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**Live Stock Industry Working South.**  
 Gradually our live stock interests are working southward though they have not as yet reached in a very considerable degree even the more southern limits of what we are pleased to call the Northern States. We have noticed this gradual movement in Illinois during the last ten years. At the present time a traveler in Southern Illinois is struck by the comparatively few cattle to be met with there, yet he will also notice that the number is much larger than it was a few years ago. Here and there stock farms have been established that are being looked up to by the farmers of the vicinity, most of whom have no stock to speak of. In the very southern part of the state the writer passed one farm on which was a fine herd of Herefords. A man of the neighborhood said: "Yes, Judge—is beginning to get something from his stock farm now, though for some years he put two dollars into it for every one he took out. But he was all the time bringing up his land. Now it is in fine condition. But then he was a judge and his salary helped run the farm."

This points a double lesson. First, that the belief must be inculcated into the farmers of those sections that live stock is a good thing, and, second, that it takes capital to tide over the time when the live stock farm is being established, if all things are to be done at once and on a large scale. The southern parts of Illinois and Indiana have a climate and soil well adapted to the growing of live stock. The location is not far enough south to endanger the animals from Texas fever and is not so far north that beef cattle need much protection in winter. The growing or not growing of live stock is the difference between constructive and destructive farming. The presence of live stock helps to build up the land. Its absence frequently results in depreciating it, though this is not absolutely necessary. It is, however, the usual result and is likely to be for some generations to come.

**A Few Sheep.**  
 In looking over some reports of sheep on farms we are struck with the fact that in some of our states not one half of the good-sized farms carry any sheep. In the old days it was assumed that every farmer had at least a few sheep. We believe that to-day it would be better for the farms and better for the whole population of the country if every farm had a small flock of sheep. It appears to us that a small flock of sheep could be kept in the summer time at least at almost no cost and with great benefit to the arable portions of the farms. The husbandman works to get the weeds out of his pasture fields, but the whole length of the pasture fence is a mass of weeds on the side of the pasture and from their tops blow millions of weed seeds every year. The sheep would keep most of these weeds down and thus destroy the source from which the fields get their annual supply of weed seeds. One reason why farmers do not keep more sheep is that dogs are destructive to the flocks; but as these ravages occur generally in the night the trouble is obviated by penning the sheep at night. The matter of fences is another cause that deters some, but a fence that is hog proof and horse proof is generally sheep proof. During the last few years there has been a steady decline in the sheep growing industry in every state except one east of the Mississippi. This condition of affairs is profitable neither to the nation nor the farmer.

**The Exact Food Required.**  
 It has been well demonstrated within the last few years that many of our animals receive far more food than they require or than they can use to advantage. As a result some of our skillful feeders have cut down the grain they were feeding to steers five pounds and found they got as good results. We have taken it for granted that the more food the animals ate the better it was for them, and the more money they were developing for their various needs. As well assert that it makes no difference how much fuel we use to do a certain amount of cooking. We know that in that case a vast amount of fuel can be absolutely wasted. One man that had a large number of stock to feed figured out the saving to himself in the feeding of oats. He made his figures on a hundred head of animals and with oats at 40 cents per bushel. By feeding just the amount of oats required he saved one pound per head per day over what he had been accustomed to feed. This meant 100 pounds per day for all the animals, 365 pounds a year per animal and 36,500 pounds of oats during the year. This weight of oats at 32 pounds to the bushel, was worth \$456. That was pretty good pay for a little expenditure of thought. A little figuring and observation did the work.

**Care in Dressing Animals.**  
 In the dressing of any animal it is always well to consider that possibly it may be affected with tuberculosis or some other contagious disease. There is little danger of infection if there is no wound on the hands that can come into contact with the meat. A good many names are on record where men have lost their lives by carelessness in this regard. Butchers are perhaps often the subject of such accidents than any others; and the amateur butcher is as certainly in danger as the professional. A Chicago man reports as follows to the United States Bureau of Animal Industry:

G. E. W. Pole, age, 34; weight, 170 pounds; healthy looking man; butcher by occupation. Family history negative. Father of three healthy children. Has no recollection of having been previously sick. On May 3, 1899, while cleaning cattle viscera, he fell and a stationary meat hook upon which the hearts and lungs are hung penetrated through the right hand between the second and third metacarpal bones. A tender vaginitis resulted,

with some lymphangitis of the arm. He received the usual treatment for an infectal wound and apparently made a good recovery, with, however, some limited motion of the fingers and a sensitive scar at the site of puncture. Four months afterwards an abscess formed in the axilla, which was opened out and tubercle bacilli were demonstrated in the broken-down gland tissue. At this time there was no soreness in the arm lymphatics or elbow gland, but he complained that there had been. In three months afterwards, or seven months from the original accident, he died from pulmonary tuberculosis.

**System in Feeding.**  
 Animals cannot get the best results from their feed unless it is given them regularly and in quite uniform portions. Every farmer should have a regular system for the feeding of his farm animals, whether the animals be the ones used for the production of meat and milk or for the production of force to be expended in labor. Irregular meals are as bad for animals as for human beings. The digestive systems adapt themselves to certain habits and seem to be as much opposed to irregularity as if they were sentient beings. On many farms there is no system of feeding and the results obtained are poor. One man will work his horses for hours beyond their regular meal times. During the last hour or so the animal is losing vigor rapidly. He is given food when his strength is partly exhausted. The stomach had not the vigor of digestion that it had at the regular eating time, and the result is more or less disarrangement, sometimes resulting in the imperfect digestion of the food taken. This is a matter that every human being has experienced himself. The results are far more disastrous than we have been led to suppose. The fact is easier to establish than the reason for it. The cow, the pig, and the sheep, when depending on man to do the feeding fare best and thrive best when their food comes in accordance with a regular system. It is not so much a question of how many meals an animal has as a day as of their regularity.

**Feeding Pigs and Hogs When Being Pastured.**  
 It is always doubtful if it pays to try to feed swine on pasture alone, though this is often done. Pigs will make a growth on pasture, especially if it contains much clover; but we doubt if the farmer is getting as much out of it as he would be if he fed the animals an additional ration of a more concentrated feed. In a state of nature the animal is compelled to get its living from the herbage of the fields and from the roots in the ground, but in such a state it never develops enough flesh and fat to make it a profitable product for our meat trade. Its growth is then slow and its development muscular. It becomes wiry. No one wants to eat meat from a wiry hog. So we have to swing away from nature, and so feed that the texture of the flesh of the animal will be tender. To get this, quick growth is desired and this can only be obtained by pushing the development by the feeding of rations in addition to those obtainable by the animal in the woods and fields.

**Pigs in Prison.**  
 In the older parts of the country it has been the practice to keep the pigs shut up from birth to maturity. A little pen in the barn was thought to be sufficient and sometimes there was even no yard for the pigs to run out in. The said pen was sometimes only six or eight feet square. Here the pigs were kept close prisoners. No wonder that troubles like thumps were common with pigs so treated. To some extent this practice still remains. There is no question that swine should be given room for exercise, even if no pecuniary advantage can be figured from it. None of our farms are so small that there is not an abundance of room for the yard that should be connected with every pig pen. The larger the yard the better, and if it is large enough to be divided into sections in which green stuff may be grown alternately, it will be the more profitable.

**More Trophies for College Boys.**  
 The Union Stock Yards and Transit Company of Chicago has decided to offer two new trophies to take the place of the Spoor trophy, won permanently by the Iowa State College. One of these new trophies will be offered for excellence in judging cattle, hogs and sheep, and the other will be awarded for judging horses. These trophies will be offered as prizes to students representing the various agricultural colleges of the United States and Canada at the coming International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago the first week in December, and, in addition, it is expected that liberal cash prizes will be offered.

**Disinfecting Curing Rooms.**  
 Canadians that have charge of numbers of curing rooms follow the practice of washing the shelves with some disinfectant before putting on each batch of cheese. Both formalin and corrosive sublimate are used. The formalin is used at a strength of one part of formalin to ten of water and the corrosive sublimate at the rate of one part of the poison to 1,000 of water by weight. The formalin is certainly less dangerous than the other. The object of the treatment is to prevent the development of mold spores, which make so much trouble in many of the places where cheese is ripened.

**A Manipulated Test.**  
 Reports from Vermont say that at one of the creameries in that state a little unpleasantness has been occasioned by the discovery that two of the patrons had been working a slight-of-hand trick on the cream gatherer and had continually substituted test bottles filled with very rich cream for the bottles containing the samples of cream from the product of the patrons in question. One man had thus secured from a thousand dollars not belonging to him. At last the creamery officials began to suspect that something of the kind was being done and laid a trap for these patrons. The two were caught at the trick and means taken to secure repayment of the money thus fraudulently secured.

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"You may as well break it off right there," interrupted the heartless c. b. "I can't use any leap-year proposals in my business."

**No, He Wasn't Henpecked.**

Mr. Scrapper—Maria, I—I—  
 Mrs. Scrapper—Take that, you brute, and don't let me ever hear you say that you are henpecked again.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**A Different Kind.**  
 Johnny—What does conscience mean?  
 Teacher—It is something inside of you that tells you when you have done wrong.  
 Johnny—Ma said I didn't have no conscience. But I knew I had. Only, when I felt that way the other day, doctor said it was green apples.—Brooklyn Life.

**One Man's Grief.**  
 Smithkins—I met Enspeck downtown to-day. He told me his wife had left him last week.  
 Mrs. Smithkins—Poor man! I suppose he's all broke up over it, isn't he?  
 Smithkins—I guess so. When I congratulated him he insisted on opening a small bottle.

**Cause and Effect.**  
 Wife—John, do you know that you swore in your sleep last night?  
 Husband—Die! It must have been when I had that horrid dream.  
 Wife—What did you dream?  
 Husband—I dreamt I was smoking one of those cigars you gave me on my birthday.

**His Method.**  
 "Don't you know that it doesn't do the least good to apply abusive epithets to a political opponent?"  
 "Of course," answered Senator Sargent, "it doesn't do any good. But it assures your constituents that you are trying to do something to earn your salary."—Washington Star.

**Unmentionable.**  
 Teacher—What does bu-lly spell?  
 Johnny—Why—er—  
 Teacher—Come, come! Suppose a great, big boy were to strike a little fellow, what would you call him?  
 Johnny—I don't dast ter tell yer, ma'am.

**She Was O. K.**



**Too Sanguine.**  
 Edna—And after our marriage I am going to keep a cook.  
 Belle—You are too reckless, my dear.  
 Edna—Reckless?  
 Belle—Yes. You should say you are going to try to keep a cook.

**Practice Makes Perfect.**  
 Shoe Clerk—I'm afraid you can't get these shoes on, madam. Suppose you try a size larger.  
 Mrs. O'Riley—Niver do yez moind, young man. O'll be able t' git them on after O'i wear them a toim or twe.

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 "But you Americans," protested the Englishman, "have no ancestors to whom you can point with pride."  
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 The Maid's Mistake.  
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