

County Larger Than State.

Although the New England states are small, the average size of the counties is greater than in most of the middle, western and southern states. Worcester county, in Massachusetts, is an example of an eastern county that is at the same time large in area and very populous. It is larger than the adjoining state of Rhode Island.

New Form of Chromium.

Chromium prepared in the electric furnace by Moissan proved to be slightly soluble in molten copper. Further investigation has revealed a new form of chromium, which is crystalline, has a density of 7.1, is chemically active, and burns with a brilliant flame when heated alone in the air, being attacked at red heat even by nitrogen.

Not So.

"Queer," muttered Uncle Rooster, as he turned over the magazine's pages of advertisements in a vain search for the reading matter. "Ye'd think that all these here automatic plannin' playin' inventions would 'a' giv' our girls more time to help their mothers with the housework. Yet setch don't seem to be the case."

The Gullible Public.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "it 'pears to me like de public was composed of people hangin' round wantin' to be fooled. An' dars allus mo' or less competition among de smart men of de country 'bout who's gwinter hab de pleasure of tendin' to de job."—Washington Star.

Had Small Brain.

A healthy, regularly-formed brain of 24 ounces, scarcely half of the normal average, seems to have been the smallest ever recorded for an adult. It was recently found in Daniel Ryan, a New York coachman, who died suddenly at the age of 46.

Why He Never Spoke.

There was a man in our town, and he was wondrous wise; he never spoke unto his wife of his mother's cakes and pies. The secret of his wisdom—guess it if you can; but 'if you can't behold it—he was a bachelor man.

When He Takes Second Place.

Though his wife frequently may have tried to make him realize it, a man never realizes just what an incidental and insignificant thing he is until the baby comes to the house.—Syracuse Journal.

Passes Unnoticed.

A New Jersey man claims to have been bitten by dogs 3,000 times. After a life-time spent with New Jersey mosquitoes a little thing like a dog bite passes unnoticed.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Society in Kansas.

An Atchison woman wore a dress with a long train to a recent card party, and the rest of the guests spent two-thirds of their time in jumping over it.—Atchison Globe.

Unchivalrous Suggestion.

Women like to jest about there being no men in heaven, but they know well enough that if there were no men there it wouldn't be heaven for them.—Somerville Journal.

Will Find Cure for Leprosy.

It is estimated that there are some 3,000,000 lepers in the world, but the cure of leprosy is now regarded as being within measurable distance.

Certainly Something Wrong.

"Oh, mamma," exclaimed little Nettie one day, "there must be something the matter with the baby; he isn't crying!"

One Reason for Bachelorhood.

Occasionally a man remains in the bachelor class because he is skeptical as to the ability of a woman to support him.

To Dislodge Bone in Throat.

A raw egg swallowed at once after a fishbone has stuck in the throat will usually dislodge it.

Cure for Earache.

Take the heart of an onion and heat and insert in the ear and it will cure earache.

The Contented Man.

The man who is thoroughly contented is likely to be a bore or a tramp.

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NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Thicker cream, quicker butter.

Now is the time to separate the feeding from the breeding stock.

Careless methods lose many a farmer a competence.

Poor, musty hay or grain should never be fed to the horses.

Shelter in the pasture for the sheep. Essential to successful sheep raising.

Much depends upon the method of ripening the cream as to the quality of butter produced.

Use water, clean and cold, in working the butter. Worked dry you are almost sure to overwork.

The use of wide tires will prevent to large extent the rutting of the road.

Between four and one-half and five months is the right time to take the angora kids from the mothers.

Cement floors in the hog pen are good if covered with plenty of good bedding.

On the trip to town buy a little knick-knack for the children and don't forget the wife. A very little spent brings back the sunshine and the gladness.

A Cornell professor after tests, has found that milk can be produced for 65 cents per hundredweight and butter fat for 15 cents per pound where the herd is fairly good and the feeding and milking are carefully handled.

Connecticut has a wonderful cow as is shown by an advertisement in one of her country newspapers as follows: "Full-blooded cow for sale, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves."

Save the saplings of hard wood when clearing up land, as they come handy for handles to the various tools used on the farm. To make them is only a little work and you save money.

Spend a few days in the orchard this fall cleaning up the grounds and the trees. The most neglected spot on some farms is the orchard, and it is right there that the best profit might be realized if the right care was given the trees.

Give the chickens a good airy place to roost at night. For the growing stock all that is required until cold weather comes is a shelter from sun and rain. Have the shelter so constructed that you can move it about from place to place.

Lumpy jaw in cattle is of parasitic character and treatment is advisable only where the disease is local and superficial. The diseased masses are cleaned from their cavities and the places filled with iodized carbolic acid. It is a disease that man is susceptible to and great care must be exercised. In most cases it were better to destroy the animal.

"No," said a farmer with whom I talked the other day, "I never break my horses until they are four years of age. They always do better work than the horses of my neighbors that are broken earlier." What did he mean? His idea of breaking a colt was putting it to hard work, and when I suggested that the training of a colt should begin early in the first year he looked at me in amazement. I asked him if it was not a pretty tough job breaking the four-year-olds, and he admitted it was. The training of a colt does not mean that he must be worked. It simply means the educating of the animal to obey words of command, to submission to touch of harness and to follow the guidance of the reins. And how easy all this is while the colt is young and easy to handle. A horse broken in this way is more thoroughly broken than he ever can be where the task is left until he gets his growth and habits are formed. Who would think of leaving the education of a child go until it had attained its growth and was able to stand a man's work?

Get good and give good is a good rule.

When through using a tool, or machine, put it up.

A small farm well-kept is better than the big farm indifferently run.

More sheep well-handled will mean a more fertile farm and more money for you next year.

Know your cows and do not board through the winter the cows that do not pay their way.

The butter flavor can be improved by adding a tablespoonful of granulated sugar to ten pounds of butter.

It is a good plan to put finely cut hay with the grain to compel the horses to masticate their feed properly.

Make up for the scantiness of the pasturage at this time of year is made up with corn stalks or other succulent feed.

Make your farm a veritable gold mine by careful managing so that everything that is raised is turned into gold.

Spray the stables occasionally to drive out the flies. A good fly spray is a good disinfectant, and will purify the air of the stable.

Molting is hard on the poultry. Feed well at this time so that they may come through the period strong and ready for the winter laying season.

Sort the chickens at this time and dispose of all the superfluous ones. Don't winter over the old hens, except such of the trusty ones as you want to keep for setting next spring.

A poultry keeper of New Jersey has found a new use for the box kites. He flies them over his henneries and says they scare the hawks away. Worth trying.

It is the gentle, steady rainfall as well as the even-tempered man which does the most good. Violent thunderstorms and violent tempers do lots of damage.

Mange is a germ disease. Hogs thus afflicted should be washed clean and then dipped. Any dip sold by reliable firms for the purpose will do. More than one application may be necessary.

Keep a level head when the work is crowding. Think quick and do the most important thing first, then the next. Don't get rattled, but do one thing at a time.

Liquid manure is the most valuable part, often containing as much as 60 to 75 per cent. of fertility. Plenty of bedding will help to save it, if you have not a cistern into which the liquid manure is drained.

No two horses any more than two people require the same amount of feed to keep them in condition. You must study your animals and feed with judgment to secure the best results.

Do you know how to ground your fence wires to prevent lightning doing damage to stock? Simply thrust a length of heavy wire several feet into the ground down the side of occasional posts, and staple to the fence wires where they cross.

Boys should learn how to sharpen their own knives, hang up their caps, hunt up things that are lost, be faithful to a trust, brave in the face of danger, plucky when a pain or hurt would make them cry, helpful to everybody human, and kind to beast and bird.

It does not pay to let the cows get down in their milk because pasturage is short. If you want them to go through the winter with a good milk flow, keep them well fed, for it is almost impossible to bring the cow up to full flow when once shrinkage has taken place.

Tent caterpillars are becoming more numerous every year. There ought to be laws enacted in every state for their extermination. If every farmer would see to it that his own premises are kept free from them it would be the means of much benefit to fruit trees, young and old.

The worst thing you can do to the horse that refuses to pull is to beat him. Be kind to him, caress him, allay his excitement by speaking and stroking his neck, and leave the team alone for 10 or 15 minutes. Then urge them on again, turning the horses a little to the right and left, so as to get them in motion, before they feel the presence of the load behind them. Drive about 20 paces and stop again, before the balky horse stops on his own account. Then caress and start again.

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