

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Work planned is work quicker done.

Have you real cows or only scrubs? Test your herd and see.

Rye makes an ideal fall pasture if sown about the middle of July or the first of August.

Millet intended for hay should be cut when the heads are all filled out and some are getting ripe.

Unless a big cow is an extra milk or she is less profitable than a smaller one that is a fair milker.

Kindness and perfect self-control are prime requisites in the milker who breaks in the heifer calf to first milking.

Posts treated with creosote last fully twice as long as the untreated post. A government bulletin No. 320 tells all about it.

The too rapid milker is apt to make the fretful cow. The milking should never be done so fast as to cause real discomfort to the cow.

Give the boy an occasional half day off. A fishing or hunting trip or attendance at a ball game in town will do much to relieve the tedium of the farm work.

Weeds plowed under before they have gone to seed will return to the soil the plant food which they have stolen and will supply needed humus.

Rapid milking which verges on the nervous and which causes the cow pain or makes her uneasy is a mistake. Oftentimes the future value of the cow is sacrificed to the feverish haste of the present.

As you plant and cultivate your corn remember that the second national crop exposition will be held in Omaha during the first half of December next. Keep a lookout for the ear which would make a creditable showing and might win you a prize.

Milk rich in cream means butter, rich in casein means much protein good for calf and hog feeding and for cheese making. It is not often that a milk is found which is rich in both these elements. Pick the breed of cow which will most nearly meet your needs.

A witty agricultural expert who does not believe in the dual purpose cow suggests that when Burbank can grow an apple that is sweet on one side and sour on the other, there will be real encouragement for the dual purpose breeder who is trying to produce a cow that will give milk on one side and make beef on the other.

It is the business of the bees to gather honey, and they will suck the juices of fruits and flowers wherever found, but careful observation has proved that they do not puncture fruit for the purpose of getting at the juice. Such injury to fruit is caused by other insects and birds, the bees only taking what has been made easily accessible to them.

It is a good plan to train the colts to stay in the barn or pasture while the mares are at work. It is simply a matter of education. Shut them in a roomy box stall at first until they become accustomed to having the mare go out without them. It will not take the colt long to become reconciled to a separation of a half a day at a time, and it will be a good deal better for the mare and the colt, as well as for the temper of the farmer.

When horses contract rheumatism it may be successfully treated as follows: Bathe the parts in a liniment composed of spirits of turpentine, three ounces; tincture of belladonna, three ounces; and tincture of iodine, two ounces; mixed and shaken well before using. Also give one of the following powders in its feed three times a day: Salicylate of soda, one and one-half ounces; bicarbonate of soda, three ounces; pulverized nuxvomica, one and one-half ounces; pulverized colchicum one ounce; mix and make into 24 powders.

It is a lazy farmer that uses a dull tool.

Cut the tops of posts on the slant so that the rain will run off.

Don't get the apple trees too close. Fifty feet is recommended by some.

Buckwheat is considered by some as a great soil renovator and is an ideal catch crop.

In working out the buttermilk and working in the salt, look out you do not overwork the butter.

Some men are so suspicious that they are afraid to buy sheep for fear there will be cotton in the fleece.

Pity that more farmers do not appreciate the value of breeding pure bred poultry. No more work, but more money in it.

The farmer with pluck is bound to succeed, while the farmer who depends upon luck in his farming operations is more than apt to fail.

Grind your tools. There is nothing which is so trying to use as a dull tool. It makes the work harder, and the task longer. Take time to put an edge on.

Watch out for the head lice on the little chicks. Infested chicks are stunted by the pest and never make the chickens they would if their vitality had not been sucked out by the lice.

Instead of using the term breaking in connection with the horse that is being put to harness for the first time or the heifer being milked for the first time, why not the word training? Breaking is too suggestive of violence.

One reason for so many failures in the poultry business is that there have been so many men engaged in it who were incompetent and their inability to make a success of other business ventures prompted them in undertaking something which seemed simple.

A proper lumber of cows, coupled with a wise method of crop rotation, forms a natural and cheap method of retaining and increasing the natural fertility of the soil. For this reason there is no type of farming which so conserves the natural resources of the land as dairying.

Plant trees around the schoolhouse. Why should the places where our children are to receive the rudiments of education stand exposed to the scorching rays of the sun in summer and the furious blasts of storm in winter? In far too many country districts the grounds around the schoolhouse are as bare and dreary as a desert.

One reason why spraying gives such unsatisfactory results oftentimes is because the materials out of which the sprays are made are adulterated. To check this evil Senator Kittredge of South Dakota has introduced into congress a bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale or transportation of adulterated or misbranded fungicides, paris green, lead arsenates and other insecticides.

Remember it is easier to maintain the fertility of the soil than it is to build up the soil after it is once worn out. If an attempt is made to maintain the fertility each year, the farmer will find that he will have more money at the end of a decade than is usually the case when farming is done to get all possible out of the soil without giving anything in return.

Some farmers recommend the use of coal tar on corn to prevent crows and blackbirds picking it from the ground. The corn is treated as follows: Put in a pail and pour on enough warm water to cover it. Add a teaspoonful of tar to a peck, and stir well. Throw the corn out on a sieve or in a basket to drain, and then stir in a few handfuls of land plaster (gypsum). Do not pour the tar on the dry seed.

What can be done in the improvement of a dairy herd has been demonstrated by a Michigan dairyman who began in 1884 with eight cows with an average butter production of 186 pounds. In 1906, 24 head of cows averaged 375 pounds of butter. No registered cows were kept, but good pure-bred bulls were purchased and used as long as serviceable. The choice heifer calves were saved and the improvement has been sure and profitable.

Farmers are learning the value of fertilizers. According to the census reports, the expenditure for fertilizers in the United States in 1880 was \$28,500,000. Ten years later 't was \$38,500,000, and in 1900 it reached the significant sum of \$54,750,000. There seems little doubt that this rate of increase in the use of fertilizers will continue for some time to come. The spreader hasn't arrived a bit too soon.

Round the Capital

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

Society Hastening to Summer Resorts



WASHINGTON.—Washington's society is on the wing, and in a very short time will be scattered to all four quarters of the earth.

Washington was likened at one time to a winter Newport, but now that the whole season, and not a month, is passed here by visitors, it has become the meeting place of the nation and ranks as one of the great social centers of the country. But it is not the thing in these days to stay too long in any one place. One must lead a simple life at one's country place during June. Then the correct thing is to go somewhere else, yachting or traveling, to Newport or Bar Harbor, for a month, in one's best bib and tucker. Then come life at Lenox or on a mountain top and a few weeks' camping in the Adirondacks.

Manchester by the Sea and Bar Harbor are rather close rivals where the

diplomats are concerned, and as the diplomats almost always show a disposition to entertain, they bring gaiety in their train and are most welcome, for if there is one thing that the true American society woman loves more than another it is the foreigner. Many of the embassies are dotting themselves along the north shore. The British and the Italian embassies will be at Manchester, and as Baroness des Planches is especially fond of keeping open house, a great deal of entertainment is counted on from the Italian embassy. Count Hatzfeldt, who is charge d'affaires for the German embassy in the absence of Baron Speck von Sternburg, will go a few miles further along the shore and be at Beverly Farms, while the charge d'affaires of the Russian embassy, Prince Nicolas Koudacheff, will be at Magnolia, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loftus of the Stamese legation at Cape Ann.

Three of the most popular bachelors of the diplomatic set, Baron Haymerle, Count Torok and Prince Vincent zu Windisch-Graetz have taken a house at Bar Harbor, where the Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengel-muller will make their headquarters.

President to Hunt Big Game in Africa



IMMEDIATELY after the ending of his term March 4 next President Roosevelt will start on an extended hunting trip in British East Africa. His second son, Kermit, now in the preparatory school at Groton, Mass., is to be his companion.

If the present plans are carried out the trip will last fully a year. When the expedition starts it will be equipped with all modern weapons for killing elephants and other wild beasts. Some preparations have already been made.

The president has told a few friends he looks forward to the trip with the greatest pleasure. The president goes as much to study the African wild animal as anything else. He wants to know the nature and habits of the beasts in their homes.

Upon his return he will do considerable writing.

Rumors that Mr. Roosevelt was to leave the country at the conclusion of his term of office have been printed heretofore, but when confirmation was sought at the White House the answer has been that no definite conclusion had been reached as to the president's plans.

But now it is stated positively that Mr. Roosevelt, with his son Kermit, will sail from New York for Cairo in April, 1909—just as soon as the necessary arrangements for the departure could be made after March 4. It is the desire of the president to bring back at the end of the year from the wilds of Africa specimens of every species of big game to be had on the dark continent. He will visit no other country, it is stated.

The outfit of the expedition will be obtained on reaching Africa, but an active correspondence in this connection already is under way. The exact size of the hunting party—number of guides and retainers, animals, etc.—has not been determined. The president, however, will take with him an assortment of arms which he will require in the variety of hunting contemplated.

White House Kept Guessing by Joker



NOT since Lew Dockstader, made up as President Roosevelt, rode down Pennsylvania avenue in company with a negro for picture machine purposes has official Washington been so wrought up by a practical joker as it has been by an advertising stunt pulled off the other day.

An advertisement offering a reward of \$500 for the return of a valuable portfolio of papers lost by a "foreign agent" appeared in the local newspapers.

The wallet was said to contain documents which, if made public, might cause serious international complications. Later it was stated that private executive papers of the president were in the wallet. The advertisement gave Washington police, the secret service men and Secretary Loeb a busy day, but later it was learned that the missing papers consist of a political puzzle which some zealous salesman expects to spring on the public as soon as his mission is properly advertised.

The puzzle consists of a sort of a pigs in the clover arrangement with a picture of President Roosevelt in the center. Two little balls, one labeled Bryan and one Taft, are easily worked into the eyes. The puzzle is to put a third-term ball in the open mouth of the president.

Appropriation Made for Playgrounds



EVERY one must agree that the senate amendment to the district appropriation bill, by which the sum of \$1,500 approved by the house for playgrounds was increased to \$15,000, is a piece of wise legislation. The fathers and mothers as well as the children of Washington are interested in it and there is greater need here for playgrounds than there is for a good many other institutions with more dignified titles.

That "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is as true for children now as it has ever been, must be conceded even by those who have forgotten the requirements and the joys of their childhood. Play is not merely a matter of pleasure for the children;

It is a matter of health, and proper play can only be indulged in upon grounds or in places suitable for it. The street is not the place for play. It is the avenue for business and the childish romping which so often interferes with business in the streets is a nuisance. Yet if there is no other place for them who can be so indifferent to their welfare as to prevent the boys and girls from indulging their youthful spirits in the delightful games for which only the streets afford them room?

Washington, with all its beautiful parks and its well kept squares, is pitifully lacking in the matter of playgrounds for school children. It is well for congress to take more active cognizance of this need for playgrounds and provide well for them. The senate's amended appropriation is not nearly enough to do all that is required, but it is a worthy beginning and Washington's parents as well as children are thankful for it.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Lincoln
TO
Denver
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SHORT LINE
Denver to
Yellowstone Park
New and Scenic Route,
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Lincoln, Nebr.

REFLECTIONS OF BACHELOR GIRL

Flirtation is like a cocktail with no headache in it, champagne with no next morning.

Some men think that by putting on a silk hat and a white Ascot tie they are disguised as gentlemen.

Love is like gambling; you want to be sure that you are a good loser before you go in for the game.

One thing I can never understand, and that is how a man can tell the front from the back of his hat, but he always can.

A man's idea of honor is so peculiar; he would die rather than steal a friend's money or cheat him at cards, but he will steal his wife or cheat him out of his daughter with perfect equanimity.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

A private knocker is a public nuisance.

No man who is fit to live likes to live on charity.

The discouragement of capital, if a crime, is a crime against labor.

The political trust-buster and professional muckracker, firing at capital, hits labor nine times in ten.

The extra hazard of honest enterprise is driving capital to Wall street, and labor to the benches in the park.

Labor should be protected—from its fool friends; the socialist should be screened off from the anarchist; the anarchist from high explosives, and gin.—From Cy Warmna's Speech, Canadian Club, Guelph, Ont.

RULES FOR HAPPY MARRIED LIFE

Think a little.

Lead the "simple life."

Have no foolish illusions.

Try to understand each other and be chums.

Let your life be a partnership which equalizes all joys as well as sorrows.

Do not look away from yourselves for happiness; it is in you.

Seek to please your husband or your wife and make reasonable sacrifices.

He or she will then to the same, and true happiness will result.—New York World.

WAIFS OF WISDOM.

Self-consciousness is the deadly enemy of dignity.

The indigent and naked world might be comfortably clothed with the needless trappings of the reckless rich.

An empty pumpkin shell in which a child displays a lighted candle diffuses more real light than a vain head, for all men. But, alas! it is usually like the stern lights of a vessel which illumine only the pathway already traversed.