

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



It pays to raise good fruit. Lime should be freely used in and about the hen house.

If you would be a hero in your wife's eyes, keep the wood box full.

Sun and lice will demand a heavy toll of the careless poultryman.

Give the pigs the chance and they will turn more waste on the farm into profit than any other animal.

The toes of sheep have to be trimmed in order to keep the hoofs from curling and then breaking off unevenly.

If they have not sufficient shade and plenty of good fresh water, the hens will suffer from the heat and turn you down on the egg yield.

In picking a team mate for the colt select the one with the fastest walking gait. Almost impossible to break him of a slow walk if once acquired.

If you do not use an incubator but depend upon hens for hatching your eggs remember and save over the hens that have proved themselves good mothers this year.

The farmer should be good citizen enough to be interested in the politics of his township and county. Have high ideals for your community and then do your best to bring them to pass.

On the farm is not out of the nation. The farmer must be citizen as well as farmer, if the nation is to be safe. Keep in touch with the trend of events, local, state and national, and always let your influence be felt on the side of the right.

About the best thing you can do with your common stock rams is to sell them. Then add a little more to the selling price and go off and buy a full bred animal to head your flock for the coming year. It may seem like extravagance at the time but you will see the wisdom of it as you look over the lamb crop of next year.

A sign of beginning sunstroke is indicated in the horse by flagging steps and unsteady gait. Don't delay. Get him in the shade, unhitch at once and apply cold water to the head and neck, and rub with coarse cloths. Sponge the mouth out with cold water, also. Quinine injected, 40 or more grains to the dose, will also help.

What are the qualifications of a good hired man? Is he prompt in getting up early in the morning? Does he attend strictly to business? Does he take an active interest in his work? Is he a good caretaker of stock? Does he get out at night to look after stock when necessary? Has he any bad habits? If so, what? Does he take good care of the farm machinery? Does he show a disposition to show little acts of courtesy about the house or barn which are not required, but which indicate a thoughtful and helpful spirit? Is he worth more than the ordinary man? If so, how much more? Is he agreeable to get along with? Has he shown executive ability? Can you recommend him as a proper person to manage or superintend a farm? And now, to ask a question of the farmer himself: What are you doing to help him acquire all these good points?

It is announced from the Kentucky experiment station that a positive cure has been found for a disease among sheep known as scab, and that this fatal malady had assumed such large proportions among the sheep of Kentucky that the state veterinary has threatened to quarantine the state against the shipping of any of the animals out of its borders. The disease attacks the sheep in the nature of a large scab which in a short period of time covers its entire body, not only rendering the wool utterly worthless, but in most cases killing the sheep within a short time. The disease is contagious and has been spreading during the past few months, so seriously it is said nearly every flock is infected.

Water sprouts should be kept cut out.

Don't delay longer the marketing of the old surplus stock.

Dip for the ticks. Sheep infested cannot be fitted for market.

Know your commission man before consigning him a shipment of goods.

Cows that are permitted—sometimes forced—to drink stagnant water will give stringy or ropy milk.

Plow the poultry runs. It will make them look better and will give the hens new ground to scratch in.

Clean cool water at this time of year is needed by all kinds of farm stock, if they would keep in prime condition.

In picking out the hens that are to be sent to market be sure that you get the ones that will no longer prove profitable to you.

The irritable man makes a poor driver of horses, for his ill temper makes the horses nervous and he is never able to get the best work out of them.

The Indiana couple whose friends made them presents of live poultry on their wedding day ought to feel that they have a calling to the poultry-raising profession.

One farmer who has had trouble with mud wallows around his hog troughs and who had tried clay and sand without effect used sawdust as a last resort and found it worked excellently.

Get a Babcock tester and ascertain the quality of your cream. The government will send you a pamphlet explaining all about the machine if you will write to the department of agriculture at Washington.

Sometimes sheep get deep wounds in which after a time maggots hatched from the eggs of flies find lodgment. In such case inject kerosene to drive out the maggots. Treat every day until the wound is healed.

High time that the flock was sorted over, the wethers being penned together and fed liberally for market, and the breeding stock put by itself and fed with a view of obtaining a strong, healthy progeny next season.

The poultry interests of the farm are growing. Time was a few years ago when the farmer was content to market five dollars' worth of eggs a month, now he thinks nothing of shipping 60 cases a week, and he counts it a sort of pick up.

There should be a closer association between the dairymen in the shipping of their supplies to the city. But to succeed such an organization must be as jealous of the interest of the consumers of these products as for the interests of the people that produce the milk.

Turn the farm waste and neglected spots into wood lots where you can grow your own posts, poles, fences and saw logs. It is decidedly worth while to keep all of the farm at work. The owner pays taxes on all his land, and is out of pocket for whatever is not earning him something. Further, by growing a tree crop on land that is too poor to plow the quality of the land itself is improved. Forests add humus to the soil, bettering its character.

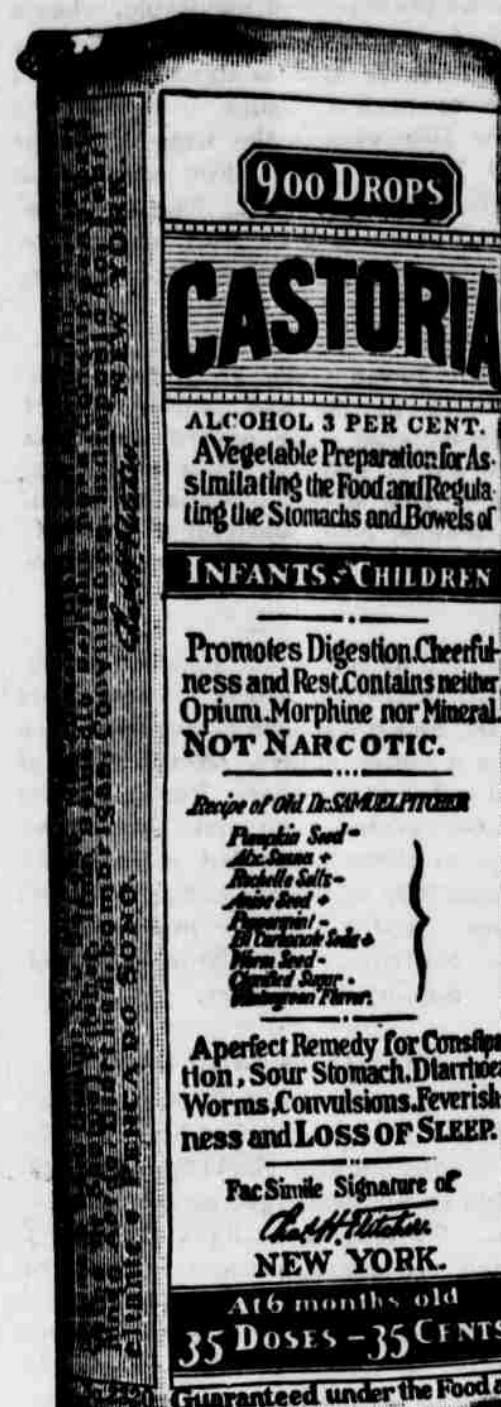
Here is a recipe for salting meat which has proved satisfactory: For 100 pounds of meat take ten quarts of saltpeter; one pound of pepper and two pounds of yellow sugar. Mix well, put in a tub or some suitable vessel, and then apply the mixture well to the meat. Care should be taken to apply it thoroughly in the cracks and around the edges. After the meat has taken all the salt possible, hang it up and powder it with powdered borax. Then smoke the meat. This is said to be the most successful method of salting meat there is, both from a standpoint of purity and flavor.

The tobacco cure for parasites in lambs has been demonstrated by experiments to be the most effective treatment. In fact it has been demonstrated that tobacco is a good preventative for worms in the first place and is hostile to their development after they are started. The physical construction of the lamb is so complex that it is not an easy matter to apply a remedy for all his troubles so it is generally easier to prevent than to cure. The old advice of changing pasture often is the safest plan to follow. This is the time of the year when the worms begin to do considerable harm and when you see the lamb begin to run down and lose his frisky habits you may be pretty sure the worm has got him. A remedy applied in time may save considerable trouble and loss.

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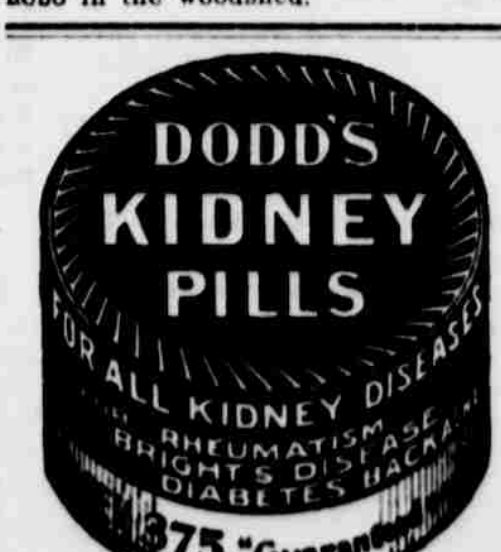
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