

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, SECURES DRY FARMING CONGRESS FOR 1912.

The term, "dry farming" does not indicate all that might be implied. It does not mean a system of irrigation, but one where all the rain fall and precipitation is stored up and conserved in the soil, to be drawn upon by scientific and sane processes when it may be required to forward and increase the growth of grain.

In certain sections of the Canadian West as well as in the American West, there is a portion of the country in which the soil is the very best for the growing of cereals, but the geographical locations and relative position to the rain avenues, do not give the advantage that other parts possess in the matter of precipitation.

Agricultural science, however, has been making rapid progress during the past few years, and it is now ascertained that it is not altogether the number of inches of rain that is essential to the growing of crops, but its conservation, and that is the meaning of "dry farming."

"Dry Farming" may well be applied to districts where there is a heavy rain fall and better results will follow. The education of the public into these new methods, not new exactly, but such as have had satisfactory demonstration, is not alone the purpose of these dry-farming congresses. One idea is to bring into life and into operation the great areas of splendid land lying within what might be termed semiarid, without placing them under the restrictive and expansive process of irrigation.

The congresses are attended by thousands and they bring representatives from all parts of the world. The Province of Alberta, and also of Saskatchewan, has taken a vital interest in the congresses which have been held in the past two or three years. The Province of Alberta has made provincial exhibits, districts have shown their products, and last year, several hundred dollars were taken in prizes; this year the Province of Alberta took prizes ten to one in excess of any state in the Union. Alberta has won eight out of twenty special cups, that province taking one, Lethbridge one, Arthur Perry six, and John Baxter, Edmonton, carrying off one sweepstakes. When it came to a matter of location for the congress for 1912, the City of Lethbridge, which had put up a splendid fight for it, secured the congress by a unanimous vote. It is expected that the Lethbridge congress will be the largest yet held and will be the biggest convention in the history of Western Canada. In emphasizing his invitation to Lethbridge, one of the speakers said he had just received a telegram from Memphis (near Lethbridge) stating that of one thousand acres of wheat just thrashed Hetherahaw and Bradshaw had thrashed 47,000 bushels.

Literature sent out recently by the Canadian Government Agents, which will be sent postage free on application, tells of hundreds of splendid yields in all parts of Western Canada.

Pantomime Code.
James T. Fields of the firm of Ticknor & Fields wore a flowing beard, as many men of his time did. He was scrupulous in the care of it, and in the main managed it at the table with skill.

His wife was always on watch for him, too, when they went out to dinner together. They had a pantomime code and a few expressive spoken signals. Should a broad crumb catch in the boss Mrs. Fields would say:
"My dear, there's a gazelle in the garden."

Unwritten Law.
According to the Standard Dictionary, the unwritten law is a rule of custom established by general usage, etc. The unwritten law, as the term recently has come into use, is the assumed or supposed right of a person to punish even with death the author of a gross wrong committed against a member of his family. Courts do not countenance it, but justices frequently act upon it, and several instances have occurred within recent years in which persons accused of homicide have been acquitted.

Shrewd Vote Getter.
Up in Oregon Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway, a leader in the equal suffrage movement, was run down by an express wagon in the street, and a crowd surrounded her. She was unharmed and the dust was brushed off her clothes the express driver asked anxiously if she would make him trouble. "No," she answered, "there will be no trouble—if you men all promise to vote for woman suffrage."

To Be Sure.
"I wonder why it is that show girls look down on ordinary chorus girls."
"Well, perhaps one reason why they do so is that they are nearly always taller."

Ancients Used Lightning Rods.
As early as 300 B. C. the ancients had observed that iron rods had the power to avert lightning.

The miserablist day we live there's many a better thing to do than dying.—Darley.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Coughing, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, soothes the baby's pains of inflammation.

Pierro's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not grip.

Mechanical kisses are the kind women give each other.

The BRONZE BELL

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SYNOPSIS.
David Amber, starting for a duck-shooting visit with his friend, Quain, comes upon a young lady equestrian who has been dismounted by her horse becoming frightened at the sudden appearance in the road of a burly Hindu. He declares he is Richard Lal Chatterji. The supposed mouthpiece of the Bell, addresses Amber as a man of high rank and pressing a mysterious little bronze bell, "The Token," into his hand, disappears in the wood. The girl calls Amber by name. He in turn addresses her as Miss Sophie Farrell, daughter of Col. Farrell of the British diplomatic service in India and visiting the Quain. Several nights later the Quain home is burglarized and the bronze box stolen. Amber and Quain go hunting on an island and become lost and Amber is left marooned. He wanders about finally reaches a cabin and recognizes as its occupant an old friend named Rutton, whom he last met in England, and who appears to be in a bizarre and strange condition. Chatterji appears and summons Rutton to a meeting of a mysterious body. Rutton seizes a revolver and dashes after Chatterji. He returns wildly excited, says he has killed the Hindu, takes poison, and when dying tells Amber to go to India on a mysterious errand. Amber decides to leave at once for India. On the way he sends a letter to Mr. Labretouche, a scientific friend in Calcutta, by a quicker route. Upon arriving he finds a note awaiting him. It directs Amber to meet his friend at a certain place. The latter tells him to go to the way he meets Miss Farrell, and at their journey's end asks her to become his wife. A Hindu confederate Amber to a secret place and into the presence of a beautiful woman who mistakes him for Rutton. Later Amber is dragged. The Hindu plot rebellion, and at Labretouche's instigation Amber reveals the secret of the conspiracy. He learns they would make him their king, and is found feeling a deadly cobra in the foot of death when rescued by Labretouche and his friends. Naraini attacks Amber with a dagger and he falls. After long delirium he recovers to find Sophia at his side confessing her love.

CHAPTER XXI.

The Final Incarnation.
About five o'clock on an evening in April the Cunarder Caronia, four hours out from Queenstown and buckling down to a night's hard work against the northwesterly gale, shipped a sea. It was not much of a sea—merely a playful slap of a wave that broke against the staunch black side and glanced upward in a shower of spray, spattering liberally a solitary passenger who had been showing enough interest in the weather to remain on deck until that particular moment. Apparently unobserved by the misadventure, he shook himself and laughed a sober, contented laugh, found a handkerchief and mopped his face with it, then, with a final approving survey of the lowering and billowing canopy of wind-cloud that overhung the tortured ocean, permitted himself to be blown aft to the door of the first-cabin smoking room. Opening this by main strength, he entered. The gale saved him the bother of closing it.

Removing his raincoat and cap and depositing them on a convenient chair, he glanced round the room and discovered that he shared it with a single passenger, who was placidly exchanging the virtues of an excellent cigarette. Upon this gentleman the newcomer bent a regard steadfast and questioning, but after returning it casually the smoker paid him no further attention. Dissatisfied, the other moved toward him, and the deck slanted suddenly and obliquely, the better to accelerate his progress, so that he brought up with a lurch in the seat next the smoker. The latter raised the eyebrows of surprise and hoped that the gentleman had not hurt himself.

"I didn't, thank you, Mr. David Amber."

Mr. David Amber looked the gentleman over with heightened interest.

"You've the advantage of me, sir," Amber summed up the result of his scrutiny.

"It's not the first time," asserted the other, with an argumentative shake of his head.

"No?" Light leaped in Amber's eyes. "Surprised you, eh?" The Englishman grinned with pleasure, pumping Amber's arm cordially. "I don't mind owning that I meant to."

"Well, considering that this is positively your first appearance as yourself on the stage of my life, you don't deserve any credit for being able to deceive me. When one gets accustomed to remembering you only as a native—generally as a 'babu in dirty pink satin'—do you know, I made all sorts of enquiries after you, but they told me, in response to my wires to Calcutta, that you'd dropped out of the world entirely. I had begun to fear that those damned natives must have got you, after all, and that I'd never see you again."

"I'd almost given up hope of ever seeing myself again," said Labretouche drily.

"But why didn't you?"

"Business, dear boy, business."

"I was needed for several days in the neighborhood of Kathiapur."

"It seems as though I'd waited several years for news of Kathiapur. The papers—"

"There are a good many things that happen in India that fail to get into the newspapers, Amber. It wasn't thought necessary to advise the world, including Russia, that half the native potentates in Hindustan had been caught in the act of letting the Sec-

ond Mutiny loose upon India." A network of fine wrinkles appeared about his eyes as he smiled enjoyment of what he seemed to consider a memorable joke.

"Go on," pleaded Amber.

"Kathiapur was a sort of mousetrap; the brutes came out by two and three, just as I said they would, for the better part of three days. It was either surrender or starve with them, and after five-sixths of them had elected not to starve we turned a couple of companies of Tommies into the place, and I don't believe they left unturned a stone big enough to hide a rabbit. One by one they routed 'em out and booted 'em down to sea. Meanwhile we had rushed enough troops to Kuttarpur to keep their tails quipo."

"And Salig Singh—and Naraini?"

"Salig Singh, it turned out, was the chap that got bayoneted in the tamarisks. Naraini managed somehow to steal away the next night, under the noses of any number of sentries; beauty such as hers would bribe her way out of hell, I think. What became of her I don't know, but I can prophesy that she won't live long. She was rather too advanced in her views, for India—some centuries ahead of her race. She and Salig Singh had it all planned, you know; his was the master-mind, hers the motive-power. They were to crown you, instead of Salig's son, the next day—in the name of Har Dyal Rutton; and then you were to

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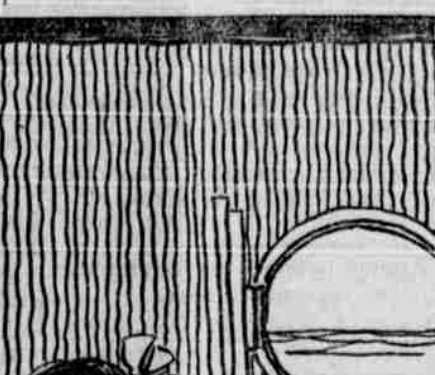
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FARM AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT

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The most striking feature of these statistics is the enormous extent of unimproved roads in the United States. An expenditure of something like \$3,000,000,000 would be required to convert the common earth roads



King Road Drag.

of the country into even good gravel roads. That this is desirable few will gainsay, and that it is becoming necessary under modern conditions and the relations now existing between producer and consumer is also quite generally admitted. The increased cost of hauling over unimproved roads is an immense tax upon the farmer and those who purchase his products, and is a restriction on the crops which can be raised and moved in certain localities.

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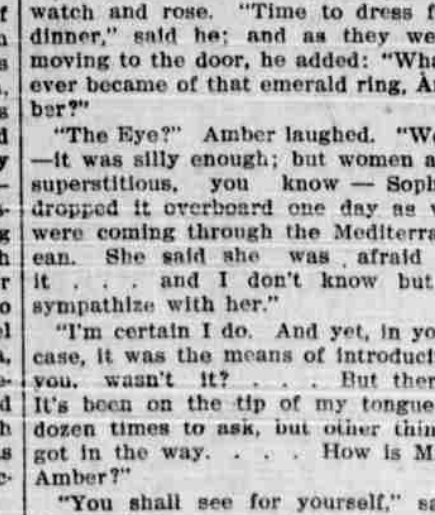
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ARTICHOKE FOR THE TABLE

Vegetable Can Be Grown in Almost Any Garden and Makes Most Delicious Change in the Dishes.

The artichoke, which can be grown in almost any garden, makes a delicious change in the vegetable dishes for the table. The plant is perennial, but declines rapidly, and should be reset every three years.

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For Pantry Shelves.
The shelves in the pantry often mean a great deal of scrubbing. This need not be so if the shelves are covered with white oilcloth, such as is used for tables. Cut the oilcloth in long strips about three inches wider than the shelves. Make flour paste, and with it stick the oilcloth on the shelves, covering the front edge and pasting it underneath, and letting the oilcloth come up about an inch against the wall at the back. Shelves covered with oilcloth will keep tidy for years, and only need wiping over with a cloth and warm water to clean them.

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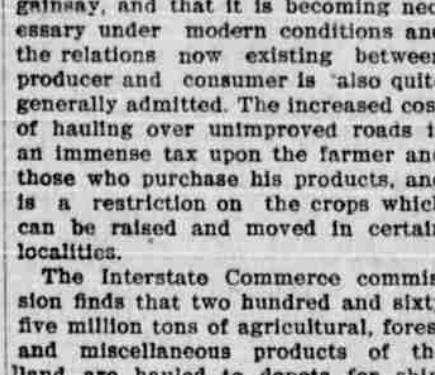
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TO KILL ROADSIDE INSECTS

Right Time to Do Work is Late in Fall When Cold Weather Has Set in and Vegetation Dry.

(BY GEORGE H. GLITZKE.)
A great many people have the mistaken idea that the time to burn the roadside in order to kill the many insects that winter in these places, is in the early spring of the year.

If you will watch closely at such a place where the roadside has been burned in the spring you will see the insects coming out of the ground very thickly on the warm days.

This proves that the insects were not killed. Most of them are in the ground and the heat of the fire passing over them does not harm them and the trash burned from above them makes it all the easier for the insects to come forth.

While no doubt a few of them are killed the majority of them are unharmed.

The right time to burn these roadsides to do effective work is in the late fall of the year, after the cold weather has already set in and all the tender vegetation is dry.

Then, if the roadsides are burned, the insects in such places will be killed by heavy freezing, as they usually do not go very deeply into the ground but seem to depend on the covering of trash to protect them from the cold.

This is a great bit more effective in the killing of the insects than the spring burning.

Not only does the fall burning of the roadsides do good by the killing of the insects that winter there, but it also helps to keep the road in better shape by allowing less snow to collect in the drifts as it usually does in places where there is much grass and weeds.

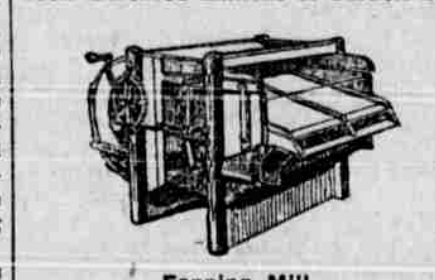
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If you decide that it pays to sow good seed and to keep your fields free from noxious weeds, then do not hesitate to invest a few dollars in a fanning mill.

Build the Ice House Now.

Now is the time to build the ice house. It may seem like a thankless job this cold weather, but next July you and your wife will feel amply repaid for all trouble and expense ten times over. Any northern farmer can have, during the hottest days of the summer, cool milk, firm butter, cold lemonade and sherbets and ices—things which are commonly associated with the luxuries of the city, but that some day will be regarded as a necessity of the country.

Killing Quack Grass.

There are several methods of killing quack grass. If the field is infested in small patches, perhaps the quickest and most effective way to destroy this grass is to use a potato fork, digging up the roots by hand and burning them. If the whole field is covered with this grass, of course this process becomes impractical.

GOOD ROADS & FARM NOTES

File the crosscut saw yourself; you will thus soon save enough to buy a new saw.

Good seed, good cultivation, good common sense are a pretty good combination if good crops are desired.

There are many methods of storing seed corn, but in all cases the place of storing must be dry and well ventilated.

The germinating power of the middle kernels of an ear of corn is much stronger than that of the tip and butt kernels.

Experts of the department of agriculture advocate the use of lime in a limited and experimental way in every locality.

No matter whether the corn is bought or saved from your own farm it should be stored in a dry, well-ventilated place.

After growing a crop of corn, the soil is always in excellent form to absorb and retain the autumn rains and winter snows.

Alfalfa does not attain maturity until the third or fourth year; therefore, do not sow it expecting to get the best results in less time.

Corn treated with a dressing of plaster and ashes will soon show by the strong growth and the dark color of the leaf the effect of the dressing.

Keep wide paths shoveled to every outbuilding. Help to open the roads when heavy snows drift them, whether you are called out by the postmaster or not.

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THE CAUSE.

Eph—What were de maffah wif Sal an' dat drug clerk?
Rufus—Why, she wanted some complexion powder an' he done gib her powdered charcoal.

Turkish Medicines.
Old-fashioned physicians have plenty of reliable remedies for cholera. An agate in the pocket and a hyacinth on the neck are much esteemed, but the bone of a dead child carried in the pocket is nearly as efficacious. Cholera, we learn, is caused by the moon. Therefore drink decoctions of laurel while Mars or Mercury is in the ascendant, since these planets are unfriendly to the moon. We are glad to know this, as we have always had our doubts about the moon.

During the Spat.
Wife (complainingly)—You're not like Mr. Knagg. They've been married 20 years, and Mrs. Knagg says her husband is so tender.
Hub—Tender! Well, he ought to be, after being in hot water that long.

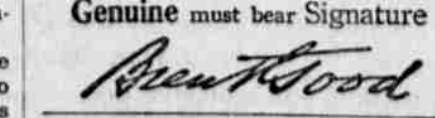
The Exception.
"Take my advice and mind your own affairs. No man ever got rich fighting other people's battles."
"I don't know. How about a lawyer?"

In after years a woman may be sorry she married the man in the case, but she's always glad that "that other woman" didn't get him.

When a girl tries to act as if she isn't in love it's a sign she is.

Don't Persecute Your Bowels

Cut out cathartics and purgatives. They are brutal, harsh, unnecessary. Try CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Purely vegetable. Act gently on the liver, eliminate bile, and soothe the delicate membrane of the bowels. Cures Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Indigestion, as millions know. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.



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