—Catholic Standard and Times.

REPEATED BY REQUEST

DRUGGISTS HEAR MUCH PRAISE FOR THIS MIXTURE.

RECIPE'S SIMPLE

Lots of Men and Women Here Had the Simple Home-Made Mixture Prepared, Says Druggist.

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take

as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture, writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper, has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A New York druggist, who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers last October, stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

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