

"Millionaire Hobo" Lived With the Immigrants of Europe

you were wealthy would you stay at a hotel that charged only a cent for supper, a night's lodging or breakfast? And if you did the force would be some-thing else than mere curiosity—some force to economize. James Eads, of St. Louis, called the "millionaire hobo," though he is neither, has returned from Europe with some observations, timely now with the advent of the winter and the growing problem of unemployment in densely populated cities. And Mr. How was a guest at a cheap hotel.

His six weeks' tour cost him \$200. He went over and came back in the same way, paying \$25 each way, and returned from city to city fourth class, being abundantly able to pay first class fares.

He is a man of strong humanitarian views and he likes to associate with the struggling at the bottom of the hobo world who have only the strength of their hands and the sweat of their brows to give the world a change for the living which it demands.

He is deeply interested in these men and has made an intelligent study of the social conditions which constitute the casual worker.

He put the lights and the gayeties of European capitals behind him and went forth into the byways of large cities in quest of lodging houses. He is in line with the unemployed and goes along with them foot by foot, those behind him crowded him into the free lodging house. Then he went into a bunk just like the other "hobos" and slept the sleep of the hobo.

Berlin's Monotonous Gruel. He was surprised to find that they had coffee to the men in the Berlin lodging houses," said How. "The only thing which they dispense is a sort of gruel which is palatable enough and



JAMES EADS HOW.

about very nourishing, but I should think it would be a rather monotonous

The lodging house beds have a thick mat spread over the springs, and are very comfortable, but the surroundings are not so sanitary as they ought to be with better ventilation. When men are all in bed the attendants usually close every window. The beds are set side by side, touching each other. While I lay there I could not think that if the man at the end of the line had a contagious cough the others would catch it."

The "millionaire hobo" was surprised when he found that he was not required to register or to tell his name. He learned, however, that this is part of the system. The police keep the lodging houses under constant surveillance and do not take a man's name unless he has applied for lodging five or six nights in succession. Then he is registered. If he does not find employment within a reasonable time after being registered he is arrested as a tramp and placed in jail.

Berlin How found a fine lodging house conducted by the labor unions. An unemployed man can obtain a room, lodging and breakfast for a price equivalent to 5 cents. From Berlin How went to Vienna, where he stayed in the municipal lodging house, which closely resembled that of Berlin.

With London's Unemployed. After attending social and peace conferences in Berlin and Geneva he visited his mother, a wealthy widow, who is spending the summer in Italy. He then went to London, where he took his place in the lines of the unemployed and tested Great Britain's hospitality to the homeless.

He shall never forget the despair which I saw on the faces of some of the men in the east end of London," said How. "They were all but ready to give up their struggle for the right to exist."

There are many good lodging houses in England, some conducted by the municipalities, many by private benefactors and others by the labor unions of the Salvation Army. I found that the Salvation Army barracks a man would have coffee and rolls for supper and breakfast and a bed to sleep in for a cent."

Plan a system of crop rotation that will build up your soil and produce larger crops and allow a wider margin for profit.

WHEN DRAINAGE PAID.

Brought 450 Bushels of Corn and Added \$1,000 to Land's Value.

Four hundred and fifty bushels of corn from eight acres that were almost worthless two years ago is the yield of Mort Van Buskirk of Kincaid, Kan., received this year. Drainage did it. Here is the story:

Mr. Van Buskirk wrote two years ago to H. B. Walker, state drainage and irrigation engineer at the Kansas Agricultural college, asking what he should do with an eight acre piece of swampy land covered with willows. This land never had produced anything.

Mr. Walker advised him to drain the land, and he did. The land was planted to corn and yielded 450 bushels. Other corn in that neighborhood averaged from ten to forty bushels to the acre. The cost of draining the land was \$125.

Mr. Van Buskirk raises his corn at 50 cents a bushel, or \$225. Besides the increased crop, he considers his land worth \$1,000 more by the improvement. —Kansas Industrialist.

Poultry House Ventilator.

Poultry houses are often unsatisfactory solely because they are badly ventilated. Of course it is out of the question always

to tear them down and build anew or to install an expensive system of ventilation, so some form of ventilator may be the best device to adopt. In the illustration is shown a force draft ventilator built like a revolving stovepipe chimney top. The wing with the arrow on top turns the top so the opening always faces the wind. Some of the wind passes through this opening and out of the top at b. It thus creates a draft up the flue c and thus ventilates the poultry house below. —American Agriculturist.

NOVEL VENTILATOR.

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To Get Rid of Rats.

To get rid of rats mix up one-half pint of cornmeal, one teaspoonful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of cheese crumbs rubbed fine. Put this in a saucer and set it in the rats' runways. They will eat of it readily. In a few days add plaster of paris to a new lot of the same mixture. The rats when they drink water will get a hard lump that will kill them and scare away any that do not eat this formula. —Farm Journal.

Critter Wisdom.

As a general proposition it may be said that the sow that has pigs before she is a year old will disappoint her owner.

Sorghum is an excellent succulent feed for cows, horses, sheep and hogs. When fed green it saves more expensive feeds and keeps stock in fair flesh until other feeds can be gathered.

The safest bull the dairyman can use is generally a cross bull. At first this may seem a strange assertion. The reason, however, is simple. The bull that is known to be cross will always be watched.

Do not give fresh cows, immediately after calving, heavy feed. Give mild or warm water and a small amount of light feed, such as bran, that will be cooling to the system and will keep the bowels loose.

Calves at the age of three or four months will consume some silage if care is taken to pick out the leafy portions for them. It does not take them long after this before they will consume considerable quantity of silage.

The sheep is just as efficient a manure spreader as he is a manure maker. On hillsides where conifer animal waste would hardly stick long enough to do the ground any good sheep droppings take the place of a specially prepared fertilizer.

GOOD AND BAD MILKING.

Things to Observe and Others to Avoid in Handling Cows.

Very early I began to milk. One season when only about twelve I and my brother, two years younger, earned \$20 one season milking cows for a neighbor at a penny a cow. But I do not claim to know all about milking even now. A few things I have learned, however. Perhaps they may be helpful to some one else, says the writer of a letter to the Iowa Homestead.

One is it is a good plan not to let one's finger nails grow too long. Most cows are very sensitive on this subject. Often when you see a cow step around uneasily the only reason is that the nails of the milker are cutting into her teats.

Right in the same line with this is the habit some men have of setting their finger ends against the side of the teat when pressing the milk out. This hurts some cows too. Let the



Photograph by Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. "MILKING TIME."

fingers be as flat against the side of the teat as possible. It is just as easy to milk that way as any and far more agreeable to the cow.

Some men have a way of jerking down on the teats of the cow they are milking every time they bring out a stream. This is not at all necessary. In fact, the best milker will be the one who holds his hands the most nearly in the same position relative to the teat and presses steadily and rhythmically on the teat. Nothing is gained by jerking. Rather, the cow is made uncomfortable, and perhaps her bag may be permanently deformed.

One of the filthiest habits of a man ever contracted is that of wetting the teats of the cow he is milking with milk before he begins. This, he fancies, makes the process of milking easier. I have seen the hands of milkers which fairly reeked with the discolored milk as it oozed between their fingers. The man who does this is not a fit hand for work. More or less of the foul liquid will get into the pail and help to make the milk insanitary. Some cows do milk hard, but almost always there will be some man who is strong enough in the hands to milk them without resorting to any such uncleanly habit as this.

Finally, three words ought always to be in the mind of every milker—carefulness, cleanliness and kindness.

The Start of the Row.

Dorothy—Say, auntie, is religion something to wear? Aunt Julia—My dear, why do you ask such foolish questions? Dorothy—Cause papa said you used your religion for a cloak.

Poverty consists in feeling poor.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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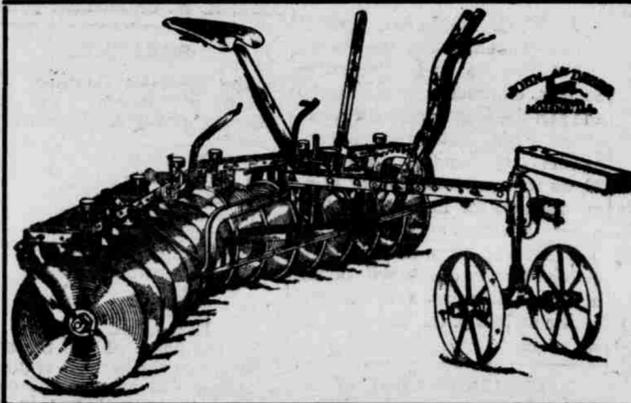
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