

BELGIAN RABBITS FOR CHEAP MEAT

Raising These Animals in Backyard Pens Urged as an Important Food Measure.

(Department of Agriculture)

Let the children start a rabbitry in the backyard if they are in earnest about helping the meat supply. Raising rabbits is an interesting and easy work and the returns will be well worth father's or mother's cooperation. Efforts will be quickly rewarded, for these animals increase rapidly and are ready for the table when three or four months old. The meat is very palatable and nutritious and can be grown at small cost. In fact, the cost of producing rabbits is less than that of any other meat, not excepting poultry. Rabbits in backyard pens have proved so practicable a way of furnishing a quick supply, especially in European countries, that the United States department of Agriculture is urging their wider breeding in the present emergency.

Plan for Breeders Now

As February is the best time to mate—March may be the best for breeding young does—it will be well to arrange for breeding animals and to prepare a place for them, with the children's help in the yard. Four litters a year, at intervals of twelve weeks, and averaging six or seven young to the litter, may be expected if pairing begins in February. The Belgian and Flemish giant rabbits are recommended for meat production, as the ordinary tame rabbit is smaller and develops more slowly. Breeding stock of Belgian hares may be bought from breeders in nearly all the states at from \$1 to \$3 each. They may occasionally be had from pet stock dealers. Fancy pedigreed stock is not required for meat production.

Rabbits eat hay, grass, lawn cuttings and green vegetation of many kinds. Well fed, the young will average five or six pounds live

weight when three or four months old. Practical experience has demonstrated that rabbit meat can be produced in unlimited quantities at a cost of about six cents a pound. By utilizing lawn cuttings and other vegetation that would otherwise be wasted, the cost will be even lower.

Outdoor fenced runs, with hutches for does when having young and sleeping hutches for other stock, make the best quarters for rabbits in backyards. The rabbitry may occupy part of or all of a barn or shed or be built in a sheltered space in the angle between buildings or walls. Feeding is necessary twice daily. In winter one of the meals should be chiefly of green food such as roots or cabbage, and the other mainly of grain. Roots, cabbage, celery and the like should be washed free from the soil, but should not be wet when fed. If green food is given in the morning, the evening meal should be whole oats or other grain for mature animals. A little hay should be given at each meal. If properly cared for, rabbits are remarkably free from diseases. The more common ailments result from insanitary surroundings, lack of care in feeding, and improper ventilation. The demand for rabbit fur is such as to make it pay to save the pelts of those killed for food. The better class of skins sell by the dozen, bringing from 50 cents to \$1, or something less than 10 cents apiece. Farm bulletin 496, "raising Belgian hares and other rabbits", will aid the beginner.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Father Clancy is in Curry county, consequently mass will not be said at the Catholic church next Sunday; but instead the Catholic people will gather at the church at 9:00 a. m. to recite prayers in common, assisted by the singing of the children's choir, and the reading of the sacred scriptures. The rector will not return until Jan. 16th or thereabouts. Services on the 20th will be held as usual. On the evening of Jan. 20th the missionary lectures for non-Catholics will be commenced in the Riverside Club at Prosper.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHEONS

The Hot Lunch System, (Recently Adopted in Bandon), Praised.

The hot lunch system, recently inaugurated in the Bandon schools, and which is becoming quite general throughout the United States, is commented upon very favorably by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, as follows:

"With simple equipment a 'hot-dish' can be prepared in small town and rural schools to supplement the noon lunch which the children bring from home. Preparation of at least one hot dish in the school room is now becoming the rule rather than the exception, and many teachers have taken the opportunity of making it a lesson in home economics. There is no doubt that something hot to supplement the regular lunch adds nourishment and stimulates the appetite.

"The hot dish prepared at school may be made the basis of a class exercise in cooking, in which case the duty may be apportioned among the pupils for different days. Here are some suggestions for hot school lunch dishes that can be prepared with simple equipment in almost any school. They make good additions to the lunches brought from home. For the meatless lunch: Milk soups made with peas, beans, potatoes or tomatoes; baked beans or a bean stew; creamed rice with cheese or a rice or oatmeal pudding.

"For the wheatless lunch a vegetable chowder or one of canned or dried fish, a meat stew, using a little meat and several vegetables. These could be prepared in a fireless cooker which may be made by the pupils in a lesson in practical science.

"The use of different kinds of beans, peas and peanuts in combination dishes served in place of meat is worth emphasizing, for the dishes successfully prepared at school are very apt to appear on the home tables shortly afterwards."

A Useless Strike.

Bill—I struck a man today in self defense.

Gill—You did?

"Certainly. I knew he was going to ask me for the loan of \$5, and I struck him first."—Youkers Statesman.

A GIRL'S A GIRL FOR A' THAT.

Is there a lady in the land That boasts her rank and a' that?

With scornful eye we pass her by And little care for a' that;

For nature's charm shall bear the palm— A girl's a girl for a' that.

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The nobly born may proudly scorn A lowly lass and a' that;

A pretty face has far more grace Than haughty looks and a' that;

A bonnie maid needs no such aid— A girl's a girl for a' that.

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Then let us trust that come it must, And sure it will for a' that,

When faith and love, all arts above Shall reign supreme and a' that;

And every youth confess the truth— A girl's a girl for a' that.

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—Author Unknown.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN ON JUNE 8

Visibility Will Be Greatest in the Pacific Northwest—Astronomers Are Preparing.

To witness one of the greatest eclipses of the sun ever observed will be the privilege of Bandon people and of the Pacific Northwest in general on June 8, 1918.

The percentage of the total darkness produced by the eclipse in this part of Oregon will be close to 99 per cent, according to astronomers. The moon will obscure the face of the sun to that extent for some time on that day and only one-hundredth of the sun's light will penetrate to this part of the earth. It is expected that darkness like that of a moonless night will prevail for a short period.

Will Last Two Minutes

Absolute darkness will prevail for two minutes. For an hour or more on each side of this period the sun light will be partially obscured.

Bandon Is Patriotic

In an editorial comment on the recent non-patriotic charges against this community, the Port Orford Tribune states: "In the Red Cross, the Liberty Loan and the Y. M. C. A. drives, Bandon has been in the Curry county district. Many of her leading citizens have given much of their time and energy in behalf of these causes. Bandon dollars have rolled freely into the nation's coffers in its hour of need. There may be ways in which the town of Bandon could be weighed and found wanting, but when it comes to patriotism she has a right to claim that she is 'all wool and a yard wide.'"

Prosper Men Married

A very pretty home wedding took place at the home of R. R. Rackleff. The young men are well and favorably known in this community, having lived here for several years. Mr. Owen Robert Rackleff was united in marriage to Miss Luella Mae Roberts, and Clarence Arthur Roberts to Miss Hazel Ayers. The young men are now engaged in dairying on a large scale on a large ranch near Prosper where they will make their home for the future.—Myrtle Point American.

The Sea Horse.

This fish is found in the Atlantic ocean around the coast of Spain, the south of France, in the Mediterranean and in the Indian ocean. Sea horses are very small and have been found often curled up in oyster shells. The head is much like that of a horse, and the rings around the body and tail resemble those of some caterpillars. The habits of these fishes are singular and interesting. They swim with a wailing motion and frequently wind their tails around the weeds and rushes. They have fins to sustain them in the water and even in the air. They live on worms, fishes, eggs and substances found in the bottom of the sea.

Asking Russia what she means to do is like demanding the intentions of a young man who seems to be paying attention to all three of your daughters.

Croup at Midnight, Well in Morn

"A few nights ago one of my patrons had a small child taken with croup about midnight," writes M. T. Davis, Bearsville, W. Va. "They came to my store and got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Before morning the child had entirely recovered." Use only Foley's, for coughs, colds, croup and grip. Sold everywhere.

MOVING DAY.

By ISABEL FROST.

It had never occurred to Alice Barton that Mr. Paxton, her landlord, would not trust her indefinitely, even though she had not taken the time to apprise him of her intentions. She had meant to drop in the office on her way to the station and tell his slave at the desk that they might renew her lease; but it was pouring pitchforks, and she had to make a train; therefore she trusted to luck and the landlord's intuition.

When she returned on May 1 she encountered large packing cases in her hall, also a young man in shirt-sleeves wrestling with the same.

"I'll have these out of the way in just a minute, so you can get by," he told her, pleasantly.

"But I don't want to get by," said Alice frigidly. "Thank you. I merely wish to get into my apartment."

He looked at her in surprise.

"There seems to be some mistake here. I rented this apartment under the impression that it was vacant," he explained. "From May 1 for one year, I'm just moving in."

Alice's face turned a shade paler. Manners were instinctive second nature to her, and she forced herself to speak very quietly.

"May I phone the office?" she asked, a bit helplessly.

Paxton's voice was suave but firm. He reminded her that they had written several times, inquiring her intentions on the renewal of her lease, and she had calmly ignored them.

"Have you anything else left in the building?" she asked.

"No, I am very sorry, but there is nothing at all left. We waited until the very last moment for your decision, but Mr. Reeves wished the apartment on the first, and we accommodated him. If there is anything that we can do—"

"No, there was nothing they could do. She thanked him and hung up the receiver. Drawing off her gray suede gloves, she looked around her a bit tiredly.

"I'll pack up my things right away," she said.

"You won't do anything of the sort. I shall not retain the apartment," he told her resolutely. "It was beastly of them to rent it without your knowledge. I'm going to throw the whole thing up."

"But you can't, you know. Not if you've signed a lease." She laughed rather wearily. "If you don't mind, I think I'll make a cup of tea for myself before I pack my dishes. Won't you join me?"

Before the impromptu tea was half over, she made several enlightening discoveries. First, Mr. Reeves was a Yale man, the same class as her brother Tom. This in itself would have warranted her in accepting almost any favor at his hands. The time slipped away while he told of Tom's initiation into their fraternity, and then she found herself reading to him Tom's last letter from France, where he had joined the aviation corps.

"Of course, you understand," he told her, when they had finished tea, "that I can't possibly let you go out of here. If they won't let me step down and out, I shall submit to you."

She wrote to Tom, telling him of the accidental meeting, and asking him if he remembered Dick Reeves, class '13, Yale. The answer did not come back for nearly two months, and in that time Dick had securely established himself as a landlord who bestowed remarkable attention upon his tenant. He called frequently.

Then came the letter from Tom. She never forgot the moment when she opened it, just after Dick had gone.

"He's one of the finest old chaps I ever met, but he got into a mix-up at college with a girl who blew into town with a road show. I guess she was a square little kid, all right, for she never tried to hold Dick, and told him he was making a fool of himself for nothing. His old man went mad over the affair and cut Dick off without a cent. He stuck it out, though, working his way through his last year, and took his degree. I don't know what became of the girl. I believe he's working now in his cousin's automobile factory, learning the business from the ground up. I'm mighty glad you've met him."

It was two weeks later. He sat on the window-seat looking down at Gramercy park. "Alice," he said suddenly, with a touch of desperation in his tone, "I've got to tell you something. Something I'm mighty ashamed of, now that I've met you and known the real thing. Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me you ought to know before I ask you to be my wife."

Alice bent a little lower over her embroidery as she sat in a dark-green willow chair beside him.

"I've heard all about Peggy," she said, quietly. "Tom told me. I like you much better as a worker, Dick, than as you must have been before she switched your life into the manlier way of independence. Was that all?"

She glanced up at him with a little mischievous smile of inquiry, and Dick left the window seat.

The following morning Mr. Paxton glanced up from his desk. Dick's tone was very decisive.

"We wish a few alterations made in the apartment, Miss Barton and myself. We will be married on the 19th, and it will have to be in shape by the time we get back from our honeymoon."

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FROM Morris Heights

By J. J. MORRIS

Will someone kindly stir up the market for potatoes? There are two or three thousand sacks of potatoes around Bandon for sale. But there is no market, market, market. Some think that Sears, Roebuck & Co. will handle them later on; I find that hogs handle them at about \$1 per hundred. So if you have hogs, do not trade your spuds for mush unless they allow you at least a dollar a sack for them.

An acre of red clover, in one season, will take the place of fifty bushels of corn as hog feed, if fed with some grain. Fifty bushels of corn will produce 500 pounds of pork, which is worth \$77.50. Well bred hogs on clover pays.

Berkshires are not small hogs. The heaviest grand champion car-lot at the International at Chicago in 1916 was a Berkshire. They averaged 417 pounds. The record for 1917 has never been equalled by any breed of live stock. Grand Champion car-lot, Grand Champion pen, and Grand Champion Single Barrow, all went to Berkshires.

CURRY COUNTY

(From Port Orford Tribune)

Supervisor A. J. Marsh was in town Monday trying out a road leveler the county recently bought. The leveler is for smoothing the road and filling ruts, and is especially valuable in keeping a road or gravelled road in condition.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson left Gold Beach recently to join her husband, Captain Johnson, who has been assigned a command on the Mexican border not a great distance from San Diego. Mr. Johnson was county attorney of Curry, his term expiring a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lutsey and two children came down from their home on the Coquille, Monday, and are visiting at the Dave McKenzie home at Elk river. On their way down they visited at the E. B. Thrift home at Langlois where they were met by Mr. McKenzie in his auto.

Ralph Cope of Langlois, was in Port Orford over one night last week while on his way to Rogue river to visit ex-game warden, John Adams, at his home near Agness. The gentlemen are "old cronies" and Mr. Cope was taking advantage of the quiet season in the dairyman's life to spend a few winter evenings with his friend.

Much Skim Milk Saved

One creamery in the state of New York is condensing every day 25,000 pounds of skim milk, much of which formerly was run into the sewer and several creameries now make their entire supply of skim milk into cottage cheese. These examples are cited in the annual report of the bureau of animal husbandry, U. S. department of agriculture, as showing savings effected thru the campaign for conservation of all products that can increase the supply of food.

Officials to Assist Farmers

Farmers all over the country are making numerous inquiries about their income tax returns. Men of the field force of the bureau of internal revenue of the treasury department will visit every county in the United States during January and February. Notice of their arrival will be given in advance. The services of these officials in making out income tax returns will be given without cost to all persons requesting it. Failure to see them, however, will not relieve citizens of the duty imposed upon them to file their returns not later than March 1. Questions as to when a farmer is to make his return of the value of crops and stock, the relation of these things to income, etc., and as to employees and other matters, will all be answered by the revenue field force.

Poultry is the only class of domestic animal which is suitable of converting the kitchen waste, right where it is produced in the city, into wholesome and nutritious food in the form of eggs and poultry meat.

Here are some safe figures about what can be expected of a backyard flock. Each hen in her pullet year should produce 10 dozen eggs. The average size of the backyard flock should be at least 10 hens. Thus each flock would produce in a year 100 dozens of eggs which, at the conservative value of 25 cents a dozen, would be worth \$25. But the 100 dozen is more important than the \$25.

Even as few hens as six or eight should produce eggs enough, where used economically, for a family of four or five persons thruout the entire year, excepting during the molting period of the fall and early winter.

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Is God Your Friend? Then Visit His Home. Go to Church.



WATCH the long line of people entering church on Sunday. Isn't it a fact that they are really the worth while people in the community? If you are a business man, don't you prefer dealing with a man who is a CONSISTENT CHURCHGOER rather than with a man who never goes to church? You wouldn't hesitate to INVITE ANY AND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE entering church to your home.

A MAN WHO GOES TO CHURCH CANNOT GO WRONG VERY LONG. A COMMON EXPRESSION IS THAT SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

THAT MAY BE TRUE. BUT THE FACT THAT A MAN WANTS THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE LIVES TO THINK THAT HE IS GOOD AND GOD FEARING SHOWS THAT HE WANTS TO BE GOOD. HE WANTS TO ENJOY THE RESPECT OF HIS FELLOWS, WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH, IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO STATE THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CHURCHGOERS ARE HONEST, UPRIGHT CITIZENS.

There is something basically wrong with a man who, while professing a belief in a Supreme Being, fails to take the opportunity the church affords to WORSHIP THAT SUPREME BEING. If you have a dear friend and you pass his house every day without dropping in to see him, you would not blame that man for DOUBTING THE SINCERITY of your friendship.

Do you wish God to DOUBT YOUR FRIENDSHIP? Do you want to LOSE HIM AS A FRIEND. If you don't, drop into his house AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

Show that you are sincere in your belief in God by GOING TO CHURCH next Sunday.

THEN GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.