

Social Forms and Entertainments



Emigrant Party.

This was a most amusing entertainment given at a seaside place at the little clubhouse built out over the water.

The invitations read: "All Aboard for the 'Manor' Dock. Come in 'Emigrant' Costume; August Eighth at Eight O'clock."

"Refreshments fifty cents."

The cards were limited to a coterie who were well acquainted and as the partying of the ways was near, everyone entered most heartily into the scheme. The couple who attracted a great deal of attention was a man and his wife who appeared as Dutch peasants, including wooden shoes. "Paddy" from "Cork" and "Sweet Kitty," his colleen, were hailed with delight. Prizes were awarded to a family of Russian Jews, who were most realistic, carrying great rolls and bags, with a bird cage and a baby which was a large doll.

The grand march was formed and all passed before the inspector, who gave a clean bill of health. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, iced coffee, doughnuts and pie served just as such things are found in a country station; a counter and benches had been arranged with tall dishes of fruit; plates of sandwiches, alternating with "fried" cakes and pie; hot tea or coffee, also iced cream could be ordered.

Card tables were provided for those who wished to play, and there was a jolly dance. The possibilities of this plan are great and such an affair could be utilized by a church society or club as a means of making money.

Flags of all nations would make an appropriate decoration.

"Cobbler" Game for Wee Tots.

Here is something the little kiddies will enjoy: Tell one of the children to call himself the "cobbler" and sit on the floor, while the other join hands and dance around him. The cobbler says: "Now is the time to try on the shoes," and at once, but without leaving his seat, reaches for the feet of one in the ring while the players, who must not let go of hands, endeavor to dance out of his reach. If one is caught he, or she, becomes the cobbler.

Novel Shower Scheme.

This is a pretty way to present the gifts to a bride at a shower if the articles are small like hosiery or handkerchiefs. Make a Jack Horner pie in the colors the hostess wishes to have and when dessert time comes (if the occasion is a luncheon) ask each guest to pull her ribbon and as the package is forthcoming, each one has some excuse to find like "This piece of pie is too large, please hand it to Miss B" (the honored guest). And the

next one says: "My piece is very much too small, just pass it to Miss B." This makes loads of fun and opening the parcels adds zest to the occasion. It is well to have an appropriate sentiment written on the donor's card to be read aloud. Handkerchiefs and stockings may be rolled and concealed in tissue paper with fringed ends and so look like the snapping motto favors so popular at all social functions; the ribbons tied around each one and all put within the pie.

Unique Wedding Anniversary.

At the celebration of the fortieth wedding day interesting decorations on the dining room table either side of the wedding cake were small dolls, dressed in costumes which were exact reproductions of the bridal apparel worn by the bride and bridegroom on their wedding day. Every one was so delighted in comparing fashions, and a daughter of the couple wore her mother's wedding gown, as the bride of 40 years could not get into it.

The place cards bore pictures of the honored guests taken at the time of the original wedding and ones of today, under which was written "Forty Years After." A picture of the first home and the present one were also on the card. It is needless to say the guests were much pleased to have these valuable souvenirs. The boxes containing wedding cake bore the date of the wedding and the present date.

Practical and Seasonable.

So many requests have come to me for simple but well balanced menus for stag affairs. I think these two very good; precede the second one with watermelon and cantaloupe balls in glasses, slightly sugared, and a few drops of sherry poured over them an hour before serving. Keep on ice.

- Consomme and Bread Sticks.
- Salmon Croquettes, Sauce Tartare.
- French Fried Potatoes.
- Roast Beef, Brown Gravy.
- Stewed Tomatoes.
- Potatoes.
- Grape Jam, Chopped Pears.
- Parker House Rolls.
- Fruit Ice.
- Tomato Salad, Cheese Balls, Sandwiches.
- Peach Mousse, Cake.
- Coffee, Bonbons.
- Beefsteak, Creamed New Potatoes.
- Tiny Radishes.
- Spiced Figs, Apricot Marmalade.
- Tiny Baking Powder Biscuit.
- Tomato Salad, Wafers.
- Peaches and Cream, Tiny Sponge Cake.
- Coffee.

"Letter" Game.

This is a very old game, but I have no doubt that it will be new to many, and I am sure those of us who knew it in our youth will be glad to renew the acquaintance. Any number of players may participate.

The one who proposes the game explains that the letter chosen must begin the answer to the question; for instance, suppose the letter "A" is agreed upon and the leader says "mention the name of an American city beginning with 'A.'" (Atlanta); a foreign city, (Amiens); an American river, (Alabama); a mineral, (amethyst); a vegetable, (artichoke); an animal, (ape); an article to be worn, (arctics), etc.

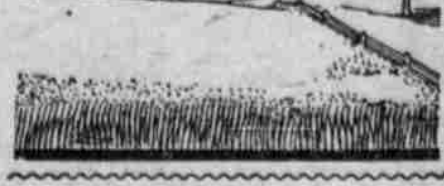
Questions innumerable may be suggested.

MADAME MERRI.

Link Buttons in Style.

Link cuff buttons seem to be gaining in fashion. They are even used in the cuffs of coats. Very attractive link buttons, made all of dull silver in handwrought design, are sold for \$8 a pair. More attractive links, with silver settings about Russian blue lapis lazuli, sell for \$15.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



A farm cistern is essential.

Use care in feeding animals.

Chicks like tender green feed.

It does not pay to turn calves in pasture.

Do not allow anything to grow over the roots of fruit trees.

The true dairy cow is easily affected by unfavorable conditions.

Any fright, excitement or discomfort will lessen the flow of milk.

Dirty, small or deformed eggs will not do for a fancy market trade.

To make ducklings or goslings thrive they must have plenty of green feed.

Wet food sours quickly these days if not cleaned up after each feeding time.

Filth and vermin are great profit killers, and yet are not difficult to handle.

Don't forget to have a row of sunflowers; for the seeds are excellent for poultry.

There are very few instances when a cow needs to be milked before calving.

There is nothing the matter with the hen that shows a bright eye and red comb.

Sanitary stables not only mean clean milk, but more of it on account of healthier cows.

Heavy shoes on horses are not necessary on the farm. Light shoes make it easier for them.

What is a good cow? One that gives a profit of \$35 is good. There are better ones, of course.

In poultry the capon holds the same relative position as does the steer to beef, or the barrow to pork.

Lose as little time as possible between milking and separating, for the betterment of both milk and cream.

Individual excellence is the only safe guide to be depended upon in selecting cows to build up a good herd.

It's a shame to drive the boys and girls to the city for a view of well kept modern homes and attractive lawns.

If you have not already done so, clean up your poultry houses now. White wash with a strong crude acid solution.

Keep salt where the cows may always get to it. They will not consume too much if allowed to use their own "judgment."

Timothy hay is fine for work horses, but poor feed for the dairy cow. Alfalfa beats it all hollow, so does clover or corn fodder.

One of the chief safeguards of the health of the poultry flock at this time of year is to change the drinking water frequently.

We cannot bring rain when it is needed, but we can keep the cultivators going during the worst drought that ever happened.

Green manures supplemented with high-grade commercial fertilizers is the very best sort of manuring or plant food for potatoes.

A vessel that could hold 1,000 pounds of water would hold approximately 1,038 pounds of skim milk and 1,032 pounds of whole milk.

If there is corn to be cut for the forage, either to put in the silo or in the shock, it is a good idea to use the thickest stand for the purpose.

When the cows get out of the stanchions see how they twist and lick themselves. Wouldn't it be better if they could do that in their stalls, too?

Men are awakening to the fact that soil fertility must be restored, and, as a general rule, they are realizing the best way to restore this fertility is to raise live stock, and apply the manure produced to the land.

With all our research and our improved science we know nothing—or at any rate, very little—about heredity. It would seem to be reasonable to say that if it is wrong to breed from an unsound stallion, it is equally reprehensible to breed from an unsound mare.

Keep down the weeds.

Whitewash the cow stables.

Keep the dairy barn sanitary.

Hens need a shaded loafing place.

A little salt helps the poultry mash.

Overfeeding is a fruitful source of bowel trouble.

Overfat fowls are apt to succumb to excessive heat.

March hatched chicks should be ready for the broiler market.

Good butter can never be made from cream that is not good.

Slow speed in the separator is the cause of much poor skimming.

Fewer turkeys are injured by underfeeding than by overfeeding.

Carrying fowls by their wings is as cruel as carrying them by the legs.

When cream stands too long it is apt to acquire a bitter or disagreeable flavor.

A swivel in the tethering rope will keep the rope from getting twisted and kinky.

Keep the dust and stuff out of your milk. You cannot strain it out. Remember that.

Alfalfa is one of the greatest crops known to modern agriculture for enriching the land.

It's a good thing for the bull to exercise on a tread power and accomplish some work.

Use only a butter-bred sire from a line of dairy inheritance for next year's crop of calves.

Breeding with intelligence will produce a less and less number of "cows that eat their heads off."

Green food of some kind is necessary to make the hens do their best in the line of egg production.

Stir the cream twice a day, using a long-handled spoon which will reach to the bottom of the cream jar.

Some day we are going to find that as good a way as any to use the surplus sour milk is to give it to the hens.

Have your fowls so tame that you can go among them without causing fright. You will get better egg production.

If there is no silo on your farm, do not let another winter catch you unprepared. Make your plans right now for one.

The pure-bred sire and a dam of the same type of as good blood as it is possible to get will usually bring a desirable colt.

The idea that alfalfa hay is not suitable for driving horses is proven erroneous by thousands of farmers, and many use no other.

Don't compel the women folks to open and close two or three big gates through the cattle yards every time they go out to look up eggs.

When hens lay soft-shelled eggs, it is often a sign they are too fat. Cut down the amount of grain and feed more vegetables and green food.

In pruning the apple trees, plan to form shapely heads that will permit the sunlight to get into the center of the tree. It will give better fruit.

One of the remedies for pip used by Portuguese poultry raisers is raw onions cut up fine and forced down the throat, followed by a little water.

For late vegetables plant snap beans. They require a rich, moist soil, so that the growth will be rapid. As a rule, the dwarf bush types are best.

Dehorn the calves before they are two weeks old. Cut away the hair around the "button" and moisten. Then rub well with a stick of caustic potash.

Watch the heifers carefully about calving time. A little care at the proper time often will be the means of averting the loss of a fine calf, its mother, or both.

It requires feed to make a lamb of any kind, but a sheep or lamb will come the nearest to making something out of nothing of any kind of a domestic animal.

If the butter is slow in coming it is due to one of two causes: Either the cream is too cold, or else the churn is overloaded and the contents do not get proper oscillation.

The bean is a plant well suited to the soil and climatic conditions of this country, yields bountifully and is produced at a cost not to exceed that of other cultivated field crops. There is no state in the union where they are not grown successfully.

A good fly deterrent is made of one gallon fish oil, one pint kerosene, and four tablespoonfuls of crude carbolic acid. Mix well and apply with a cloth, or spray all parts but the udder, just after milking. About once a week will do.

PROFITABLE MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY HERD



Perpetuating the Good Qualities of the Tested Mothers, Making a Herd Much Better Than You Can Buy.

It has become an axiom, with some dairy men, that the best results are obtainable only with the best breeds of animals. But success with such animals implies also the best management; and not every beginner is capable of the skillful handling necessary with high-bred cows. The higher we go in the scale of animal life the more delicate the animal mechanism becomes, and the greater the need of wisdom in the human agency which controls its movements. It is a long time before a baby can care for itself as well as can a bronco colt at one day old. A bronco colt can stand more simple hardship and abuse than can a colt of a standard high-bred trotting mare or a high-class draft animal; but the bronco will never have the great speed, at the trot, of the standard-bred, nor will it grow large enough to have the power of the drafter. The scrubby native cow can stand more hardship and abuse than a highly-developed dairy cow capable of doing great work, and the latter loses her superior commercial value in unfavorable surroundings and under unfavorable treatment.

It is found, therefore, that success in dairying depends as much on the kind of care and management bestowed on the herd, as upon the breed. Care and management are, for this reason, given the first consideration here. These should include a much greater degree of attention to the comfort of the animals than is ordinarily bestowed. In fact, it can be demonstrated that the nearer we come to applying the Golden Rule to the treatment of the dairy herd, and treating its members as we would like to be treated, the larger will be the satisfaction and rewards of dairying.

Nowhere on the farm is cleanliness more desirable than in the dairy barn. Stalls and calf-pens should be kept free from filth and moisture. Plenty of bedding should be used at all times, and the pens cleaned out frequently. If the calf pen is not a large one, it should be cleaned out every day. In the gutters, it is well to use common slacked lime, or wood ashes, as an absorbent.

Cows should not be kept in "an ice house, a hog pen or a dungeon." A dark, damp and dirty place is very favorable to the growth of bacteria, which may attack the health of the animals. Plenty of sunlight keeps the place dry, purifies the air, and kills bacteria.

When kept in the barn, cows should be brushed daily, not only to keep the dirt and hair from falling into the milk pail, but to keep the pores of the skin open. This makes the cow more comfortable, and it cannot be too often repeated that anything done to add to the comfort of the cow adds to her productiveness.

CAUSE OF THRUSH IN HORSES' FEET

Trouble Due Frequently by Animal Standing in Filthy Stall and too Dry Floors.

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This trouble is due quite frequently to standing in manure or other filth, which alters the condition of the horn and may be accompanied or followed by infection. Long continued standing on very dry floors may lead directly to this trouble. In some cases thrush seems to be associated with contraction. The frogs in horses' feet need exercise just the same as any other part of the body. When a horse is shod with high heel and toe calks, or the wall is allowed to grow down very long and the horse stands on a board floor without getting frog pressure, the condition of the frog is impaired and it easily becomes subject to infection and disease.

Such cases need a clean, dry stall. The hoof should be properly trimmed; the diseased parts removed as thoroughly as possible; and a strong disinfectant used over the sole of the foot. Any of the coal-tar disinfectants may be used in full strength, or even pure carbolic acid, care being taken that the disinfectant does not run down the heel and burn the skin. After this first strong disinfectant calomel is a very satisfactory treatment for ordinary cases. The calomel can be dusted over the diseased surface and then some thick clay applied over the entire sole of the foot.

VALUE OF SILAGE AND CORN STOVER

Interesting Tests Made at Nebraska Experiment Station in Cattle Feeding

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While at the Nebraska experiment station the writer conducted tests to determine the relative value of silage and shredded corn stover (stalks) for cattle feeding. In order to determine the amount of stover fed each steer, it was necessary to husk the corn from the stalk, and as the cattle were kept in the barn, shredded stover was more convenient although more expensive. The use of bundle corn, however, would greatly reduce the cost as it can be harvested and shocked as easily as the ears alone can be husked from the stalk and cribbed. During the fall and early winter the use of bundle-corn containing ears might even prove more profitable than the use of silage.

The further fact that this experiment was conducted during the summer months without the use of grass-pasture, is evidence that calves can make very satisfactory gains by using corn silage and alfalfa as a substitute for grass. In sections where enough grass cannot be grown to carry the number of cattle wanted through the year, but where a large tonnage of corn can be grown on a relatively small acreage, the silo will become an important factor for use in summer as well as in winter.



THIS is one of the large shapes which are again the rage in Paris. It is turned up at one side and under the brim there is a cluster of shaded roses. A length of black-velvet ribbon is passed under the chin and fastened under the roses at one side. Nearly all the new picture hats show strings, either of velvet ribbon or soft satin. These strings give an old-world appearance to a simple hat and they are, for the greater part, becoming.