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## Adapting the Farm to Stock.

The soil varies on nearly all farms to a certain extent, and no analysis can indicate the fertility of a large area by the examination of only a part. The texture also influences the conditions to say nothing of the subsoil, humidity and mineral composition. While a certain soil may be capable of producing a crop of wheat, corn or oats, yet it may be more suitable for some other crop not before grown upon it. Leaving aside the matter of growing the stable crops, even stock-raising is effected by the character of the soil. Poor pastures make poor stock, no matter how careful the farmer may be. The inferior animals are the result of insufficient management and scanty supply, the animal changing its form and habits in order to adapt itself to the conditions under which it must exist. Knowing this, it will not be profitable to introduce improved stock upon the farm until the farmer determines upon a higher system of cultivation, for although man has adapted different animals to particular purposes, they are still subject to natural laws. As man has been the agent in changing the character of our domestic animals, he must render that assistance so essential to their well-being. The pasture, shelter and care must be suitable to progress, for no neglect can be allowed.

Better stock means better farming, larger crops and greener and more luxuriant pastures. With each succeeding year the products become larger, as the result of an improved system. Inferior stock on a farm indicates inferiority in all departments, and the profits usually realized are in proportion to the degree of attention given both the stock and farm. In endeavoring to improve the stock begin with those breeds that are more suitable to the character of the farm. If the farmer finds the breed which he has selected to be unprofitable he should try another. The Southdown and Merino sheep will pay a fair profit on farms that would not support a flock of Cotswolds, as the latter are less active and require better pasture. The Devon and Ayrshire cattle may be used with success where certain failures would overtake the introduction of Shorthorns, and the hardy Chester white hogs have been known to thrive well where the finebred Suffolks could not exist.

Every farmer should aim to improve, but he should improve in the right direction. Improvement does not mean that violent cross should be made, or that all farms will support any kind of breed. The farm must not be made to do that to which is not adapted; but the first step should be to consider the conditions existing in favor of improvement, and by careful management at first the farm may be enabled to do more, until finally it will be capable of fulfilling the fondest expectations of the farmer. A larger number of mistakes have been made by attempting to improve stock under unfavorable conditions than from any other cause; but there is nothing, however, to hinder any farmer in the matter of improvement if he thoroughly understands the capacity of his farm and is satisfied to begin at the bottom and steadily progress upward.—Farmer.

## How to Make Good Milkers.

No matter what breed you have, something further is necessary in order to reach the best success in raising good milkers. Good blood, whether Shorthorn, Jersey, Devon, Ayrshire, grade or native, is not everything, but lies at the foundation; something cannot come from nothing. Treatment in raising a milker should be somewhat different from that in raising a beef ani-

mal, or an animal for labor. Begin as soon as the calf is a day old; see that it has sufficient to eat and is kindly treated and is regularly attended to. Never pamper or overfeed, but give it good, generous food, to cause a regular early and steady growth. Accustom it to be handled, but not to such an extent as to acquire objectionable habits as a cow, but rather to be fond of the presence of the keeper. Kindness helps to create a quiet disposition, so important in a dairy cow, and this education must begin when the calf is young—and habits acquired when young are apt to cling to the cow when grown.

For a milker I would have the heifer come in at two years old. She is then old enough to become a cow, I would not, as a rule, allow her to go farrow, but milk her up to within a few weeks of calving, even if I do not obtain but little at a milking. A cow thus trained will give more milk and be more likely to hold out long in milk, if her after care is judicious and liberal, as it should be. Such treatment tends to form the habits of giving milk, and, as we know, habit is a sort of second nature. Couple the heifer with an old bull, one, two or three years older than she is, preferable to a yearling, and better stock is likely to be obtained from such. After the heifer has come in, her feed should be regular and liberal. Good clover hay is the best of all, but we all may not have this for stall feed; then we must make up for what is lacking in some concentrated feed such as oat meal, shorts, oil meal or the like, but great care and good judgment must be used not to overfeed or crowd as the future cow may be ruined. Undue forcing shortens the useful life of the cow very rapidly.—W. H. White in Country Gentlemen.

## Talking 500 Miles.

[NEW YORK TIMES.]  
"Hello, Miles, is that you?" sang out Mr. Gillett, of the banking house of Milles & Gillett, through the telephone yesterday (Sunday) morning. Mr. Gillett was in the workroom of the Postal Telegraph office, No. 49 Broadway, and his partner was in Meadville, Pa. 500 miles away. They were testing a new invention in long distance "telephonography" in which both are interested, and unwilling to take the inventor's word for the success of his machine, they agreed that Mr. Miles should go to Meadville and Mr. Gillett should stay here and that Sunday morning at 10:30 they should communicate.

"Sing me a song Miles," continued his partner.  
"O, I can't sing!" The reply came back distinctly to a half-dozen interested persons who were standing around with transmitters to their ears. "There are some linemen mending the line somewhere between you and me, and the induction is very bad." After a good deal of persuasion Mr. Beall, a gentleman with a tenor voice in Meadville, was induced to come to the instrument and sing "Good-bye, Sweetheart." Every tone, every word, and, indeed, the vibration of his voice, could be distinctly heard. He next sang "Swanee River," and somebody hooked on a telephone in Oswego, N. Y., to listen, which broke up the connection and brought upon him the anathemas of the men at both ends of the line, who spotted him and advised to "cut out" as quickly as he had "cut in."

The inventor of the long-distance telephone instrument is Webster Gillett. His method is to use ten points of contact and ten induction points. The multiple system was laughed at when he first tried it, but he soon got his point to work simultaneously. He had twenty cells going yesterday, or two cells to the point. The instruments were at either end of the wire of the Postal Telegraph Company. Mr. Gillett, the inventor, who, by the way, is no relation to the banker, states that he has talked with men in Cleveland, 600 miles away; and that he believes that there is no limit to the capacity of his invention.

## An Imitations Animal.

Luke Prior of Alabama is noted for his great natural sense and his original English. "I see," said he to a group of fellowmembers, "that Senator Hampton has been telling about a cow he owns that can talk, and Senator Vest tells about a dog that can black boots and imitate a methodist exhorter. Now, I have a mule on my farm near Opelika which is certainly a judgment creature. He is an onery-looking cuss, but as I said, very judgment. I must say he is the most imitations animal I ever see. He is even more imitations than the monkey. The mule's favorite amusement is to go in swimming with the boys and would you believe it?—he can swim on his back and dive head-foremost like a fish. Yes, sir; he has dived at least thirty feet, and come up with his head all over mud. The mule is so imitations that he can counterfeit almost any wind instrument. There's a ferryman near my place who has shot at him several times. The ferryman has a horn on the opposite side of the river for passengers to blow as a signal when they want to come over. The mule got onto the racket, and whenever he gets a chance he goes down to the ferry and brays just like a horn a-blowing. On foggy days the ferryman can't see across the river, and he don't know whether it's the mule or a traveler. He told me the other day that last year he had pulled his boat over sixty times to answer that 'd—d long-eared mule,' as he put it. On my farm I had a large bell with a rope attached to ring up the hands at day break. An old colored man used to attend to this duty, but one night about two years ago he suddenly died. Next morning everybody was astonished to hear the bell ringing at the usual hour. I went out to see who was ringing it, and gentlemen, I hope I may never get back to Alabama if it wasn't that mule! Yes, sir; and that mule has been ringing that bell ever since at daybreak in the morning. Not only that, but he canters down between the negro cabins, just as the old man used to do, to see that everybody gets out on time. The old man had a way of kicking on the door of a hand who did not move out brisk, and one morning the mule followed his example. In a certain cabin there was a very lazy colored family that never stirred until everybody else was at work. Just at daybreak the mule backed up to the front door and gave a kick with both feet that sent the whole family through the back window. The mule didn't know it, however, and he kept on kicking. The next day it took four carpenters to put that cabin together. Gentlemen, as I remarked before, that mule's the most judgment and imitations animal I ever see."

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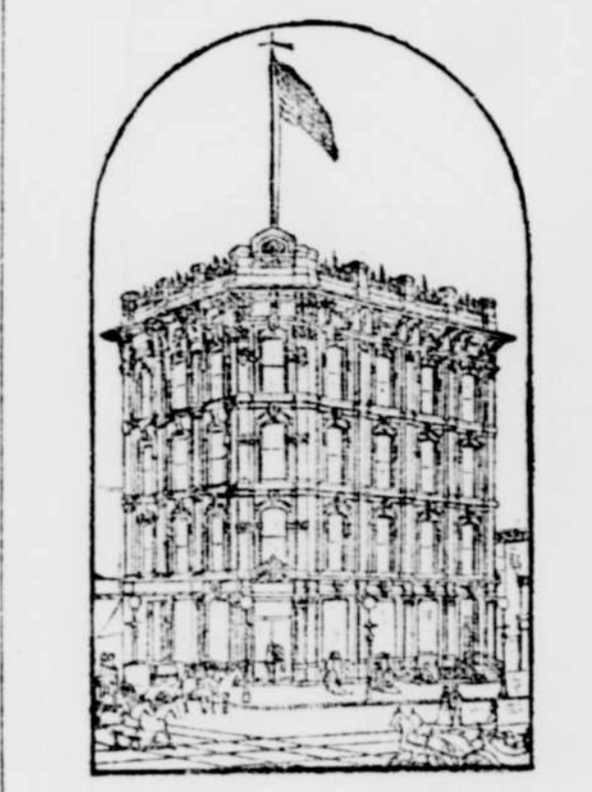
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