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Lhasa, "Sacred and Forbidden" seat of the Dalai Lama, 12,000 feet up in the air amid the bleak crags of the Himalayas, is to have a modern hydroelectric plant. Already a specially designed turbine and generator and other necessary equipment are traveling toward Lhasa along perilous mountain trails on pack mules and soon the age-blackened temple walls and prayer wheels will glow with a new light from the western world. The installation will be made entirely by Thibetans, since white men may not enter the city.

Advice to Mothers

Salem, Oreg.—"During each expectant period my back ached terribly and I had such bearing pains that I had to keep to my bed a great deal. One day I read of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and decided to give it a trial. I was very thankful for the comfort and relief that this remedy gave to me and I feel sure that if other young mothers would take the 'Prescription' thruout the entire period they would be saved much of the distress and suffering that most women endure."—Mrs. Mabel Ross, 359 Center St. All druggists. Tablets or liquid.

Sunday School Record

Ninety years a Sunday school member is the record of Mrs. Margaret Allison of East St. Louis, Ill. Joining her first class in Scotland, she has never missed attendance since. She came to America as a bride and has lived in Missouri most of the time. The most exciting experience of her life occurred one morning when Jesse James and his gang applied at her home for breakfast and she served them the best in the house, under the impression that her visitors were Union soldiers.

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MAKING GOOD IN A SMALL TOWN

Real Stories About Real Girls

By MRS. HARLAND H. ALLEN

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THE BAKER LADY

IS YOUR talent for baking? And are there, in your town, certain bachelors who are reputed to live solely on flap-jacks; bachelor girls who are popularly supposed to dine daily out of cans; society folks who have difficulty finding on Main Street just the baked dainties they would like to have for their parties and dinners?

If it is, and there are, your fortune is made, says one girl who is famed in her home town for her short and flaky biscuits, coffee cakes, cream puffs and cookies, her delectable corn bread and pie.

"My one talent is baking," she is fond of saying. "I always wondered whether such a homely household accomplishment had any commercial value. I settled the point by starting a bakery in the kitchen at home, and I have proved to my own satisfaction that my talent can earn something besides compliments from the family."

The girl who seriously desires to start in the business, must of course, be a good "bakeress." If she is, she knows probably about what ingredients, kitchen utensils, and equipment she will need. In general, she should remember that the best materials are always the cheapest.

There is more profit in fancy baking than in bread, though bread is the best stand-by; but few women customers can resist some of the tempting dainties which are revealed when they take the bread out of the basket. The baker lady should hire a small boy, for the job of carrying the baskets about to the prospective customer's door.

In preparation for her basket-boy's visits, the baker-girl should call at the homes of friends and acquaintances, telling them of her project and soliciting orders. If her sales are limited for a time, she may sell her wares to local confectionery stores and groceries, or have them displayed and handled on a commission basis. The woman's exchange usually provides a market. An advertisement in the newspaper is not a great expense, and will reach the people who probably would not hear of her project any other way.

But never, no matter how large her business grows, should she cease her personal supervision of every biscuit, pie or cake—for that's the only way she can honestly use in advertising the phrase that is her main stock-in-trade, "Personally cooked."

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

JUST as simplicity plus originality is what costs in clothes, so a work that is among the most simple and yet unique of jobs has a high cash value—selling lists of names.

"Any energetic small-town girl can get into this business, and have a monopoly of her field, providing it is not already occupied," says one little list-maker who is also a money maker.

"The girl who undertakes this business," she told me, "should compile a list, as nearly complete as possible, of all persons in her neighborhood, town or township. This list is to be her own personal and permanent record; but it must, since changes are constantly occurring, be frequently brought up to date. Such a list, when carefully made is a real 'working capital' which will earn money for its owner."

Every year there are numbers of political candidates who want the names of all voters in a township; and they pay liberally for such a list when it is accurately compiled.

Banking institutions, constantly trying to educate people in matters of thrift, will buy names and addresses of persons who have no savings accounts. Even a list of names unclassified as to who have bank accounts and who have not is useful to the bank, but it will be worth more, of course, the greater the amount of apropos information it contains. While getting information about savings, it is well for the compiler to note who carry insurance and what kind. Insurance agents will be glad to pay for this information.

Mail order houses are always on the lookout for new names to which they can address their catalogues and circulars. A business house which has once bought a list of names and has found it up-to-date and reliable, will be anxious to purchase a revision at least once in every two years. These "personally conducted" lists are the only reliable ones from which business men can get complete mailing lists for a given territory. Township voting lists and the rolls kept by the assessor are generally not only incomplete but out-of-date. The post office does not, as some people think, give out lists of names and addresses. That is the secret of the value of lists of names, and the reason why, when a girl is known to possess such a list, she will have frequent calls for it. Her prices should vary according to the amount of wanted information she can give the customer; mere names and addresses, while salable, are not, of course, as valuable as more detailed information is.

Selling lists of names may seem an odd way of earning a living; but there are tempting possibilities in the work, and it requires no capital to make the effort.

Plan to Protect Trees From Mice

Hungry Rodents Liable to Do Injury Any Time After November 1.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The far-sighted orchardist will make preparations to guard against possible injury to his trees by hungry field mice which gnaw the trunks and roots. Such injury is liable to occur at any time after November 1, although most of it is usually inflicted in midwinter or very early in spring under cover of heavy snow and when the more favored food supply is running low, according to the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Menace Made Greater.

That serious injury to orchard trees by mice occurs only at irregular intervals makes the menace the greater, for it usually catches the orchardist unprepared and wholly unaware of the damage being done until the melting snow in spring uncovers girdled trunks, or the wilting trees in midsummer betray the hidden work of the mice on the roots.

Preventive measures cost little in comparison with the protection afforded, and although frequently a girdled tree may be saved by timely bridge grafting, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Many progressive fruit growers realize this truth and each fall and several times during the winter examine their orchards carefully for mouse signs. If mice are present they prepare to destroy them or take steps to prevent their attacks upon trees.

Method of Prevention.

Methods of preventing mouse injury vary according to the species of mouse and the cultural practices followed. In much of the eastern United States pine mice are present, and their injury is usually inflicted below the surface of the ground. It is necessary to destroy such mice unless they are driven out by deep and clean cultivation of the whole orchard. Where meadow mice only are concerned, such methods as mechanical protectors and repellent washes are practicable, although the destruction of the mice is preferable.

General information relative to methods of coping with field mice is contained in Farmers' Bulletin 1397, "Mouse Control in Field and Orchard," and more specific information to meet questions not covered by the bulletin will be given to anyone describing details of their problems to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Surplus Vegetables and Fruits Should Be Saved

Fall seems to be the season of surplus fruits and vegetables, and we should make every effort to save them for winter use. Canning, drying, pickles, jams and preserves offer an infinite number of combinations and possibilities for these things. If you make more than the family can use, try and find a private market for them in town—homes, stores and hospitals. Many farm housewives have made quite an income in this way.

Cull fruits can be made into delicious jams, conserves, preserves, butters, spiced whole fruits, pickled fruits, jellies, etc. Underripe fruits make the best spiced and pickled fruits, while overripe ones make the best jams, and conserves.

Unripe vegetables—tomatoes, etc.—make excellent chopped pickles. Cucumbers, which get ripe, may be made into special sweet pickles. Apples are good in mixed pickles. The surplus green tomatoes, cabbage, onions, cauliflower, cucumbers, and even green beans may be used up in mixed pickles. Get some good recipes and try them out.

Soy Beans Are Superior to Alfalfa and Clover

Many people who have worked with soy beans find that the hay will keep for long periods in the cock without spoiling. In this respect it seems to be better than such legumes as alfalfa and clover. Great care must be taken to prevent the loss of leaves, as they are the most valuable part of the hay. A good quality of soy bean hay may be harvested by letting the hay stay in the swath until it is completely cured. It is then raked up while damp with dew and after a few hours of sunshine is ready to take in. Hay made in this way may be just as palatable as that cured in the cock, but does not look so well.

Building Laying Houses

Laying-houses should be finished as early as possible, as they are somewhat damp when first completed. It is safer to keep the pullets out until dry sunny days have taken out a lot of the moisture. When houses are built late in the fall it is difficult to do a good job if the lumber is constantly being soaked by fall rains. If you build with wet lumber many cracks are apt to appear when the hot sun begins to dry the boards.

Clean Houses Essential

Clean poultry houses are essential if the comfort of the fowls and their laying capacity are to be maintained. Now is a good time to clean up. Remove all manure, then scrape the walls and floor clean with a hoe or spade. Finally give the entire interior a coat of whitewash.

Corn Silage Hints Made by Experts

Prepare When the Moisture Content is 65 per Cent.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Corn silage is best prepared when the corn is cut at a stage containing about 65 or 70 per cent moisture, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. This may be told when the lower leaves on the stalk are turning brown, about 90 per cent of the kernels are dented, and 75 per cent are so hardened that no moisture can be squeezed out.

The length to which the silage is cut should be from one-half to one inch. Silage cut this short will pack better and the silo will hold its maximum tonnage. Also the chances for the silage to spoil are considerably reduced.

In filling the silo packing is essential. The common practice is to keep the sides slightly higher than the center and to tramp the whole surface thoroughly.

If the silage is too dry to pack well, water should be added. This is best done by directing a hose in the blower. Well-packed and moistened silage is less likely to mold.

When the silo is filled the silage should be covered to prevent spoilage. A layer of cut corn or sorghum stalks from which the ears or grain have been removed does this effectively.

Unproductive Idle Land Made to Yield Profits

Idle land like idle labor is a detriment to any county. Taxes must be paid on all land. Why not grow a crop of timber on worn-out, sandy, broken, or wet lands not needed for agriculture? This pertinent question for farmers is answered by W. R. Mattoon, extension forester, with the United States Department of Agriculture, who reminds us that there are several million acres of such land which should be producing timber because it is the most profitable crop that can be grown on such lands.

Timberland that has been cut heavily and burned over usually has so few seed-bearing trees that it does not get well set in young growth. All sorts of "weed trees" come in, like sweet gums, sassafras, persimmon, and others, often preventing the more valuable trees from coming in.

Pines are easily propagated, and denuded lands can be made to grow a full crop of pine with a little effort. Experiments show that slash pine seed can be successfully sown on wet lands, such as savannah or crawfish lands. About two pounds of seed per acre should be used. Sowings on land with one year's grass have given better results than on freshly burned-over land.

Iobred Wheat Is Again Ready for Distribution

Iobred wheat is again ready for distribution in lots of sufficient size to seed one acre in comparison with some home-grown variety. This wheat is being distributed by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment association this year for a charge of $2.60 for 1½ bushels.

Reports received from a number of those receiving this wheat last fall indicate that it came through the winter in fine shape in all parts of the state. Its record at the experiment station during the past several years would indicate that it is an unusually hardy strain as well as a good yielder.

Iobred is a variety which can quite readily be distinguished from other varieties as it has a very plump berry and also a very distinct bronze-colored chaff which makes it rather distinct from the average variety of winter wheat.

Those interested in securing enough of this seed to try one acre of it should write to the Iowa Agricultural Experiment association, Ames, Iowa, sending $2.60 to cover cost of seed before the limited supply is exhausted. It is now ready for distribution.

Farm Hints

Lack of paint not only lets a building look ramshackle; it lets it rot.

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It pays to fatten up your poultry for a week or ten days before shipping to market.

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By keeping the barn clean and well ventilated much of the dirt and dust can be eliminated.

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It pays to cull out non-producing chickens to save feed and labor and give the others a chance.

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When the rush of farm work is over is a good time to make plans for improving the housing of farm poultry for the coming winter.

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Where oats are planted for either soil improvement or hay, it is a good practice to plant 20 pounds of vetch seed per acre with the oats.

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Although weeds may be young, they are never "young and innocent" for from the first they rob the ground of moisture and food which the vegetables need.

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It's a good plan to have a fall clean-up around the farm premises and barnlot, before things freeze up for the winter. An orderly looking place gives the owner a feeling of pride.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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GUSSIE AND ALLIE

Allie had a friend.

Allie is a rag doll and her real name is Alice Gustava Ariel Star Jewel Bright Carol Carmen Cucumber-Green.

Her mother's make-believe name is Mrs. Cucumber-Green.

Of course Allie has many sisters and brothers. One of her brothers is named Robbie, another is Johnny Naples, a third is Brother-Boy.

One of her sisters is named Gladys and another is named Mary-Alice and a third is named Margaret-Cary.

But Allie had another friend. She didn't consider her one of the family as yet.

Of course in time she would be. But she had only been with Allie for a while.

Her name was Gussie Goodstoney. Gussie was an Indian doll. Goodstoney was the name of the Indian tribe to which she belonged and Gussie was the name the Indian who made her had named her. The mother of this Indian had once heard the name of Gussie and thought it was a very nice name. So she had named her daughter this.

And her daughter had named the doll the same name.

Allie's mother had been given the doll and she brought her home and sat her beside Allie.

They were shy at first. Neither doll had much to say to each other.

Gussie had a very reddish-brown face and Allie was quite pale. Gussie wore a red bandana handkerchief about her head.

Allie wore a little pink woolen cap.

Gussie wore a skirt of many colors—it was a skirt made of many bright pieces of cloth.

Allie wore a girl doll's sailor suit.

Gussie wore a big gray shawl decorated with red and green stripes.

Allie wore a little pink knitted scarf to match her cap.

Gussie wore moccasins with beads upon them.

Allie wore little shoes with buckles. Both wore black stockings.

Allie had no hair at all except what had been painted on her rag head.

They Seemed to Like Each Other.

Gussie had two long, soft, black braids.

Allie had a sweet, gentle face. Gussie looked quite excited.

But they seemed to like each other, although both were very shy.

Mrs. Cucumber-Green, Allie's mother, introduced the dolls to each other.

"Allie, this is Gussie.

"Gussie, this is Allie.

"Now don't quarrel, but play nicely together while I leave you to do my lessons."

She put Allie and Gussie beside each other on the sofa.

And then she went to do her lessons.

When she was all through she went back to look at Gussie and Allie.

They had not found much to talk about as yet, but they had become very devoted friends.

Mrs. Cucumber-Green could see that.

For Allie had her rag arm around Gussie's shawl-covered shoulders. And Gussie was leaning up close to Allie as though she loved her little pale-faced doll companion.

And Gussie's other hand was in Allie's.

"Oh, you dears, you do love each other," Mrs. Cucumber-Green shouted.

"I want you to love each other, for Allie is my dearest of all dear dolls and Gussie I loved the minute I saw her.

"I was afraid at first her strange Indian ways and her different looks might seem almost too strange to Allie, but I see you've become real friends.

"Oh, I am so happy.

"I know that when I went to my lessons you weren't sitting just as you are now.

"I know that. I'm perfectly sure of it. You've simply become good friends, dear, dear Allie and dear, dear Gussie!"

Tomorrow Is Coming

Jimmie objected strenuously to getting out of bed at 4 a. m. in preparation for an all-day auto trip.

"It's last night yet," he wailed.

However, he sat quietly enough on his mother's lap until the first rays of light came in the east, when he exclaimed, "Oh, now tomorrow is coming."

Plenty of Room on Floor

"Hazel, move over or you will fall off the bed."

"Oh, that's all right, mother," was the sleepy response, "there's plenty of room on the floor."

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