

Agri-cultural Items.
It is bad economy to let a 10-cent hen destroy a \$10 garden.
Remember that on an acre of rich, well-cultivated land there may be grown \$500 worth of strawberries.
If hay is designed for the market, red clover is very objectionable, as it cures dark colored and makes the hay dusty.
The increased value of cattle should not result in rearing poorly bred and runty calves. The sooner a bad calf goes to the butcher the less money is lost on it.

PROSPECTIVE MOTHERS



and those soon to become mothers, should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures child-birth of its tortures and terrors, as well as of its dangers to both mother and child, by aiding nature in preparing the system for parturition. Thereby "labor" and the period of confinement are greatly shortened. It also promotes the secretion of an abundance of nourishment for the child.

Beecham's pills are for biliousness, sick headache, dizziness, dyspepsia, bad taste in the mouth, heartburn, torpid liver, foul breath, sallow skin, coated tongue, pimples, loss of appetite, etc., when caused by constipation; and constipation is the most frequent cause of all of them.

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He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston. Send postal card for book.

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When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label.

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Every man who is dissatisfied with his surroundings—who wants to better his condition in life—who knows that he can do so if given half a chance, should write to J. Francis, Omaha, Neb., for a copy of a little book recently issued by the Passenger Department of the Burlington Route.

It is entitled "A New Empire" and contains 32 pages of information about Sheridan County and the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, a veritable land of promise, towards which the eyes of thousands are now hopefully turned.

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TIMELY FARM TOPICS.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FARM, GARDEN AND STABLE.

Smut in Corn is Often Responsible for the Mysterious Death of Cattle—Home-Made Hay Carrier Attachment—A Protected Salt Box.

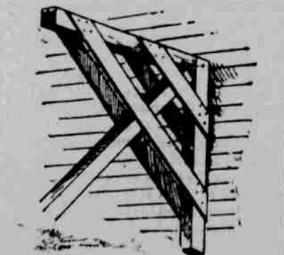
Salt Box for the Open Field.
Live stock should either have a quantity of salt mingled in their food, or it should be fed to them direct. If you trust to feeding them salt at stated intervals the chances are they will often be neglected for some period beyond the stated time; consequently, when it is fed them, they will indulge too freely and the well-known loosening effect of the salt is observed. The better way is to place a quantity of salt



where it will be accessible to them at all times, and this is done in no more satisfactory way than by the use of a covered salt box similar to the one shown in sketch from the Orange Judd Farmer. The box is 14 inches long, 9 inches wide, 8 inches high at the back and 6 inches in front. The box is firmly nailed to the fence board, or to a post or side of a building, as most convenient. The cover is hinged. The front end of the box, a, is cut away, exposing the salt, and in trying to get it the cover raised. Cattle readily learn to raise the cover when they are salt hungry.

Prevent Smut in Corn.
Much has been said of late of cattle and horses and other stock mysteriously dying, and the cause has been traced to the smut on corn or a similar fungus on other grains or grass fed to them, says Colman's Rural World. The common smut of grain crops is a minute plant, consisting of white threads, like those of mildew, which grow in plants, and generally concentrate in the seed heads. The corn appears in every part of the plant, even in the roots, but mostly in the seed heads. The seed of the smut fungus consists of extremely minute black or brown balls, called spores, when this smut dries it is carried off by the wind and spread far and wide. But some of it lodges in a tuft of minute hairs at the end of the seeds of the grain, and thus, when the grain is sown, the smut is sown with it, and in this way is most effectively spread among the new crop. To prevent this, the seed, whether wheat, oats or corn, is steeped in a solution of four ounces of bluestone (sulphate of copper) in five gallons of hot water, and this, when cold, is used to steep the seed in. The smut spores are thus killed, and, of course, the danger of new smut is greatly reduced, as only that floating in the air will infect the crops. The seed is kept in the solution for a few minutes, then taken out and drained and spread out to dry; it is then sown immediately. Or the wet seed may be mixed with some dry, air-slacked lime, which is a great help, and thus dried, may be sown at once, either by hand or by drill.

Building a Safe Staging.
The accompanying illustration shows a method of making a safe staging for the walls of houses and barns. The method of construction is so plainly shown in the diagram that description is hardly necessary, except to state that the support that runs from the ground to the angle of the framework



may be a rough pole, if joist is not at hand, though the pole should be stout. Such stagings are useful where one does not wish to nail the shingling or clapboarding by nailing on boards to build the usual stage. Besides, these frames can be laid aside ready to be put up again at a moment's notice, proving in this way a saving of labor.—American Agriculturist.

Protection from Late Spring Frosts.
Many field crops could be started earlier if the danger from late frosts could be overcome. Trials at the Michigan station, says the Agriculturist, have shown that the remedy for the farmer is to make an artificial cloud over his crops on the calm, clear nights when frost is to be expected. This is best done by burning small heaps of wet hay, straw or green weeds, tar, or crude petroleum, to make a dense smudge of heavy smoke which settles down on the crop, effectually blanketing the plants. The air will be the coldest very early in the morning, from two to four o'clock, and there should be a good cloud of smoke by that time. The piles of damp stuff should be scattered through the crop or orchard, in readiness for lighting at the intimation of danger, as shown by personal observation, or by the frost signals from the weather bureau.

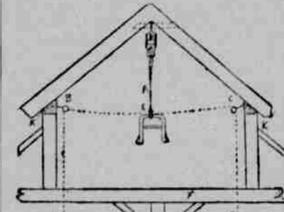
Keeping the Cellar Cool.
It is important to have thorough ventilation of cellars, but this ought always to be at night while the air is cool during hot weather. The night air has also less moisture than has the

warm air during the day, and which, when admitted among the cooler air in the cellar, deposits moisture on the walls. Cellars are apt to be too moist, however managed. Lime is one of the best absorbents of moisture, and a rock of unsifted lime scattered through the cellar will not only purify the air, but will make it much dryer. It will help to keep the cellar dry to put on a coat of whitewash each spring. This also makes the cellar lighter and aids in circulating the air through it.

Moral Character of Hired Help.
There is necessarily a close association between the hired help on farms and the members of the farmer's family. This in itself is not to be regretted; but it makes more necessary a great caution as to the character of the assistants hired. It is not enough that they are able to work and skillful. There should be in them enough moral stamina not to make them injurious companions for the young. There is too little care by farmers in this respect. It ought to be the business of the employer to know that those who are working for him are not demoralizing themselves or others when out of work hours. The really good effective workers are usually the best morally. It is for the idle hands that Satan is always finding mischief and wrongdoing to do.

Hay Carrier Attachment.
A home-made hay carrier is shown by the illustration. There is scarcely any description needed.

The drawing shows a portion of hay barn. The home-made attachment is shown at A, which consists of a piece of wood 2x2 inches of good oak. At either end is securely bolted a clevis one to be attached to the hay carrier pulley above and the other to harpoon. The length of the wood piece is such as to just allow of the hay to clear the E. To each pulley, B and C in cut, is attached a pulley near middle of hay. Over each of these pulleys passes a rope; one end is fastened to the attachment at E, and the other end hangs loosely in the hay. Be sure the ropes are long enough to reach to bottom of hay when the harpoon is on the wagon. The operation is, as follows: After the harpoon is loaded and it is desired to drop the hay toward the end of bay marked D, the man in the bay grasps



HAY CARRIER ATTACHMENT.

the end of the rope at D, and pulls the harpoon toward the pulley B, while the man on the load pulls the trip rope. The operation of the other rope is the same. The attachment A is valuable in mowing clover hay, as the hay does not pack in the middle as it does when every forkful is in one place. When mow gets too full to use attachment, remove it and attach harpoon to carrier in usual way.—Ohio Farmer.

Cutworms.
In preparing land for melons in the future, the Department of Agriculture says, growers will find it of great advantage to plow in the fall—early rather than late—and leave the land bare during the winter. Then, in the early spring, as soon as the grass begins to come up in adjoining fields, sprinkle here and there throughout the field which is to be planted to melons bunches of grass or any other green vegetation which has previously been poisoned by sprinkling with Paris green in solution. Such of the cutworms as may be present in the land will feed upon this vegetation and will be killed. It will also have the effect of destroying many of the wireworms.

Cabbage and Tomato Plants.
Many persons set out plants of this character in a comparatively dry time, and in order to prevent their wilting pour water around the plants after they are planted. A much better plan is to make the holes first with a dibble, and then fill water into the holes, allowing the water to fully soak away, and then put the plant into the hole, pressing the earth firmly against it. Plants will then need no surface watering, and do much better than if they had it. Some people in order to prevent wilting cover the plants with an inverted flower pot for some twenty-four hours, which is also an excellent practice.—Mechan's Monthly.

Value of Brewer's Grains.
When perfectly fresh and fed in limited quantities, there is nothing in brewer's grain to injure milk. But as frequently used, says Hoard's Dairyman, with fermentation very active, and the grains constituting the major portion of the feed, they are decidedly objectionable. Why they should be we cannot answer any more satisfactorily than we can explain why arsenic is a poison.

Sugar Beets for Swine.
When they can be cheaply grown, they can be profitably fed to fattening swine. With growing swine, they would need some wheat bran or nitrogenous food added, as beets are rich in carbon, containing seventeen parts of starch, sugar, etc., to one part of protein or flesh-forming material.

Advantages of Rotation.
When any one crop is grown on the same land for a number of years, the soil becomes filled with insects and microbes which injure the crop.

Inbreeding Requires Knowledge.
Don't fool with inbreeding or any other breeding until you know what you are about.

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Always to think the worst I have ever found, to be the mark of a mean spirit and a base soul.—Beltingbroke.
A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never gets as much as he thinks he deserves.—H. W. Beecher.
Better one bite at 40 of truth's bitter rind than the hot wine that gushes from the vintage at 20.—Lowell.

Carried by a Shark.
A remarkable find in the body of a shark killed at Terre de Cas Desaintes, Guadalupe, in the West Indies, is detailed in a letter which has been received by Secretary L. H. Sherman, of the New York and Pacific Steamship Company, from M. P. Grace & Company, of London. The find consists of a package of inventories, invoices and other documents placed in the hands originally of the purser of the steamship Capuc, of the New York and Pacific Line, when she sailed on Nov. 10, 1893, on her maiden voyage southward. Secretary Sherman, in an interview, said:

"As yet we do not know in what manner, or at what point in the ocean—whether in the Pacific or the Southern Atlantic—the bundle of papers were lost overboard. We will have to wait until the Capuc gets back to this port. When last heard from, she had arrived out at Valparaiso, on her second trip to the Pacific, and is now on her way here. She will not, however, arrive until some time in March. The papers which were lost overboard were duplicates, and of no particular value. I believe they were old outward cargo slips, and the cargo they represented had been delivered long before they were lost. The distance from Rio de Janeiro to Guadalupe, is, in round figures, about 3,000 miles."

One of the most remarkable circumstances connected with the matter is the wonderful state of preservation of the papers. If necessity required it, they could be used again. When taken from the shark the authorities of the French government took charge of them and subsequently transmitted them to Mr. Cecil Trevor, of the harbor department of the Board of Trade of London, who in turn transmitted them to M. P. Grace & Company.

THE LADIES.
The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the California liquid laxative Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co., printed near the bottom of the package.

A novel and very Frenchy idea for a hat is a large bird with outspreading wings arranged to form a very complete affair.

I believe Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my boy's life last summer.—Mrs. ALICE DOUGLASS, LeRoy, Mich., Oct. 20, '94.

The prevailing craze for a lace collar may be noted as one of the fads of the season. There is a hint that the part must go and the hair be tossed lightly back from the forehead, with a Grecian knot at the back.

Tired Women

Find in the blood purifying, building up qualities of Hood's Sarsaparilla just what



they need. Mrs. Isa Griggs of Ennis, Texas, gives her experience below: "I suffered almost death with local troubles, which developed into a very serious affection and made a surgical operation necessary. I was completely broken down, had numerous boils, and when I commenced taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I weighed only 112 pounds. Now I weigh over 125 pounds and am in better health than for the past fifteen years. Formerly I was covered with eruptions; now my skin is clear. I can truly say

Hood's Sarsaparilla has no equal for poor run-down women. Every one remarks about how well I am looking!" Mrs. Isa Griggs.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla, 25c.

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Ghosts.
Ghosts always vanish into thin air, never into a fog or a snowstorm. Sometimes, though, they sink into the ground. Ghosts are queer. When you think you see 'em, you don't see them. When you want to see 'em, you can't, and when you do see them you wish you didn't.
Eastport, Me., has a haunted house. It has been rented to 16 or 18 families, but they don't seem to care to stay, and the owner thinks of applying for an injunction to restrain the ghosts.

Rosebery.
It is hardly too much to say that Lord Rosebery has not been a prime minister—New York World.

There are indications that Lord Rosebery will soon join the constantly growing ranks of statesmen out of jobs.—Philadelphia Call.
Lord Rosebery thinks he would rather be a real live lord and attend to his private business than to be a dead premier, with somebody else attending to his business.—Troy Press.

Plays and Playlets.
Many prominent managers are trying their new plays through the medium of summer stock companies. It is an excellent and not an expensive plan.

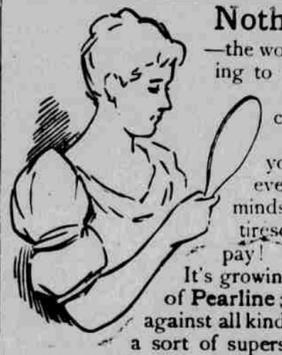
Shrewd managers declare that the talk about the public wanting the romantic drama is the veriest rot. Plays of today are what the people will pay to see.

William Gillett has offered Edwin Arden of Richard Mansfield's company an important role to originate in Mr. Gillette's new war play, "Secret Service."

The gooseberry is indigenous to Great Britain.
Mr. Rudyard Kipling, it is announced, is on the point of returning to India, not to live there, however.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally. Price 75 cents.

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The Woman Question.
"What do think of the woman question, major?" asked the judge.
"I think it is asked much more often than is necessary, judge."
"What do you mean?"
"I am speaking of the woman question. I understand that to be the subject of your inquiry."
"But what do you understand to be the subject of the inquiry?"
"But what do you understand to be the woman question?"
"Is my hat on straight?"

Almost Cheaper than Walking
are the low rates offered by the Burlington Route, (C. B. & Q. R. R.) Tuesday, June 11th, when round trip tickets to points in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Utah will be on sale at half the regular tariff.

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Portiers are now suspended from the hanging crane of carved wood and care close a doorway, shut off a cozy corner or at pleasure fold back, making a wall hanging without taking up any space.

Why She Smiles Sweetly.
Sparkling eyes, quick beating heart, and the rosy blush of pleasure on the cheeks, makes the strong man happy when he meets his lady love. That's the kind of a girl whose very touch thrills because it is full of energy, vigorous nerve power and vitality. Tobacco makes strong men weak and wretched. No-tobacco sold by druggists everywhere. Guaranteed to cure. Book, titled "Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away," free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., New York or Chicago.

Black pugs are the fashion in dogs, although the black poodle holds its own.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, and settles the bowels.