

CALAMITY THAT DWARFS ALL.

Troubles of the Grown-Ups But Bub-bles Beside Tragedy That Harrowed Boy's Soul.

People talk of calamities—the drop of a few points in some stock, the crash of a runaway horse, the bursting of a water pipe, the cook leaving just as the company arrives, a fellow getting mad and trading at another store, an editor writing the word "damn," the loving helmet running into a dash of rain while out in her richest plumage, the lecturer losing a plain case which he took on a contingent fee—we say people talk of calamities like these, and they fall back to unpeppery anguish, but they are all the mere fobles of disappointment compared with what we saw the other day, which was this: A small boy built a kite out of sticks and tissue paper, and it had a long graceful call tail, and he brought it forth to sail in a sunny breeze. What a realization of great hope was there when he held up that thing of beauty to catch the first palpitating beams of the morning! How his heart thumped with delight! Away goes the kite, borne on the sweet breath of the morning—up, up it goes, and now it sails and soars, as if it transmuted some happy dream—but look, lo, there is a flurry and a dart and down it dashes on a malignant tangle of tele phone wires, and a boy's soul is harrowed with despair. That's what we call real calamity. All the others are bogus.—Ohio State Journal.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



By William Pitt

Watch out for the weed seeds in clever and alfalfa.

Red and alsike clover make a good mixture—half and half.

Fecol the trees in the orchard. Ground bone and muriate of potash are good.

Better results are obtained in feeding cattle where alfalfa is mixed with corn stover.

The average market hog should weigh about 300 pounds at eight months of age.

Aphids or plant lice can be easily destroyed by kerosene emulsion spray. Get after them as soon as they make their appearance.

The uncomfortable, underfed calf is the calf that bleats. Every bleat is a protest against such unthrifty methods for such a calf will not grow and won't pay.

Take a good farm paper and then read it. Meadowbrook Farm Notes are not intended to displace, but to supplement the farm paper. You need both.

In pruning trees make your cuts loose to the trunks or branches, and paint the cut surfaces. This will prevent unsightly stubs and places for decay to begin.

If you have not a manure spreader, harrow the field after you have put the manure on by hand. This will prove almost as good as the use of the spreader, although not as quick.

Never use an ax to prune with. Use saw or pruning shears and take the limbs and branches off close to the tree so that the tree in time will cover the wound with bark and thus prevent rotting.

Look after the bare places in the dooryard and around the house. A little preparation of the soil and sowing of grass seed now will give you a nice green covering for the summer. It will make the place look better.

That mountain-high manure pile near the barn is not only a reminder of wasteful methods of keeping the manure but it also tells of long days of hard work in getting it out on the land. Too bad it was not hauled out a load at a time as it was made during the winter.

Lice will cause big losses to the hog raiser. One stockman who was new at the business bought several sows that later had 150 pigs and all but 12 of these died before weaning time. After 138 had died a veterinarian was called in to find what disease was killing the pigs and he found that they had all been killed by lice. They were covered with vermin.

If plowing is done early you can go deeper than when breaking the ground late, as the soil will have time to settle firmly back against the bottom of the furrow and to establish capillary connection with the lower part of the soil before the time of planting. The farmer usually need not fear that he will turn up unproductive soil by deep plowing, for as a rule it will soon become aerated and fertile.

Do not put over the pruning of the fruit trees. It is the leading branches that need attention. When heading in the leaders on a tree it is best, according to the opinion of Prof. G. F. Warren, New Jersey, to cut them off to a side branch, rather than to a dormant bud. Frequently when an inexperienced man practices heading-in, he is tempted to shear the tree all over and leave it a smooth, oval form. It will be seen that this is very different from the method described above, where only the leaders are cut back and the side shoots thinned so as to leave an open top. The amount of heading-in to be done should vary from year to year, according as the crop promises to be large or small. As the tree gets older less heading-in is usually necessary.

Test your seed corn before planting. This is not such a difficult proposition as you may imagine. Experiments have shown that it is possible to test enough corn for planting 50 acres in a total of two days' time. This is done by preparing a box two feet by three feet square and two or three inches deep, filling this level full of sand. Nails are driven around the edges of the box 2 1/2 inches apart and allowed to project one-fourth of an inch. Strings are then stretched back and forth across the box, dividing it into squares 2 1/2 inches each way. The ears are laid out on a board, numbered and ten kernels taken from each ear. The kernels are then inserted, point downward, into the sand so as to place them about one-fourth to one-half inch below the surface. The kernels from ear No. 1 will be placed in square No. 1, the kernels from ear No. 2 will be placed in square No. 2, and so on. The box is then wetted down, covered with a cloth and put in a warm place, probably under the kitchen stove and allowed to stand for four to six days, sprinkling with water each day or two to keep the sand moist. Ears which are not suitable for planting can thus be detected by the poor germination shown, and discarded.

Any good garden soil is good for beets.

Be sure that the hogs and pigs have access to charcoal and salt.

Treat the cows kindly. You will get more milk in this way than by brutal methods.

Kindness is a good investment to make in stock. Costs no money, but it gives a money return.

Don't crowd the chickens in the brooder. From start to finish chickens never do well when crowded.

A commodious tool shed is an equipment which every farm should have but which in too many cases is absent.

Slick up around the place this year and see if the neighbors don't catch the fever. A good example goes a long way.

In handling young chicks be careful not to overfeed. There is as much harm in this, if not more, than by under feeding.

Sheep keep the land looking trim. Have you never noticed how slick the lawn pastures and roadsides look on the farm where sheep are kept?

Remember that there is scarcely a spot on the farm but that can be made to return a profit. Study its characteristics. If not good for one thing it may be good for another.

In the hog yard put a few short posts, around which fasten some old bagging securely. Saturate with kerosene and the hogs will do the rest to any stray lice wandering over their anatomy.

Raise your own timber. Plant trees every year. Put them in every available place. They will not only provide desirable shade if well placed, but will grow timber which will prove valuable in the years to come.

Do your work neatly. If it is greasing the wagon, don't get the grease all over the wheels as well as on the axle, or on your clothes, either. Some men think busy means sloppy methods. It's a mistake.

If you have not already provided a separator for the handling of your milk it will be well for you to consider the proposition, for it not only makes the handling of the milk and cream easier, but gives you sweet milk to feed to the hogs.

Garden all planned for? Surely you are not going to let another season pass without that promised luxury. It is a little work, but you will be more than repaid next summer when you are enjoying the fresh things you can grow on the little patch near the house.

The surest method of killing all vermin and disease germs in the chicken house is to fumigate by burning sulphur. No living germ or animal can exist in the presence of sulphurous acid gas. It finds its way into every crack of the room and makes complete destruction in its path. When fumigating, remove all of the fowls, make the room perfectly tight, and burn the sulphur with live coals or on a redhot shovel.

Treat the seed oats if there is any danger of smut. Get a half pound of formalin, add 30 gallons of water. Spread the oats out on the barn floor and sprinkle the solution over them making the grain quite damp. Then shovel together into a pile and cover with sack and leave for about two hours. If not sowed at once, spread out and dry thoroughly. Thirty gallons of the solution will treat 150 bushels of oats.

Chickens troubled with gapeworms can be successfully treated by putting into a box or barrel containing a quantity of air slaked lime. The dust of the lime will cause the birds to sneeze and the worms be thrown out in the lime to die. Violent sneezing will almost invariably dislodge the worms and give instant relief. Fumes of tobacco may be used for this purpose. Burn some tobacco dust or stems in a box and set the chickens in a basket over it. If sneezing takes place, relief, if not cure, will result. Care, of course, must be taken not to smother the chickens in the fumigating process.

Drilling in oats is much to be preferred to broad casting. The seed is much more evenly covered and more evenly distributed throughout the fields. From one to two pecks per acre may be saved in the amount of seed needed. At the Iowa station for 1907, with its cold, dry spring, the results in favor of drilling over broadcast were very marked. An increase of over nine bushels per acre was secured in favor of drilling. When this is figured at the rate of 33 1/3 cents per bushel, we find that less than 35 acres of oats would have paid for a drill in that one season. In seasons more favorable for oats production, this difference is by no means as marked, yet the drilling can be recommended as a much more profitable means of putting in oats than the common system.

Simply because a young sow gets with pig because allowed to run with the herd, and then kept as one of the regular brood sows of the farm is the reason that the grade of some farmers' hogs are running down. Such careless, irregular methods mean ruin to the farmer. In the first place different sizes and ages of hogs should not be kept in the same pasture or pen. It is not best from a sanitary point of view, and small pigs cannot secure their share of feed with a bunch of older hogs. Male pigs should be castrated at an early age to promote growth and to prevent them from mating with the females. The boar to be kept for breeding purposes should be of the very best type and blood that can be secured. He must be the kind that is known positively to get good young. He should be kept in a separate inclosure by himself and the sows turned to him only at times when the mating will bring the litters at proper dates.

SAVING PAINT MONEY.

It Cannot Be Done by Using Cheap Material and Cheap Painters.

In arranging for painting a good many property-owners try to save money by employing the painter who offers to do the job cheapest—or try to save money by insisting on a low priced paint. But no property-owner would run such risks if he realized what must be taken into consideration in order to get a job that will wear and give thorough satisfaction.

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GENEROUS.

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Intruder Among the War Dogs.

Prof. William Lyon Phelps of Yale went to West Point last fall to lecture. He was lecturing in the chapel, the cadets were rigidly paying attention, erect, eyes front, each man a ramrod of military etiquette. An Irish setter entered the chapel door and ambled sniffling down the aisle and squirmed under the eagle eyes of the officers but not a man smiled. "Philly" noticed the strain. He looked down at the dog wagging its tail benevolently on the rostrum. "What! How's this?" said Prof. Phelps. "A setter? Why, I expected to see nothing but West Pointers up here."—Yale Alumni Weekly.

Cutting Humor.

With cap and bells jangling, he burst into the king's presence.

"Have you heard my last joke, your majesty?" he cried.

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CRIMINAL IN CHILD NATURE.

Writer in New Orleans Playguy Asserts We Are All Born with Tenderness Toward the Bad.

"All children," said a psychologist, "are born criminals. Instinctively they lie, steal, slander, torture—I don't know what. The saintliest man, a very Dr. Parkhurst of a man, were he to grow up as he began, would have a long career of bank robberies, assaults, debauches and murders, and he would die on the gallows.

"A child, as soon as it begins to toddle and lip, steals. Till you have trained a child to know that thefts are followed by spankings, would you dare to leave it alone in a candy shop?

"It also lies. After a raid on the jam or cake, does a child admit its guilt? Of course not. It lies earnestly, doggedly.

"A child slanders and libels. Did you ever hear a beautiful, lisping child speak in praise of its playmate? No. On the contrary, it accuses the playmate continually of horrible crimes.

"A child will get drunk if you give it the opportunity. Lack of opportunity is all that prevents children from becoming confirmed inebriates.

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Usually They Are.

"Professor, what is the meaning of the word 'monologue'?"

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HIS LUCK.

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"Dat's just my luck, lady. Every time I feels like workin' de sun comes out and does me out of a job!"

Too Literal.

"Well, yes," said Old Uncle Lazzarberry, who was intimately acquainted with most of the happenstances of the village. "Almira Stang has broken off her engagement with Charles Henry Tootwiler. They'd be goin' together for about eight years, durin' which time she had been incalculat' into him, as you might call it, the beauties of economy; but when she discovered, just lately, that he had learnt his lesson so well that he had saved up 217 pairs of socks for her to darn immediately after the wedding, she 'peared to conclude that he had taken her advice a little too literally, and broke off de match.'"—Puck.

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