

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



The rapid milker is not apt to strip clean.

Little deeds of kindness, like chickens, come home to roost.

Butter to be of a prime quality must not be subject to too rapid or too slow churning.

Get that set of low wheels for the wagon this year. They will save you much heavy lifting.

Elbow grease and a good stiff broom used daily in the dairy barn will help a long way toward sanitary milk.

The best breed of cows for the dairy is that breed which will most nearly meet the special purposes and needs of the owner.

Three trees which are peculiarly adapted for fence posts are the catalpa speciosa, the osage orange and the Russian mulberry.

Keep your plans ahead of your work. It is the farmer who thinks out his work in advance who raises the biggest crops and has the easiest time.

Sunlight is essential to success in chicken raising. See that the henhouse is constructed with a view to admitting as much air and sunshine as possible.

Vermin on the hens will keep them from laying. With the coming of warm weather, clean and whitewash the henhouse, and provide a good dust bath, if hens are kept confined in a yard.

The time to wash out the buttermilk from butter is when it has reached that granular state. Dairying has this advantage over other branches of farming in that the farmer has a continuous income.

When fresh whole milk is not available the little pigs you have to raise by hand will thrive on boiled milk which has been thickened with a cup of flaxseed to each gallon. Add half a pound of brown sugar and a little salt.

A farmer in central Michigan faces the problem of making four-cent pork and three-cent beef out of 60-cent corn, with common farm labor \$30 a month with board; hay \$16, and \$20 a ton and corn stalks five cents a bundle. Can you figure out his profit?

It may be very interesting speculation as to why weeds came to be, but the practical question for the farmer is how quickest and most effectually to be rid of them. The farmer is not interested in any scientific discussions which will not serve any practical purpose.

The producing capacity of the farm is measured by the humus and nitrogen content of the surface soil, and if these cannot be fully supplied by the manure made on the farm, then legumes should be grown to supplement the manure, and for this purpose and a profitable seed crop mammoth clover, over a large part of our country, heads the list.

A good way to char cobs for the hogs is to dig a round hole, say three feet across, build a good fire with wood in the bottom of this, fill in with corn cobs, and when they are properly charred through but not burned to ashes, put on a lid of some kind to exclude the air. Then add any wood ashes that may be convenient, and salt. When the mass is cool put it in a box with a self-feed, where the hogs can reach it, and let them eat what they want.

Here is the report of a single day's receipts of the Union stock yards, Chicago: Thirty-three thousand five hundred and one cattle, 1,303 calves, 87,716 hogs, 26,999 sheep, and 838 horses, or a total of 150,357 animals in 2,933 cars, thus breaking the previous record of hog receipts and total number of animals received. A fourth of this product was sold and shipped east, and the entire receipts were sold on the day of arrival. Apparently all country roads lead to Chicago.

Too much salt in the butter destroys the flavor.

Regularity in feed and milking has much to do with the milk yield.

Some men are like cows, they think the best grass is on the other side of the fence.

It is the fresh manure that has the highest value. Get it out on the land as soon as possible.

Raw wheat flour mixed with milk and the yolk of one egg will often check scours in the lambs.

In fattening fowls feed corn principally, but provide other grain for variety and to keep up the appetite.

In dealing with a man who has a cow to sell keep in mind the fact that it is generally the poor cow that is offered for sale.

Most of the states report large graduating classes from the agricultural colleges this year. It means more and better agriculture.

The farmer who thinks out the day's work and plans how it can best be done is the farmer who is not pegging around with chores after dark.

It is the wise farmer who plants only what he can properly care for. He will reap more dollars than the farmer who spreads himself thin over too many acres.

Plant a few mulberry trees in your cherry orchard, then cock robin and his mistress will let the cherries alone as long as the mulberry lasts. A cheap and easy way of buying off the birds.

Some farmers still cling to the old idea that they must have sloop of some sort if they are to grow good pigs, but it has been repeatedly shown by experiment that usually there is no advantage in foods that are sloppy.

Forestry has done great things for Switzerland, preventing floods and making available all lands fit for crops. What are you doing to further the efforts of the government agricultural department toward more tree growing?

Be sure that you have a good corn stand. As soon as the corn is an inch high replant every hill that contains no plants. This may be a little later than the first planting and some of it may not get out of the way of frost, but it will make good cattle feed if nothing more.

Coburn the Kansas farm expert gives this quintet of don'ts for the alfalfa raiser: Don't sow any nurse crop. Don't sow on freshly plowed land, no matter how carefully prepared. Don't let weeds or grass grow over six inches high without clipping. Don't clip or mow when wet with rain or dew. Don't let alfalfa stand; if turning yellow, cut it.

Few farmers realize the damage which weeds do to the corn. They not only take the fertility which the corn needs, but worse still the moisture. By cultivation you kill the weeds, conserve the moisture, make the fertility of the soil more available, and loosen the soil so that air may get at the roots, an essential condition in corn growing.

Linseed meal is valuable in horse feeding for its laxative properties and for putting a nice gloss on the hair. At that, very little of it should be fed and if carrots or other sound roots can be obtained they are better for the horse than any oilmeal. A usual amount is a handful a day with other feed, or a double handful may be given with good results.

A very good method of capturing the chicken hawk is to set steel traps about the carcass of the chicken last caught and partly devoured, or to erect a tall pole in an open field near the chicken yard, placing a trap at the top. He will be most sure to alight on the pole, awaiting an opportunity to pounce down upon the unsuspecting fowls, and consequently gets into the trap.

To tan a sheep's skin stretch and nail on smooth board surface, wool side down. Scrape carefully, getting off all bits of flesh. Now mix one pound of pulverized alum and one pound common salt, sprinkle the mixture evenly over the skin and rub in with a corn cob all it will absorb; then sprinkle it over with a little more and leave it for a few days. A second application will render it thoroughly cured. Leave it until dry. Pinch the surface, and by the feeling and sound you can tell if all parts are evenly tanned. The next process is the hardest for a woman—washing. It will take several washings and good rinsings in clean, cold water. Squeeze the water from it and hang it fleece down to drip. It will dry beautifully in the sun on a stout clothesline or wire fence, shaking it occasionally.

WHERE SHE HAD THE BULGE.

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The "Pivot" Age.

When is a man "old?" Is it a matter of looks, or feeling, or age, or professional custom? Waiters, for instance, are held to be "old" at 50. But at that period of life statesmen, orators, actors, bishops and judges are accounted young. Athletes of all kinds are deemed "old" after 40 or thereabouts. The board of trade regulations say that railway men and others are "old" for their work at 60. Old age pension scheme makers consider 65 as the pivot age on which to hang their plans. The point is certainly a very debatable one.—Hearts of Oak Journal.

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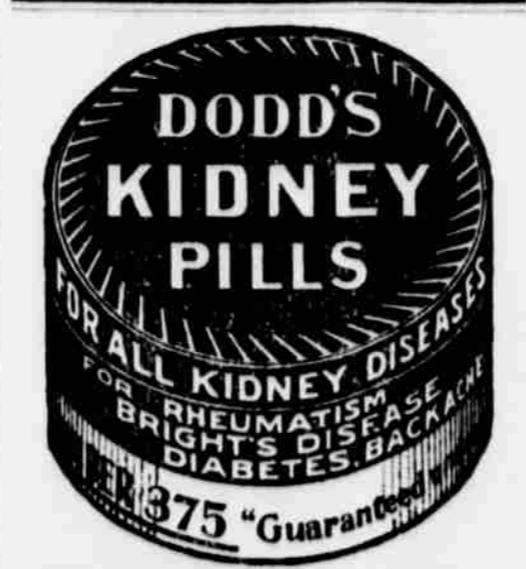
Attractions of Flowers.

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