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A Corn Meal Experiment.

"I have but one lamp by which to guide my feet," said Patrick Henry on a notable occasion, "and that is the lamp of experience." So many others could say besides the eloquent Virginian. Sometimes it is our own experience. Sometimes that of others, that height of folly to shut our eyes to the light because it is shed by some other luminary than our own feeble rush-

It is an unsettled question, for example, among a large number of farmers, whether it pays or not to mix grain feed to dairy cows with wet cut fodder. But it is unsettled because they are careless and indifferent, or unwilling to listen to the teachings of experience. Here is the difficulty with many farmers-the reason why they are not more progressive and successful. They hobble along in the old ways" and refuse to let the "lamp of experience" shed its clear rays over their pathway to light them on to better and more profitable methods.

Here is a case in point. A writer for the Country Gentleman relates that more than twenty years ago he tried a simple experiment to deter-mine the effect of feeding finely ground corn meal to cows, separate from the hay. In order to make the trial a thorough one, he took ten cows, and fed them for thirty days with four quarts of corn meal dry, in one feed at evening, following with closer hay, and began to note the results. After feeding for three days, he found that some of the yellow corn meal passed into the droppings, so as to be plainly visible to the naked eye. At intervals during the thirty days portions of the droppings were examined under a microscope, and it was found that particles of meal were distributed through them. The hay fed was the best clover, and the milk was carefuly weighed daily, and the butter product noted.

At the end of the thirty days he began to mix the four quarts of meal with a bushel of cut and moistened clover hay, and continued this for thirty days also. After the third day no meal could be discovered with a magnificant in the drappings the size magnifier in the droppings, showing that perfect assimilation of the food was taking place. And gradually the milk and butter, especially the latter, increased, so that at the end of the second thirty days, on comparing the results in butter, the increase was found to be a little over 16 per cent.

This is one of many similar experinces which have been made known to the general public through the press and otherwise, and yet there are farmers who declare that it makes no difference, practically, whether the meal is fed dry or moist, mixed with wet hay. The assertion is probably due to ignorance; but here, at least, it is untrue that "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.'

The Science of Dairy Breeding.

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Prof. Nathrost, of Sweden, is occupied with the question how to augment the richness of the milk, without diminishing the quantity. He totally objects to crossing breeds of milch cows to effect that end. He has tried the union of the Jerseys and the Datch of Friesian races, but the result was illusory. Next he studied the question of alimentation, and natirally noted that rich rations tended to rich milk, but they did not at all increase the secretion in the case of cows yielding rich milk. Ultimately he decided to analyze the percentage of fat in the milk yield by each cow of Dutch breed. He found much varia-tion under this head. But he selected the best butter animals, and, breeding from them, has now a most satisfactory shed of dairy stock. There is nothing new in the principle; patience, time and careful attention will develop and increase good points, perhaps, in very animal.

Poultry Points.

Darting about hither and thither hrough the short grass we saw 1,700 young chickens. Just think of that! The little things are mostly hatched in incubators, just enough hens being used as sitters so as to provide a natural "brooder" for each flock of twenty-five to fifty chicks. This for the late spring season. Earlier in the season Mr. Thompson uses artificial brooders, with which he has only fair success, owing to the fact that there s not yet a good natural, common sense brooder on the market. He has five incubators of 500 eggs capacity each, which is ample for the most extensive poultry concern, and he finds in appearance, but there is alt gether no difficulty in hatching hundreds too much uncertainty about the and thousands of chickens.

But, live everybody else, he experiences a deal of trouble in raising the birds to a marketable age, which fact leads us to the conclusion that what the poultry fraternity needs now is a first-class brooder, made on both spinitific and control of the spinitific and control of scientific and common sense princi-ples, and we have reason to believe that one will be produced at an early date. Mr. Thompson's yards for lay-ing stock consist of about two acres each with very large and commodious hen-houses. A part of each yard is sown to oats for green food—a most excellent idea. The laying stock are simply ordinary barnyard fowls, as well as the young chicks, for the pur-pose is to raise for the city market, not the fancy trade.—Tennessee Far-mer.

Medical Uses of Eggs.

For burns and scalds there is nothing more soothing than the white of an egg, which may be poured over the wound. It is softer as a varnish for a burn than collodion, and being always on hand can be applied immediately. It is also more cooling than the "sweet oil and cotton" which was formerly supposed to be the surest application to allay the smarting pain. It is the contact with the air which gives the extreme discomfort experienced from ordinary accidents of this kind; and anything which excludes air and prevents inflammation is the thing at once to be applied. The egg is also considered one of the very best remedies for dysentery. Beaten up lightly, with or without sugar, and swallowing in a gulp, it te ds, by its emollient qualities, to lessen the inflammation of the stomach and intestines, and by forming a transient coating on these organs to enable nature to assume her healthful sway over the diseased body. Two, or at the most three, eggs per day would be all that would be required in ordinary cases; since the egg is not merely a medicine, but food as well, the lighter the diet otherwise, and the quieter the patient is kept, the more c-rtain and rapid is the recovery.-Stockman and Farmer.

Sheep and Weeds.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune in speaking of the condition of affairs in a certain county 25 years ago, when its butter was the fashior. and it maintained 400,000 sheep aptly describes one cause for the existence of so many noxious weeds. He says: "But the dogs and other discouragements have decimated the sheep about nine times. The pastures and meadows have become dotted with whit; and yellow daisies, rag weeds, golden rod, plantain, yarrow and other bitter weeds, the consump-tion of which by cows gives the butter a bitter taste. The sleep formerly consumed the weeds and kept up the fertility of the soil; now as fertility goes out weeds come in, and the farmers are left in bad condition. As much of the land is rough and not arable, the only suggested remedy is to restore the flocks and keep the weeds from seeding by cutting them with scythes until the sheep can re-gain the mastery."

Plowing With Balky Horses.

It has fallen to my lot to handle several troublesome horses. For a horse that rears and plunges or one that lets go on the bit, turns half round and starts right against the other horse, I know of no treatment so effectual as to buckle a strap with a ring in it around the outside front foot just below the fetlock. To this ring attach a strong rope or strap. Pass this through the hame ring and back to the driver. On the first indication of trouble take his foot away and hold it until you have his com-plete attention. In the meantime keep him moving on three legs. Watch his temper. When he forgets his de-termination to balk let him have hi foot. Caress and speak kindly to him. Very seldom is a whip required.—Cor-respondent National Stockman.

Some Pointers.

Sheep will thrive better with a variety of feed in the pasture as well as when on dry feed, and a pasture seeded with a variety of grasses will give the best results.

There is no remedy against sheep killing dogs as safe as that of penning the sheep close to the house every night. It may be some trouble, but in many localities it will prove good

The great value of a pure bred sire is found in his ability to transmit the characteristics of his breed to his offspring. This ability is to be found only in breeds that have long been established and as a general rule the longer any breed has been bred for any special purpose the more certainly will a pure bred sire of that breed transmit those qualities to his off-

Ohio annually produces 54,000,000 pounds of butter, only 7,000,000 of which are made in creameries. Many of the creameries still use the old cream-gathering plan. If the separator system can do in Ohio what it has done elsewhere, it is safe to say that the same amount of milk now used for butter making would yield over 65,000,000 pounds.

The margin of profits in all kinds of stock raising is not large enough to make it profitable to produce scrut anima's on the average farm. When there is profit in thus raising scrubs there is a much greater profit in raising grades. To raise grades, however, a pure bred sire is essential. A grand sire is often the equal of the pur bred too much uncertainty about the

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On this subject the Phrenological Journal takes the position that the acts of bees are governed by intelligent thought. To prove this, it cites the fact that bees gather honey only in climates that are subject to wintry weather. If our bees are taken to Australia. where the summers are perennial. they learn in a few years to store no honey, gathering it only as they need it to sustain life. The only way the Australian can get honey is to import queens from old countries every few years, they not having learned that the storing up of honey is necessary. - Exchange.

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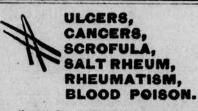
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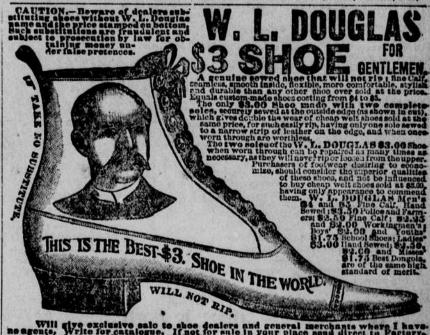
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