

# POEM BY UNCLE JOHN



## NIBBLES

You can get a nibble anywhere—with any sort of bait—in any shaller water, where the little suckers wait. . . . But there ain't a speck of wisdom in a pin-hook on a string, which attracts a lot of nibbles, whiles you never ketch a thing!

You can allers find the fishin' that is suited to yer skill, if you exercise the judgment that it takes to fill the bill—but the man that fools with nibbles till the season peters out, will only have the fish that got away, to lie about.

While a "nibble's better'n nothin'," as you've heard the feller say, you can stake yer bottom dollar that nibbles never pay. . . . If I want my patience bused, an' my resolution shock, it's when a batch of little fish is foolin' with my hook!

So—I allers aim to angle fer the fish that I can fry. . . . There's a brand of pleasure in it, that gets a feller by. . . . And I'd ruther yank a whooper from the murky depths below, than to fool with little suckers in the puddles where they grow.

## SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR RURAL READERS.

### INFORMATION ABOUT AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS FROM RELIABLE SOURCES

Here are some more tried and tested recipes from the Nebraska Agricultural College's butchering bulletin:

#### Dried Beef.

Lean beef (preferably inside, outside and knuckle muscles of the round.) Regular ham and bacon sweet pickle.

Bone out the round into the three muscles. Rub the meat with salt and let it stand over night. Pack and cure as with hams and bacon. Twenty to fifty days curing will be necessary depending upon the size of the pieces. Thirty days is a good average. Freshen the meat in warm weather, hang and smoke as for hams and bacon. The more smoke the drier the meat. Pack for summer with the hams.

#### Bologna.

30 pounds beef  
20 pounds pork  
2 pounds salt  
10 ounces pepper  
15 pounds water  
Garlic if desired

Grind the beef and add the salt. Let it stand for 36 to 48 hours to cure. This will add to the keeping qualities of the sausage. Add the ground pork and the rest of the spices and grind again, or better still twice more, to make the meat as fine as possible. Add the water and work and knead with the hands until the mass has become dull in color and very sticky instead of crumbly. This will take about 30 minutes of hard work. Stuff tightly in well soaked beef "rounds" or "straights." Hang the sausage on sticks so that no two pieces touch and smoke with hard wood or coals. One and a half to two hours smoking should be sufficient. A little hotter fire at the very last will put a brighter color on the meat. Care must be taken, however, not to scorch the casing. Cook the smoked sausages in water a little under boiling. Pick up a sausage every minute or so and hold it to the ear. Squeeze it with the fingers. If it gives a watery squeak it is done. Plunge it into cold water to cool. Hang on sticks in a cool, dry place. Bologna should be used fairly soon after making.

The time of year that a cow freshens seems to have considerable to do with the profit she returns, says the Agricultural College of the state university. An analysis of the figures obtained from many cow testing associations shows that in most sections the cows that freshen during the fall and early winter produce the most milk and butterfat, and bring in the greatest profit over cost of feed.

On account of the sudden death of C. F. Floodman of Stromsburg, father-in-law of President J. N. Norton of the Nebraska Farm Federation, Mr. Norton did not attend the agricultural conference called at Washington by Secretary Wallace and President Harding. Norton was on his way when advised of the death of Mr. Floodman. Mr. Lute met him at the train in Lincoln and proceeded to Washington, permitting Mr. Norton to return to his home.

Swat the scrub sire! We hear that slogan on every turn. The scrub bull must go. But how shall we go about it? Not every farmer has the capital to invest in a purebred bull. As a solution for this problem the

state Agricultural College suggests organizing cooperative bull associations. There would be fewer bulls to be fed and cared for. Each her in an association would have access to a better bull than if the owners kept separate sires for their herds, and at a very nominal cost to each member. Through its extension specialists and county extension agents the college will be glad to assist in organizing such associations and will be glad to answer any questions.

Did you ever have the stacker break right in the busiest time during the haying season and find to your sorrow that there was no one on the job who could splice it? Maybe you had to get a new rope or drive several miles for some one who understood how to braid the strands back together again. More than 150 farmers in Lancaster county learned how to make the "long splice" in a hay rope during the first week in February. Nine meetings had been scheduled in different parts of the county by the Extension agent of the state Agricultural College and county farm bureaus. The agent and two specialists from the college gave a two-hour demonstration in each community, showing the common and useful knots as well as splices and the making of rope halters. Each man in the audience was furnished with a piece of rope and given individual instruction. During the week several four-strand hay ropes were spliced. One farmer remarked that he paid \$4.00 last summer to have a hay rope spliced. He will probably never do it again, for he turned in a splendid splice before the meeting was ended.

This is the season of the year when a little time might profitably be spent in the orchard, say the state Agricultural College horticulturists. Dead trees are an eye-sore in an orchard and often a detriment to it; but cut into stovewood they would serve a useful purpose. The trees that are still alive are apt to be in a weakened condition because of the dry summer. A good pruning would stimulate the trees and rejuvenate them. Moreover, not having produced last year, the trees would in general, have a tendency to overbear the coming year. Here, too, pruning serves a useful purpose since it will tend to prevent overproduction and thereby increase the size and better the quality of the fruit. Suitable tools and sharp tools make the job of pruning fairly easy. A sharp axe with a strong handle will be desirable when it comes to the dead and the "almost dead" trees. A small cross cut saw is handy for removing large dead limbs where it is thought that the tree will produce a few more crops of apples. For the big part of the job, however, a handsaw and shears are indispensable. A double-edged saw is undesirable since the upper edge will cause more or less bruises.

According to reports received from Douglas county, Minnesota, a group of enterprising dairymen in the county profited by the use of good purebred bulls for a period of eight years, for a total investment of only \$25 apiece. These dairymen banished the scrub bulls from their territory, and replaced them with good purebred bulls that they bought cooperatively. The bulls were shifted from one group of farms to another every two years until each farmer had the use of each bull for two years. In this way each man had the use of a good purebred bull at less cost than he could keep a scrub bull. The economy of replacing a lot of poor bulls with high class purebred bulls capable of increasing production of the herds, is becoming very apparent to a good many farmers in Nebraska as well as in other states. According to government reports Nebraska ranks second in the number of persons enrolled and first in the number

of animals listed in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign which the Agricultural College is conducting in cooperation with county farm bureaus. Keep "swatting" the scrub sire and bring Nebraska into first place in the number of persons enrolled in the "Better Sires" campaign.

This is the time of the year when hens are apt to discontinue egg production so suddenly that one wonders what occurred to cause the slump. One of the most common causes is frosted combs, says the State Agricultural college poultrymen. In a well constructed poultry house there will be few if any frosted or frozen combs in temperatures that do not go lower than 15 below zero. This fact is well brought out by an investigation of conditions of the birds at this time in different types of houses. In houses that are not wider than twelve to fourteen feet many frozen combs and wattles are found. This is especially true if the house lacks ventilation. On the other hand in houses that are well constructed as to ventilation and freedom from draft there are few if any frosted combs found. Recently many frozen combs have been found in hen houses throughout the state. With practically no exceptions these occur in houses that are twelve to fourteen feet wide and in which the ventilation is inadequate. On the other hand whole flocks have been found with not a single frozen comb. In every case the houses were at least eighteen feet wide and the ventilation was good. Proof of proper ventilation will be shown by the absence of frost on the rafters, windows, and around the nail heads inside, and by dry, dusty litter on the floor.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
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Estate No. — of Jane James, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of the will of said deceased, and for the appointment of L. E. Mehlmann as Administrator with the Will Annexed of said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on March 3rd, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated February 2, 1922.  
(Seal) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,  
County Judge.

**NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.**

Estate No. 1765 of Bernard Miller, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that the executor has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, and for decree of distribution and heirship which have been set for hearing before said court on March 10, 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M., when you may appear and contest the same.

Dated February 9, 1922.  
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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 294.

To Whom It May Concern: The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 10, Township 11, North Range 30, thence west between sections 10 and 15, and 16 and 9 said Township and Range, also commencing at Southeast corner of Section 10, Township 11, Range 30 thence east between Sections 11 and 14 said Township and Range, also commencing at the southeast corner of Section 10, Township 11, Range 30 thence south between sections 14 and 15 said Township and Range, road to be 66 feet wide, has reported in favor thereof of all objections thereto or claims for damages by reason of the establishment of above described road must be filed in the office of the County Clerk on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 7th day of April 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

Dated at North Platte, Nebraska this 16th day of January, 1922.  
A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

LEGAL NOTICE

To Clyde M. Trotter, and all persons having or claiming any interest in Lot Ten (10) of Block Two (2) of Riverdale Addition to the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, real names unknown.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Anna Voss as, plaintiff, commenced an action against you and each of you in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on January 30, 1922, the object and prayer of the petition filed therein, being to quiet title in the plaintiff, Anna Voss, to all of Lot Ten (10) of Block Two (2) of Riverdale Addition to the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, against any interests in, rights or title to, or lien upon said property, or any of the defendants in said action; to bar the defendants and each of them from all interests in, rights, or title to, or lien upon said property and to enjoin said defendants and each of them from ever claiming or asserting any interests in, rights, or title to, or lien upon said real estate. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 13th day of March, 1922.

ANNA VOSS, Plaintiff.  
By WM. E. SHUMAN, Her Attorney.

NOTICE TO PAVING CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of North Platte, Nebraska, will receive bids for paving, curbing and other street improvements in Paving District Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in said City according to plans and specifications adopted and now on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City.

Said bids to cover the following types of pavement, Vertical Fibre Brick, Asphaltic Concrete, Sheet Asphalt, Reinforced Concrete and Warrentite Bitulithic.

The Engineer's estimate on the cost of paving said four districts comprising approximately 70,000 square yards is as follows:

Warrentite Bitulithic:	
Straight curb	\$.85 per ft.
Concrete drain box	1.35 per ft.
Concrete tiling	.55 per ft.
Grading and finishing	.85 per cu. yd.
Vertical Fibre Brick	
on 5" Conc. base	3.90 per sq. yd.
Asphaltic Concrete	
on 5" Conc. base	2.90 per sq. yd.
Sheet Asphalt on 5"	
Conc. base	3.05 per sq. yd.
Reinforced Concrete	2.80 per sq. yd.
Warrentite Bitulithic	
on 5" Conc. base	3.35 per sq. yd.
Fir headers and posts complete	.50 per ft.

Bids must be on file with the City Clerk on or before eight o'clock P. M. of February 24th, 1922 at which time they will be opened before the Council.

They must be made on the proposals in the specifications filling but one proposal for each district separately and one proposal covering the four districts if awarded together.

The proposals must not be detached from the specifications and must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the City Treasurer for an amount equal to three per cent of the bid made.

Said specifications shall be furnished to Paving Contractors only, upon applications to the City Clerk for a fee of Five Dollars; said amount to be returned when plans and specifications are returned to City Clerk.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the City Council of North Platte, Nebr.ska.  
February 7th, 1922.  
E. H. EVANS, Mayor.  
O. E. ELDER, City Clerk.

J. J. WILSON—DENTIST  
OPPOSITE McCABE HOTEL, OVER STAMPS BAKERY. PHONE 71.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COLLATERAL SECURITY

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a collateral note dated September 24, 1921 for the payment of the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$5,500.00) Dollars on December 24, 1921 with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum after due, and payable to McDonald State Bank, North Platte, Nebraska, and made executed and delivered by H. L. Pennington, under and by virtue of said collateral note, capital stock certificates of The Leyoldt & Pennington Company of North Platte, Nebraska, in the total amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, represented by its certificates No. 8 for fifty (50) shares and No. 9 for fifty (50) shares, the par value of each share of which is One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, each certificate bearing date October 20, 1919, executed by the President and Secretary of said The Leyoldt & Pennington Company of North Platte, Nebraska, having been pledged as security for the payment of said note and actually delivered to said McDonald State Bank by said H. L. Pennington, and assigned by said H. L. Pennington in blank and now is the possession of said McDonald State Bank, North Platte, Nebraska, and default having been made in the payment of the amount due upon said note, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof therefore, said McDonald State Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, will sell the property in said collateral note described, viz: Capital Stock Certificate of The Leyoldt & Pennington Company of North Platte, Nebraska, represented by Certificate No. 8 for fifty (50) shares, and represented by Certificate No. 9 for fifty (50) shares, each of the par value of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, each certificate bearing date of October 20, 1919 executed by the President and Secretary of the said The Leyoldt & Pennington Company, North Platte, Nebraska, and issued to said H. L. Pennington at public auction at the banking house of McDonald State Bank, North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 28th day of February, 1922 at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1922.  
McDONALD STATE BANK.  
By W. H. McDonald, Its President.