

ROUND THE FARM

TIMELY BREVITIES

SELECT CULLINGS

Feeding the Work Horses.

Horses that are worked steadily are likely to have good appetites and good digestive powers, writes William Purvis in the American Cultivator. They must have them if they are to do their best. Such animals require a liberal diet. Such animals require a liberal diet. Such animals require a liberal diet.

For a long time oats and timothy have been considered the horse's standard ration. A ration composed of these two feeds has always been considered a safe one, which it is. Oats are the best all round grain for the work horse, get through the corn belt, where corn is the principal crop, it is the principal grain fed to many horses with quite satisfactory results.

Clover Pasture For Pigs.

Clover is not only the cheapest feed, but the best, for brood sows and litters. The pigs need the exercise that comes from pasture gives, as well as the abundant feed that the pasture affords. Grain is high in price compared with that of a few years ago, and one must make use of the not only cheaper but better feeds that a good pasture affords. An acre of clover will make as much meat as an acre of corn where used judiciously and costs far less to grow.

Pigs in clover

"Pigs in clover" is an expression which now comes to mean something nearly nothing. If you have a clover pasture for your pigs this summer try sowing Dwarf Essex rape on top of it and let the pigs dig it up. It will come up just about the time the clover begins to get tough and will make excellent pasture. Later, if it gets too big, run a mower over it and cut it up. Both it and the clover will come again fresh and green in a few days.—Forest Heury in Northwestern Agriculturist.

The Farm Team.

From our experience and observation, if we were selecting the farm team, we have decided that the medium sized horse, rather blocky in build, is best adapted to the general farm work. While others might be willing to offer with us, we feel that a few reasons why we would make this choice would not be out of place here. We would choose the medium size blocky build because these animals are generally more active than those that are heavier in weight. They walk faster, and when turning the end of the furrow or corn row do so with less danger to themselves, with greater ease and in less time than does the horse that is extra heavy. Then when used on soft ground they will often endure more, as they do not sink into the moist soil as much as the heavier animal.—American Cultivator.

Horses Need Exercise.

Horses require more exercise and suffer more for lack of exercise than any of the other animals. Every horse owner should know when let out of the stable and turned into a pasture the horse in good health will run and around the field for a considerable time before beginning to eat. This clearly proves that the animal needs some exercise, but none equal to a desire to exercise so violently as a horse. So, no matter what the work, the horses should have plenty of exercise.

Weighing Hogs and Feed.

A farmer reports that he drives his hogs over the scales every week and also weighs the feed given them during this time. He says he knows just what they are getting for him and whether they are gaining or losing money. If he knows whether they are doing their best, and if the latter be the case. This doesn't take much time and does pay.—Kansas Farmer.

The Egg Producer.

A hen of annually disposing of her eggs, especially the ones that have their worth, and keeping up her production is a poor one. If eggs are laid in a hen that has "made a layer" should not be discarded until three or four years old. Often they still be valuable when even older than this, but it will generally be true that a hen's usefulness usually ends at the age of three.

Keeping the Cream Cool.

Having cream see that a wet cloth is thrown over the can. This will keep the cream to reach the station at a lower temperature than otherwise be possible.

Philippine tapioca flour is now on the market.

Six of the last nine Derby winners were ridden by Americans. Blue, pink and aquamarine diamonds recently were exhibited in London.

Java coffee is being successfully raised in an experimental way in Porto Rico.

Of every 1,000 marriageable persons that are in this country, under fifty are married.

Since the earthquake in Sicily tourists have spent on the island at least \$1,250,000.

A theatrical manager in Vienna received not long ago the manuscript for a play in thirty-five acts.

A Japanese scientist claims to have discovered a process for causing oysters to make perfectly spherical pearls.

Helsingor, Denmark, a city of 12,000 population, gets its electricity from Sweden through a cable under the sea between the two countries.

A resolution advocating the fortnightly washing and disinfecting of all mail bags has been passed by a conference of Irish postoffice clerks.

The largest wireless station in Europe, that on the Adriatic sea at Pola, Austria-Hungary, includes a 300 foot tower built on a foundation of glass.

Originally made merely for ornamentation, electric light shades now are designed along purely scientific lines to diffuse or reflect the light with the greatest economy.

For the first time in the history of Sweden two women have been elected to the municipal council of Stockholm. One was elected by the conservatives and one by the Socialists.

Turkish women no longer refuse to see doctors except through a rent in a curtain. Many of them will now, when ill, voluntarily send for a doctor and submit to examination.

The heightening of the Assuan dam is expected to occupy six years in all and to increase the annual value of the Egyptian cotton crop by between fifteen and twenty million dollars.

Twenty-nine persons lost their lives last year in gathering Alpine flowers and seventeen through winter sports. No fewer than seventy-six deaths were occasioned by attempting rash and foolhardy feats.

At Apl, in the Kongo Free State, there is a training school for elephants, and at the present time twenty-eight of the animals are being trained to carry logs of wood and make themselves useful in other ways.

Think of an acre of ground covered with a pile of silver dollars 320 feet high. That would be the sight presented if the whole wealth of the country were piled together. It amounts to more than \$107,000,000,000.

To permit a motorist to explore dark corners of his car with a light and yet leave his hands free there has been invented an incandescent lamp and reflector to fasten to the forehead and take current from the car's batteries through a cord.

Spanish paper mills export paper chiefly to former Spanish colonies, and very little foreign made paper finds its way into Spain. The manufacture of cigarette paper is carried on widely, and the various Spanish specialties find a fair market abroad.

When J. R. Couley, whose death at the age of ninety years has just occurred at Surlist, Lincolnshire, England, was ten years old, his mother presented him with a silk hat and told him to wear it always. He wore the hat indoors and out of doors until the day of his death.

On arriving at San Bernardino after a five months' prospecting trip in the desert two California prospectors found that one of their pack mules had developed a lump. An examination of the mule's hoof revealed a gold nugget, worth probably \$50. The prospectors have no idea in what part of the desert the nugget was picked up.

According to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, New York state leads in the number of beds for consumptives provided up to May 1, with 5,476 beds; Massachusetts is second, with 2,407 beds; Pennsylvania third, with 2,347 beds; Colorado fourth, with 1,480 beds, and New Mexico fifth, with 1,104 beds.

Sally Cahn, a salesman in New York, got permission from Supreme Court Justice Whitney to change his name to Frederick Sally Cahn, because persons who write him business letters think he is a woman. Sally is a "fantastic" name for a man to have in Germany," he said, but in this country it leads persons to write him as "My dear miss" or "madam," and he has a good deal of trouble explaining that he is a man.

A guest at a New York hotel left a pasteboard box tied carelessly with a cord with one of the room clerks and asked him to lay it aside until he returned. Knowing the guest to be a man of wealth the clerk took the precaution to put the box in a safe deposit vault, although it was thought to contain a pair of shoes. Several hours later the guest returned for the box and, opening it, revealed jewels worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Inventive minds have been trying for a long time to hit upon some process by which old newspapers could be reduced to a pulp and the ink extracted and the pulp made into printing paper again. But the extraction of the ink has hitherto been unaccomplished. From Germany, however, comes the news that the paper pulp treated with alkaline solutions ceases to hold the lampblack and other pigments of the ink, and they are easily extracted from the fiber by making an emulsion of the pulp with gelatinous silica.

Adventures of a King.

Few men of his age have had so many narrow escapes as King Alfonso of Spain, who was twenty-four years old May 17. His life has been attempted twice, in Paris during a state visit there and in Madrid on his wedding day. He has been in several motor accidents and on one occasion nearly succeeded in killing the Spanish minister of education as well as himself. When trying a reaping machine at La Parda some years ago he became entangled in the machinery and might have been killed if the engineer had not stopped the movement instantaneously.

At San Sebastian, when on his way to inaugurate an exhibition, he took a running jump over some iron chairs and tables piled in front of a cafe. He failed to clear them and would probably have broken his neck if the top-most table had not crashed to the ground when he touched it.

He is said to possess mementoes of all the occasions when his life has been endangered, and these must now form a good sized collection. Chicago News.

A Country With One Railroad.

Persia, like Turkey, is awakening from her sleep of centuries, and aspires to reassume the position she once occupied in the affairs of the great world. She has a constitution and some other modern improvements, but she hasn't caught up with the times enough to provide herself with a real transportation system. Horses and donkeys still constitute the passenger and freight carrying resources of the empire which once dominated the east. Still, Persia has one railroad. It is ten miles long, and runs from Teheran, the capital, to the shrine of the defunct shah. The general manager of this road hasn't much trouble in turning his ton mile costs. Strifes do not disturb his slumbers. The finance committee does not bother it with dividend policies or bond issues, nor does it lie awake nights wondering if rate-regulating bills are going to pass the Persian parliament.—Moody's Magazine.

The Cremation of Koch's Body.

In describing the cremation of the body of Dr. Robert Koch the Baden-Baden correspondent of the Karlsruher Zeitung says: "It was Koch's will, often expressed, that his body be incinerated. When the cortege arrived at the crematory Mozart's Ave Verum was rendered, after which the collaborator and successor of the scientist, Privy Medical Councilor Gaffky, delivered a eulogy and expressed the sorrow which the whole scientific world shared with those assembled because of the death of one who had so valiantly worked for suffering humanity. Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's 'Es ist bestimmt in Gottes Rat' the coffin, heavily laden with flowers, sank out of sight into the devouring flames."

He Sleeps High.

"I'm 100 per cent healthier for sleeping up next to the ceiling," remarks a certain dweller on East Capitol way. "I'm not only above the drafts that frisk back and forth from the window to door and cause half the colds we suffer from, but I breathe a far purer quality of air and hence awake more refreshed. Pure air always settles in the lower part of the room. The purest air floats above, where I sleep."

He has rigged for himself a complicated system of weights and pulleys whereby he can hold his couch from the floor and suspend it, like Mohammed's coffin, while he slumbers. As to the possibilities of rolling out of bed, he refused to make comment.—Washington Star.

Do You Want to Buy Radium?

The Austrian government has just fixed the price of radium at \$81.20 for one-thousandth part of a gram, or about \$95,500,000 per pound. To purchase radium from the Austrian government one must have more than just the necessary money to pay the price, for in order to guard against the misuse of the same this rare mineral will be sold only to scientific institutions or to learned men. Delivery is made at the risk of the purchaser, and as yet there are no rules regulating the use of the mails for such purpose. Up to date not even a single milligram of radium has ever been sent by mail. It has always been forwarded by special messenger.

Quoth the Raven.

The best talking bird new to the big collection in the London zoo is a raven who came to the aviary last year. "Hullo, Jack!" is his favorite remark, and it is the voice of one who meets an unworthy friend. Soon after he arrived he used his conversational powers with great effect upon a lammergeier who shares his cage, relates the London Spectator. The lammergeier had a piece of meat which the raven desired, but he was unwilling to surrender it. The raven hopped up, "Hullo, Jack!" he began, and the lammergeier, aghast at the voice of man, dropped his dinner and fled. But the lammergeier was never a bird of much spirit.

Things That Plumbers Use.

According to the testimony sustaining charges of graft in the distribution of plumbers' licenses in New York, a standing question in the examinations was, "What is lead?" and the answer, on which the candidate was drilled in advance, was "Lead is something that is much used in the plumbing business." Further scrutiny of the examination papers may disclose that the same answer was called for in the question, "What is time?"—Providence Journal.

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