



### The Army Worm.

We do not think there is much chance of a recurrence of the army worm next year, yet it may be well to know a little more about it. The New York Agricultural Experiment Station has devoted Bulletin No. 10 to an investigation of the beast, from which we extract some facts which our readers would do well to know.

The eggs are very small, globular in shape and nearly white in color. They are usually laid in the leaf sheaths of corn and grain, and are very early in their development, the caterpillar appearing in the cut straw of old hay ricks, in old corn shocks, in bits of corn stalk, that have been upon the surface of the ground in the fall.

This will explain a fact that has been noted by many, that the caterpillar started in blue grass pastures which corn fodder had been fed to the young caterpillars come forth in ten days from the time the eggs are laid. In case the eggs were placed in grass or grain, the young caterpillar for a time in the sheath of the corn leaves, but finally emerge from the whole blade in the bill of the bird.

They are full grown in about two weeks. At this time a single larva measures about an inch and a half in length and a quarter of an inch in width. They may be briefly described as being smooth, naked caterpillars, moderately dark in color, with reddish stripes running the full length of the body. The third stage in the caterpillar's life begins when the caterpillars go into the ground or under stones to make the wonderful change into an active caterpillar to an apparently lifeless creature. This stage is

the pupa stage, or, in the case of butterflies and moths, is more properly known as the chrysalis stage. A single chrysalis measures three-fourths of an inch in length and is cylindrical in shape.

The capacity of a Corn Crib. It is a safe rule in estimating the capacity of a crib, to allow two cubic feet of bushel of corn. By a cubic foot is meant 70 pounds of ear corn, which is equivalent to 56 pounds of shelled corn. The rule is to allow 14 bushels for cob in the fall, and 12 bushels in the spring after the corn has dried out perfectly. Two cribs 10 feet long, six feet wide and ten feet high, will by this rule hold 1,800 bushels. Ten feet is too high to be filled easily with a scoop, and it is better to have two openings for each side, one at the bottom, and one at the top, and to divide into within four or five feet of the floor, and when the crib is filled to the bottom, these short boards are placed across them, as the crib is filled, and most of the filling can be done with ease. When the cribs must be filled to the top, a boy or man can go back to the ends and fill it, and utilize all the space.

Preserve a Record. It would be no bad plan for every farmer, and particularly for every one who keeps a record, to make a resolution to keep it to preserve an intelligible record of all his transactions, the seasons, the crops grown, the dates of planting, with such bits of their progress as will throw upon the results reached. How time has been employed, what has been done, when, and in short, a fact relating to the economy of the farm might be briefly but intelligently noted. Such a record, even for one year, would be of value in planning for the next year, enabling the farmer to better plan his work, be it the points at which he succeeded, as well as those at which he failed in the previous year, would be of suggestion and reminder.

The Advance in Wheat. The price of wheat has advanced in some parts of the world, and is due to various causes. First came a drouth in Australia, which cut down the last year's crop in the colonies very materially. The advances from Adelaide indicate a great need of rain, and the next year's crop may be dwarfed on that account. Two bad years in succession in Australia are improbable, but not impossible. The crop in the Argentine is short for the same reason, and this is also true of India and China. The spectacle of California shipping wheat to Calcutta is one which has never before beheld.

Pay Off and Quit. Whenever there is any misunderstanding between employer and em-

ployee on the farm, and one or the other feels that they have not had their just deserts, it is time to pay off and quit. These scores never heal up entirely, and it doesn't pay to doctor them up, and have them break out in a new place worse than ever.

A Time for Liberty. A little neighborly help and counsel may go a great ways toward keeping some people from failure. There are in every community those who are in a position to either distress or to help their less fortunate neighbors. In most cases it will do these people no good to draw the lines too tightly, while such action may cause the failure of some who would otherwise have avoided it. A man may be pretty hard up financially, and yet be all right. If his creditor knows this and takes advantage of it in a time of financial unrest the debtor and the whole business community are wronged, usually with no advantage to the creditor. No one is urged to take any great risk for the sake of accommodating a neighbor, yet all should realize the good that a little leniency may do, and the harm that may result from the opposite course.

Poultry Feeding Rack. For the bottom take a board 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide, and 6 feet long, ends 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide and 18 inches long. Nail solid to ends of bottom. Two strips half an inch thick and four inches wide are nailed to the edges of the bottom, thus making a trough three inches deep with ends 18 inches high. Then take strips one-quarter inch thick, 3 inches wide and

18 inches long, pointed at upper end, and nail them to the sides of the trough, leaving a space between pickets of 1 1/2 inches for chicks or 2 inches for fowls. This gives a complete and durable feed rack, where the weak have equal chance with the strong, and no waste of feed.—Farm and Home.

No American Fat Stock Show. There will be no American Fat Stock Show in Chicago this year. The Illinois State Board of Agriculture has decided that the time is too short to allow for proper arrangements being made. The stockmen, too, are of the opinion that it would not be convenient for them to attend, the time being too short for them to get their herds in condition. It is probable that another cause has operated to some extent. The Springfield fair involved them in debt about \$15,000, and they had asked to have a guarantee fund of \$20,000 raised if the fat stock show was to be held. Only \$15,000 of the latter sum had been subscribed.

Dead Furrow a Nuisance. The dead furrow is always a nuisance in preparing land for a crop, unless it is upon wet lands, which must necessarily be thrown into ridges a couple of rods wide to carry off surface water. The reversing plow is now used and highly recommended when it is desirable to have lands level. We shall investigate this reversible plow and report upon its practical utility another season.

Dairy Dots. It is well to remember that culms will come with the best of breeding. If a cow has a sore teat, milk very carefully, and apply extract of witch hazel. If a cow's teats are muddy or covered with other filth, they should be washed with water and then wiped dry before beginning to milk. With temperature under control and churning direct at the right time, the butter will come solid so as to be easily handled and free from buttermilk. When the butter is marbled, it is either caused by leaving too much buttermilk in the butter at the last working or the salt has not been distributed evenly. Much of the average farm butter contains many of the essentials of good quality, but because it falls in one or more essentials it fails to bring best prices. The laws enacted during the past two years with reference to oleomargarine seem to be slowly but surely reducing the output of the stuff, and they are certainly of great benefit to the legitimate dairy interests.

Agricultural Atoms. Chinch bugs winter over among dead grass, in corn shocks, piles of rubbish, and along fences, especially hedges. The potato blight is on the increase. Bordeaux mixture for blight and Paris green for bugs will have to be kept in stock by the potato grower. For storing corn fodder, either shredded or bulk, any sort of a shed that has a rainproof roof will do. All that is necessary is that it be kept dry. Land that is rich enough to produce crops on the "intensive" plan does not need rest, but a judicious rotation must be kept up, with clover mixed in somewhere. Make your cellars frost proof, white-wash them, and let them at all times have light, and be capable of frequent ventilation. A cellar may be of great value, or a nuisance. The preponderance of evidence seems to be against the replowing of corn land for wheat. The land is in good condition without plowing. Cut the corn off low and drill in the wheat. To tell when pumpkins are ripe chip them with the finger nail. If they makes a snapping noise when broken, it makes no noise or the chip comes off soft it is not ripe.

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## TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unreformed.

To be a lion is to have a lion's enemies. To give less than we should is not to give as God would. The man who gives help to another learns how best to help himself. No gift will be too small that has a heart full of love behind it. Blessed are the meek; the rabbit survives, but the wolf is gone. Suffering often puts into the human voice a tone that seems divine. The strongest of all men is the one who takes God to be his strength. Something is sure to be accomplished by the man who sticks to one thing. If we see nothing good in others, they will not be likely to see much good in us. Not until we know a man's heart have we any right to say that we know him. We would all have fewer cause to blame others if we had fewer fruits of our own. Only God can tell how much wrong doing is prevented by one man doing right. Before we can know much of God we have to find out a good deal about ourselves. As much bitterness and hate can be expressed in a word as can be fired out of a gun. It is better to be able to suffer long and be kind than to be able to talk like an angel. The man who says no to himself in nothing has the devil for a traveling companion. The Christian who does not look happy when he gives dimes the polish on his gift. The man who would have a large life, must work and pray that he may have a large heart. A good man finds good wherever he goes, because the good in him brings out good in others. The slothful man can never find that sweetness in bread which God puts in it for the diligent man. We often call upon God to take a way our trials, when what he wants is to give us grace to stand them. The devil almost gains our consent to stay, when he proves that nobody else is doing anything to make him go. There is probably a time in the life of every man when his hand almost touches the philosopher's stone. There will be no revival when the people can see clear across the house that the preacher isn't expecting much. Every mother should train her children as carefully as she would if she knew they were to be kings and queens. Many a man cheats himself out of a blessing, because he is not willing to trust God with the way in which it shall come. David found the valley of the shadow of death a better place than the green pastures, but it is hard to convince those who have not tried it that it is that way. Prof. Tyndall's idea, expressed many years ago, that filtration through a plug of cotton wool was a most efficient method of freeing air from microbe germs, led to attempts being made to sterilize water in the same way. Little success has hitherto been attained, but quite recently M. Henri Potevin claims that he has evolved a method of so constructing such filters, that he can completely sterilize water in large quantities. The fibers of the cotton are finely powdered and sifted, and then suspended in water and allowed to settle. This they do in compact mass, forming a paste, which, allowed to dry slowly, gives filter plates quite impervious to germs, etc. The best results are gained by placing the plates between two plates of sandstone or perforated metal, and if they are arranged in a battery, like the filter presses so commonly used in Europe for sewage, sludge, etc., very large quantities of water can be rapidly sterilized. Periodical cleanings are necessary, as no matter what care is taken, the rule which holds good in all other filters serving the same end, that the microbes are able to get through the filtering material eventually by a process of growth, obtains. There is, however, no great difficulty in this, as the cells of the material are easily purified by a fresh pulping in boiling water.

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Great things are not accomplished by idle dreams, but by years of patience and wisely directed study. Woman's Reason. Surprised Dame—What? And you have refused Mr. De Good's? I thought you liked him. Lovely Daughter—I did, but to tell you the truth, none of the other girls seemed to care a snap for him.—New York Recorder. A Sure Way. An agricultural exchange asks: "How can we prevent cider from working?" You might get it a government position.—Texas Sifter. Wheel News. "It is queer how you inexperienced riders always take such long rides." "No, it isn't a bit queer; we are afraid to stop and get off for fear we can't get on again."—Detroit Free Press. A man without enthusiasm is a very poor friend, but he takes good care of himself. This is the season when those persons who have never tried possum long for it.

We want your tea-trade for the rest of your life. Do you see now how we can afford to say: "Get every sort of Schilling's Best of your grocer, and get your money back on what you don't like?" A Schilling & Company San Francisco

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## TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unreformed.

To be a lion is to have a lion's enemies. To give less than we should is not to give as God would. The man who gives help to another learns how best to help himself. No gift will be too small that has a heart full of love behind it. Blessed are the meek; the rabbit survives, but the wolf is gone. Suffering often puts into the human voice a tone that seems divine. The strongest of all men is the one who takes God to be his strength. Something is sure to be accomplished by the man who sticks to one thing. If we see nothing good in others, they will not be likely to see much good in us. Not until we know a man's heart have we any right to say that we know him. We would all have fewer cause to blame others if we had fewer fruits of our own. Only God can tell how much wrong doing is prevented by one man doing right. Before we can know much of God we have to find out a good deal about ourselves. As much bitterness and hate can be expressed in a word as can be fired out of a gun. It is better to be able to suffer long and be kind than to be able to talk like an angel. The man who says no to himself in nothing has the devil for a traveling companion. The Christian who does not look happy when he gives dimes the polish on his gift. The man who would have a large life, must work and pray that he may have a large heart. A good man finds good wherever he goes, because the good in him brings out good in others. The slothful man can never find that sweetness in bread which God puts in it for the diligent man. We often call upon God to take a way our trials, when what he wants is to give us grace to stand them. The devil almost gains our consent to stay, when he proves that nobody else is doing anything to make him go. There is probably a time in the life of every man when his hand almost touches the philosopher's stone. There will be no revival when the people can see clear across the house that the preacher isn't expecting much. Every mother should train her children as carefully as she would if she knew they were to be kings and queens. Many a man cheats himself out of a blessing, because he is not willing to trust God with the way in which it shall come. David found the valley of the shadow of death a better place than the green pastures, but it is hard to convince those who have not tried it that it is that way. Prof. Tyndall's idea, expressed many years ago,