



BRAVE: MARIE.

It happened in 1870, which is still spoken of as the terrible year of the Bois-le-Duc. The war between France and Prussia had raged all about them, but not a soldier had been seen in the tiny village, for which the peasants daily thanked their stars. The old man who lived alone with his son Charles, in the chateau above the town, and who was still known as "le Duc," though his title had vanished with his estates long before, firmly believed that France was on the road to ruin, but he scoffed at the idea that the Prussians would ever invade French territory.

But one fine summer morning Bois-le-Duc was startled by a sound of martial music and a body of Prussian soldiers marched through the town. Up the hill went the Prussians, and there before the old chateau the order to halt was given. The old soldier had seen their coming and had prepared, according to his own ideas, to receive them. From an upper window waved the colors of France, and as one of the Prussian officers started to enter the house, to learn the meaning of this hostile display, he was met by the old man, who had dressed himself in his ancient uniform and stood, sword in hand, in the center of the room.

"Ah, Prussian pig!" exclaimed he, drawing his sword, "draw and defend yourself, or I will hew you down. No Prussian ever yet entered my house, no shall while I live." His brave words seemed almost ridiculous when one looked at his white locks and shaking hand. The Prussian officer smiled at the thought of a sword combat with him and would probably have withdrawn, leaving the old man in peace, had not an overzealous soldier, thinking that his officer was in danger,

the officer's heart and the questioner received a curt, almost savage, "No." Marie watched the Prussians ride away, and when they were well out of sight, she let Captain Charles out of his narrow hiding place. He had heard all that passed in the cottage, and he bade Marie and called her a brave girl. They were met by the Prussian officer who had taken the path that led from the rear of the cottage to the forest.

The mistake was unfortunate, but the Prussian command could not afford to waste time over a single dead Frenchman. The house was fired; the soldiers marched on, and by the time the rear of the summer house passed over her next hill little but a heap of smoking ashes was left on the spot where the old chateau had stood.

But the boy Charles, standing there beside the ashes of his father, swore to be revenged upon the Prussians. From that moment he was a man, he had a purpose. On the afternoon of the day on which the Prussians marched through Bois-le-Duc Charles learned from the villagers the whereabouts of the nearest body of French soldiers, and set off to join them.

It was soon discovered that the strange, silent lad was a valuable member of the company on account of his knowledge of woodcraft and his absolute fearlessness. Important scouting duty was entrusted to him, and after a time he became a member of the most daring of all the bands of the franc-tireur. His little company was a constant aggravation to the Prussians, a very thorn in the sides of division commanders.

TOPICS FOR FARMERS

A DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOR OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Profitable Breeds of Poultry—How to Mix Kerosene Emulsion—Planting Beans with Corn—Points in Butter-Making—General Farm Matters.

Profitable Poultry. An experienced poultryman says: "There are breeds for all purposes—summer eggs, winter eggs, broilers, and general purposes. We have had heavy egg records with the non-sitting breeds, but the bulk of their production is in spring and early fall. Unless under very favorable circumstances, they are but ordinary layers during the winter. Our winter laying breeds are of a broody class, and they give a comparatively few eggs during the warm season of the year. Much of their time is taken in incubating. Then we have a class that are better adapted for broiler raising than for roasting purposes. On the other hand we have breeds that make better roasters than broilers. Again, we have general purpose fowls reasonably well adapted for all that one could wish for in poultry. To become more plain, the summer layers are the Leghorns, Minorcas, Andalusians, Spanish, Polish, Hamburgs and Houdans. The winter layers are the Asiatics—Cochins, Game, and the Americans—Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes. The best for broilers are the Wyandottes or Plymouth Rocks. The best for roasters are the Brahmans or the Langshans. The best general purpose fowl is the Plymouth Rock."—Denver Field and Farm.

Kerosene Emulsion. The efficiency of kerosene emulsion depends upon its quality. The most important part is the agitation of the materials. Simply stirring the mixture will not answer, as violent agitation, by pumping the liquid back into itself, is necessary. Use soft water and avoid water containing lime, and also use plenty of soap. An excellent method is to shake a pint of soap in a gallon of boiling water. Let the water boil until the soap is dissolved, and then remove the vessel from the fire. Next, add two gallons of kerosene and a gill of crude carbolic acid, while the water is hot, and briskly agitate until the result is a substance having the appearance of rich cream. It requires about ten minutes to agitate the mixture, as no free kerosene should be noticed. When cold add twenty gallons of soft water and spray with a nozzle. The carbolic acid is not included in the formula, but it will be found of advantage. Use the crude acid (not the refined), which is a cheap substance. Kerosene and crude carbolic acid will not mix with water, but both substances form an emulsion with strong soapuds.

Planting Beans with Corn. It used to be the practice more than it is now to plant one or two beans in each hill of corn that is eaten out by the birds. It makes much more work to harvest these beans. But the plan is perhaps better than to plant in late some more corn that will not be ripened with the other, and can be used only for feeding as soft corn. The corn shades adjoining corn too much. Beans of the bush variety will not shade it at all. The extra sunlight which gets down to the soil where a hill of corn has been destroyed makes the corn hills on either side more prolific than they would have been.

Points in Butter-Making. Butter-making has undergone many changes of late years in the line of washing, salting and working. Formerly it was churned until it was one solid mass; it was washed once, salted and worked. It was thought best to churn at a temperature of about 60 degrees, but gradually the temperature has been lowered until now it is not unusual to churn as low as 48 degrees. A low temperature has many advantages. The loss in butter fat will be less, but it will need less washing and have better body than when churned at a higher temperature. With proper precaution, the loss of butter fat in churning need not be more than about one-hundredth of 1 per cent. The loss depends largely upon the temperature and the carelessness of ripening. If the cream has been gathered for several days, unless the oldest has been held at a low temperature to prevent any partial ripening, or it has been thoroughly stirred each time new cream was added, it will not be evenly ripened and the loss will be unduly large. Less time will be required to churn at high temperature, but it will be at the expense of butter fat.—Indiana Farmer.

How to Set Out Trees. In preparing to set out trees, shrubs, vines, etc., a hole should be dug large and deep, a foot at least larger for the natural spread of the roots, from the fact that a tree or anything set out should grow a year or two in good loam before it runs its roots into the original gravelly material, otherwise its progress in growing is apt to be very slow and sickly looking. If it lives at all. When setting out a tree, shrub or vine in fact, anything of size—the loam should not be shoveled in in a body, for any person can see that in this way it can not be air-tight. Around the roots the loam should be very carefully shaken in, and at the same time using water, which will make a porridge of the loam so it can be carried into the least hole, crack or crevice, and will make an all-right setting.

Merely a Sinecure. Labor saving appliances for the kitchen are now so numerous that the inventions along this line continue to multiply the position of cook will soon become a sinecure; and it will only be necessary for the goddess of pots to put the raw food on the kitchen table, and let butter and ring the bell for the hungry. One man carried by clock wake the sleeper and light the lamp, says Invention. Now another inventor makes a clock light the fire while the clock is in bed dreaming of her new bicycle and bloomers. This other smart clock is of the alarm kind. When the hour for lighting the fire arrives the time piece "goes off," so does a fire-carriage with which it is connected. The carriage slides on a track, which extends from the clock base to the wood to be ignited, being put in motion by a spring released by the clock mechanism. First a match, carried by sliding match-holder, is struck as the latter moves, and from this the fire carriage is lighted, after which it slides down to the wood and completes the job.

Spots on the Finger Nails. The little white spots which sometimes appear on the finger nails are due to some subtle action of the blood, upon which all the bones, sinews, muscles, and organs in the body are dependent for nutrition. They sometimes disappear of their own accord, but there is no known cure. In reality, they signify no derangement of the system. It's the early fish that catches the worm—hook and all.

Good Roads

Examples of Good Roads. But few American people know anything about good rural roads; they have but few object lessons along this line. Thus when an American visits Europe he finds the roads there are a revelation.

Developing Good Hogs. First, choose the breed. Have an ideal animal and work for it. Breed from matured and well-bred sows. Don't sacrifice individuality to pedigree. Breed for meat, not for show. Avoid cross-breeding and feeding too much corn and ice water, as this lessens the vitality and tends to make too light a hog. Feed young stock and the breeding sows oats, shorts, bran and oil-m meal, with little corn. Give plenty of exercise. In finishing off a fat hog nothing is ahead of corn and pure water.

Transplanting Rutabagas. Last spring I planted an experimental patch of sugar beets. The seed, being sown too early, came up poorly and did not make a stand. Having some rutabagas on hand, I sowed my boys transplanted three rows of rutabagas into the sugar beet ground. The rows were twenty rods long. We harvested seventy-five bushels of rutabagas from three rows. Allowing nine rows to one rod in width, the yield was 1,500 bushels of rutabagas per acre. The same rows produced ten bushels of sugar beets, making the yield over 2,000 bushels of roots per acre.—T. W. Clark, in Orange Judd Farmer.

Farm Philosophy. That one egg is as good as another is a mistaken idea. Eggs from hens that have been well kept and fed on wholesome food are very different from eggs laid by poorly fed or diseased hens. One of the best devices for feeding loose oats and hay to sheep is to place the feed in a hopper lot fence made of palings placed such a distance apart that the sheep can reach through to eat.

A farmer can bring an orchard to the bearing point, and at the same time produce nearly as much corn, potatoes or other produce, as if it were not there. It will add greatly to the value of his home, when he understands to make it his home or sell the place.

Wide Tires in Minnesota. It was demonstrated beyond question that wide tires keep the surface smooth and firm, and that when the roads are full of ruts the broad wheels tend to restore them to good condition and thus save the people who attain old age in the mountains of the Rockies. The universal adoption of the wide tire in Minnesota for all vehicles carrying heavy loads would save the taxpayers of the State thousands of dollars annually in road repairs and would save the farmers and teamsters ten times as much in expense of hauling and wear and tear of horses and vehicles.—Minneapolis Tribune.

She Found Her Pocket. What the Wheel Is Doing for the Advanced Woman. The wheel has done a good deal for the physical development of the new woman. A little incident that happened the other day on upper 10th street gave interesting proof of this. A sweet-rope woman was riding in a car, clad in a plain gray dress riding slowly along when she saw ahead of her a small boy pushing along on a tricycle and towing a little blue cart tied with a string to the axle of his vehicle. There were more youngsters following up and down the street. The boy was looking at them and trying to put on speed to reach them. A smile overspread the face of the silver-haired woman, and a sudden thought seemed to occur to her.

Superstitions of the Sea. The American ship T. F. Oakley, whose name had been changed to the T. F. Oakley, was wrecked south of San Francisco at Half-Moon Bay, ship and cargo a total loss. This futile change of name recalls the superstition of sailors. Few of them will ship in an unlucky ship; few captains care to sail in an unlucky ship; few ship-owners care to ship an unlucky ship. The superstition of the sea and by the refusal of ship-masters to sail on a Friday or on the thirtieth of the month, have led to the loss of a new ship on Friday, put in her masts on Friday, launched her on Friday, christened her on Friday, put her in charge of a skipper named Friday, sent her to sea on Friday, and he says he thinks she went to the devil on Friday, because she never was heard of again.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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Motor Cradles. A motor cradle is the latest domestic invention. It is said to be a great advance on the hand-rocked cradle, and can be worked with either electricity or petrol. The motor may be accelerated or slackened by simply turning a screw, and one great advantage is that the berceau does not cease swinging, though the baby may be left in the room alone. There are, of course, doctors who say that a child should not be rocked at all, but few mothers are of the same opinion, and with the majority the motor cradle will no doubt become popular.—London Telegraph.

Distikes Tobacco. Queen Victoria is perhaps the only European sovereign who has a positive aversion to tobacco in all its forms. We owe to the Prince who polutes the apartments at Windsor with his fumes.

Paupers in London and New York. Statistics show that in London one person in forty-five is maintained by public charity, while in New York the proportion is one in 200.

That Tired Feeling

What does it mean? As tired in the morning as at night, can't get rested, nervous, sleepless, dull, languid? It means that the blood is poor. Muscles cannot be elastic and strong, nerves cannot be steady, energy and vigor cannot be felt when the blood is impure, impoverished, without nourishing power.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

A Kansas City dealer in crutches said: "Crutches are staple articles with us, and we sell on an average ten pairs per week, or 40 pairs a month. This, of course, would make 480 pairs in the course of a year. This, mind you, does not include the crutches we sell at wholesale. It is a conservative statement to say we altogether sell 1,500 pairs of crutches annually, and our firm is only one of several in the city that handle them. The total sales of crutches annually in Kansas City would be hard to estimate, but I would say that 5,000 pairs would not be far from the exact number."—Kansas City Times.

THE DEATH RATE. While it is quite true that the proportion of deaths from malaria is an immediate cause is proportionally small as cited in annual mortality statistics, yet physicians are thoroughly convinced that it causes malarial fever, character, and is a dangerous nervous prostration. Hood's Sarsaparilla, which also cures biliousness, constipation, rheumatism and dyspepsia.

For Children's Pictures. An Englishman has designed a neat mounting for children's pictures consisting of a cardboard frame which supports a swing, in which the picture is placed, the latter being cut from the print and mounted on zinc, which is then dressed to represent the child.

Directions in every package of Schilling's Best Tea. Follow them—no matter what tea you use.

Must Wear a Brass Collar. They had an excellent way of checking excessive drinking in Manitoba. When a man had been twice or thrice convicted of drunkenness he was sentenced to wear a brass collar, which marked him out among his fellows as a person to whom no publican could with impunity serve liquor. The drastic measure often proved a cure. On the authorities being satisfied that the branded individual had served a sufficiently long term of probation he was uncollared and endowed with the liberty of drinks.—London Telegraph.

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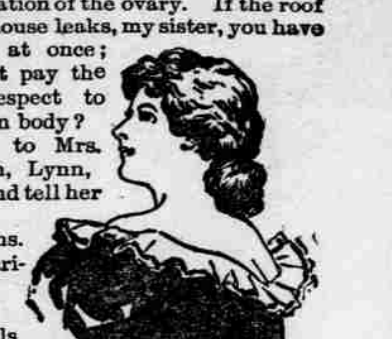
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