

### More About the Cow.

German experimenters claim that cows calving in December give over 25 per cent more milk than those freshening in May or June.

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—Ayer's.

Captain David P. Thomas, who last just died at his home in New Haven Conn., was widely known by the older newspaper men of the country through the fact that he was for many years, P. T. Barnum's press agent. He was once city editor of the New Haven Courier.

He: "You're worth sixteen of any other of the girls I know." She: That's the same old compliment. You mean dear, that I'm worth my weight in gold."—Detroit Free Press.

### Geese that Made an Soups.

"While I was on a hunting trip last month at Inman, Kan., I saw a sight which few sportsmen have ever seen," said Cook Herman. "One night just as it was growing dusk, our party was hunting on a lake where we had been having good success with duck. Suddenly the sky seemed to be clouded over so that we thought a storm was coming up, but on looking to see what was the cause of the sudden darkness we discovered that immediately over us was a flight of wild geese which literally covered the sky for as far as the eye could reach. I do not believe I would be exaggerating if I was to say the geese in that flight were numbered by the thousand. For half an hour we watched them flying by, forming all sorts of picturesque groups like nuns in the sky, shifting rapidly from one combination to another. They were flying just high enough to be out of gunshot reach, but I managed to kill one tired straggler, which had fallen behind one of the big bunches and ventured where he could be reached by a long shot. It was a sight which I shall never forget and I am still regretting that we could not have got a crack at them."—Kansas City Journal.

### Red and Blue Cats.

The most remarkable thing at the recent cat show in London, where 700 tabbies were in exhibition, was the number of superb red tabbies, together with a fine assortment of pure blacks, smoke-colored cats, and cats with that peculiar tone of glossy coat known as cat blue. The efforts of the English cat-breeders this past year have been blue and black cats. In the opinion of many experts a black cat without any markings whatever of white is the most perfect variety that is known, and it is proof of the appreciation of this that certain disheveled people pluck the white hairs out of a cat one by one. It has been noticed that the classes that are open to workmen in this national exhibition are particularly strong in fine black cats. Blue-eyed, white-coated cats are getting to be highly valued in England now, and one of these bore off the other day a substantial money prize that was offered by Louis Wain, the great cat artist. Another prizewinner of the show was a brown tabby tom, Champion Xenophon, which its owner values at \$5,000.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### A Marvelous Quilt.

Mrs. Joshua Biles, of Southington, Conn., has been working on a bedquilt at odd times since 1892, which is a wonder in its way and deserves special notice. The material is twilled cotton, and is made in forty-one squares, seven squares each way, but the inner square takes up space of nine of the ordinary ones. On this is inscribed, in blue stitching, which is readily deciphered, the names of all the soldiers that went to the civil war from Southington, together with a picture of the soldiers' monument. On the other squares are the pictures of places and persons of local note, such as the pastors of the churches, the postmasters of the three villages, the assessors, the contractors and builders, merchants, etc., the names of the various manufacturing firms, with the list of officers, pictures of various historic buildings and names of secret societies represented in the town in 1862. Mrs. Biles has been unceasing in her efforts to finish this remarkable work, and it is now stretched upon a frame.

### England's Most Wicked Woman.

A woman who made her 103rd appearance at Newmarket, England, police court, was sentenced recently by the magistrate to one month's imprisonment for drunken conduct.

### Strength of Horses.

The strength of two horses equals that of fifteen men.

### A Parisian Inventor is Combining a Watch with a Toy Phonograph.

On touching a spring in the night, the watch whispers the time in your ear and suggests that if the furnace fire isn't out it is heaven's mercy.

## THE FARM AND HOME

### MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

#### The Broom Corn Crop and How to Care for It—Suggestion for Farm Schools—How the Times Are Made Worse—Farm Notes.

#### Caring for Broom Corn.

The broom corn crop is of vast importance and it is quite proper to give some consideration as to how the crop may be best cared for, says a writer. Quality and condition control the value of broom corn as well as other commodities, and best condition can be especially obtained by following certain rules and methods in caring for the crop. Cutting should be done before the corn is bleached out, as color is essential, and when green the brush possesses advantages both in attractiveness and for working. When corn should be, as soon as possible, hauled under cover, and have the seeds removed by running through the scraper. This done, it should be placed on shelves so arranged as to admit of a free circulation of air. In about ten days, if the weather is dry and all conditions are favorable, the corn will be ready to bale. It should be thoroughly examined, however, to see that it is dry and cured. After the broom corn is thoroughly dry the next step is to bale and this operation should receive great care and attention. There are too many shaky and lopsided bales received annually and it bothers those who handle them to keep them from falling apart. It being of great importance to keep the ends of the bales square and smooth, the brush should be handed to the packer in small lots, the butts of which, having been evened by striking down upon a table or other smooth surface, and the one who places the brush in the box of the press should take care to keep the butts up close against the ends of the box and the brush properly lapped in the interior. Use No. 9 fence wire, five to the bale, and it is not a bad idea to have a tighter wire to tie at each corner, and press sufficiently to have a good, compact, tight bale which will endure the long journey and the handling. No matter how carefully and successfully every step in the production of the brush has been performed, the profit of the crop will depend, other things equal, upon proper baling. Great care and attention should be given to having the seeds removed, there being too much fraud practiced by baling up trash, seeds and crooked corn in the bales with straight brush. Bale the crooked by itself.—Prairie Farmer.

#### A Suggestion for Farm Schools.

The agricultural college is undoubtedly the best place for a young man to learn the science of farming, but there are some who will not attend because they think that the college is not practical enough. Would it be practicable for large farmers to establish farm schools in connection with their farms? They could employ young men who do not wish to attend an agricultural college, but who wish to learn the best farm methods, have them work eight or ten hours a day, the evenings to be employed in reading, studying and attending lectures, the farmer to question and instruct them in their studies; also to give occasional lectures, supplemented by lectures by other capable men. The young men, by having the advantage of such instruction, could afford to work for less than ordinary wages; they could thus get a very good education, while otherwise the evenings would be spent in idleness. The farmer would be benefited, too, because he would get a good class of help and could afford to spend some time in instructing them because he would not have to pay so high wages.—Exchange.

#### Makes the Times Worse.

It is a fact without doubt that too much talk about hard times helps to make them worse. A farmer who is an occasional caller at the Rural North-west, but never complains of hard times, was asked the other day why it was that he never had anything to say on the subject. His reply was that it could not do any good to complain about the hard times, and if everybody would keep a "stiff upper lip" and say nothing about the matter times would not seem half so hard and pretty soon they would not be so hard. The complainants' talk of hard times has a great effect in preventing people from engaging in new enterprises and prevents many people from spending money who could well afford to do so.—Rural Northwest.

#### Bottled Grape Juice.

Pick the grapes from the stems and wash them. Strain the juice into a kettle, boil it, remove the scum, strain it into bottles and seal it as you would canned fruit. The bottle may be tightly corked and sealing-wax put on above the cork. If only a small quantity of juice is to be used at one time, small bottles will be more convenient than larger ones. But it will keep sweet several days after being opened in ordinary weather. Lay the bottles on their sides in a cool, dark place. It will do no harm to strain the wine when the bottles are opened. Don't use sugar; it is unnecessary, and there is some danger of making grape jelly instead of wine. Thus made it will keep for years.

Another way is to pick and wash the grapes; add sufficient water to start them in cooking, boil until the pulp is tender, and strain as for jelly; add a small amount of sugar, sufficient to make it palatable; bring to a boil and can in glass.—The Horticulturist.

#### Making Tile Porous.

In city sewers there is obvious advantage in having the outside of the pipe glazed, and having the pipes closely fitted, so that no water from outside can come in at the joints. But for farm drainage the more porous tile is the better. The burned clay out of reach of frost, and coming in contact only with pure water, is practically indestructible. The more porous the tile is the more easily will drainage water leach through. Laid with porous tile, the pipes may be closely fitted, and yet effectively drain the land around them. The porosity of tile is easily increased by mixing sand with clay before the latter is burned. The heat required to harden the clay sufficiently for use burns out the particles of sand, leaving a vacant space, and making the tile much lighter, while being even better for use than that of solid clay. In making brick especially for use in buildings the clay should be as little porous as possible. Brick buildings need painting every year or two to prevent the bricks from cracking, as they will when a sudden freeze occurs after a storm beating against them has filled their surfaces full of water.

#### Grapes for Winter Use.

Grapes need to be ripened wholly on the vine. They will not, like pears and apples, ripen in the cellar. The really ripe grapes will endure several degrees of frost. If this occurs early, so as to warrant some warm weather after it, some grape growers leave the grapes on the vines for some time after most of the leaves have been frosted. The grapes will ripen thus, but very slowly. It is a risky business, for a heavy frost sometimes comes and spoils those grapes left to ripen late.

#### Olids and Ends.

When an artery is severed compress above the spurting surface. Blood from the arteries enters the extremities. If a vein is severed compress below the spurting surface. Blood in veins returns to the heart.

To freshen tan-colored shoes, dissolve a tablespoonful of salt in a little warm water and add to a pint of cold water, in which an ounce of salts of lemon has been dissolved. Wash the shoes with this, and then thoroughly dry, polish with soft flannel or a bit of silk.

Move your pot plants into winter quarters. Clean the pots, trim away rank growth, decayed leaves and keep everything about the plants scrupulously clean to prevent decay. See that windows near the flowers close tight, as draughts are death to flowers.

The drain pipe should be disinfected at least once a week in warm weather. Dissolve a nickel's worth of copperas in half a pailful of water, and gradually pour it down the pipe. An iron sink may be kept from rusting by applying with a brush a quarter of a pound of asphaltum in spirits of turpentine.

If the bottom crust of fruit pies is glazed with the white of an egg it will not be soft and soggy. The top of meat and all kinds of raised pies should be glazed. Beat the yolk of an egg for a short time and add one spoonful of milk. When the pie is two-thirds done remove from the oven, brush with the glaze, return to the oven and finish baking.

#### Farm Notes.

Michigan has a new turnip disease. It dries up the leaf. It is a fungus, which accompanies wet, muggy weather. The remedy, or preventive, is to burn all the affected tops.

When salt is kept where the cows can help themselves there is no danger of their eating too much. It is only when it is kept from them for some time that there is any risk of their doing so.

Peach trees can be cut back very low, which makes them stocky, but such trees when two or three years old are not as easily cultivated as trees that are higher. The low trees stand heavy winds better, however, and shade the ground around the trunks from the sun.

Where it is desirable to keep the dirt in place on any situation where the dirt may become loosened and fall away, it has been suggested by one who has tested them to use the Japanese honey-suckle or Virginia creeper, as the vines root as they grow, forming dense thickets of growth and take the place of sodding.

Ticks not only keep sheep poor, but enfeeble them. Experience has shown that late dipping of sheep in the fall, which destroys ticks, not only improves the condition of the flock, but the gain in growth of fleece is very marked. When free of ticks sheep will not only be more contented, but also escape disease to a great extent.

The roads would be much better if wide tires were used on all wagons, as they do not cut up the roads, but rather serve to pack the gravel. The State of Pennsylvania has a law exempting from certain taxes those who use wide tires, and as metal wheels are largely coming into use it is probable that in the future nearly all wagons will have wide tires.

#### Josh Billings' Philosophy.

Silence is allwise safe, and is frequently the smartest thing we can say. I think we reach more conclusions by guessing than we do by reasoning.

Buty and brains are seldom found together; this is too much to expect.

Most of the lies that are told, are told from habit rather than a malicious design.

Centre shots are what tells; one bullet in the bull's eye is worth ten that just miss it.

#### The Witness Remembered.

Joseph H. Choate is an expert in handling two-edged-sword repartee. His skill is such that he seldom meets one who is able to hold his own with him.

He met his match not long ago while trying a case before the Surrogate. An old woman was being questioned by him about how the testator had looked when he made a remark to her about some relatives.

"Now, how can I remember. He's been dead two years," she replied, testily.

"Is your memory so poor that you can't remember two years back?" continued Choate.

The old woman was silent, and Choate asked: "Did he look, when he spoke, anything like me?"

"Seems to me he did have the same sort of a vacant look," snapped the witness, with fire in her eyes.

The court room was convulsed, and Choate had no further questions.—Green Bag.

#### A Soldier's Kit.

Every British soldier on joining the army is given a free kit, composed of such necessities as a knife, fork and spoon, brushes, towels, shirts, socks, etc., and also a great coat, cape and head-dress, according to the particular branch of the service he may join, but the issue of the clothing depends on the special costume worn by the corps to which the man belongs.

#### The Knife.

The use of the knife is very ancient, and the first that we know of were of hard stone. Herodotus tells us that the knives used by the Egyptian surgeons were likewise of stone. Yet the use of the knife among us as a table utensil does not date back to a very ancient epoch.

#### Comfort to California.

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Bobbie: "Papa, do green apples always give a boy pain?" Bingo: "I believe so. Why? 'I was wondering if this was going to be an exception to the rule.'"—Brooklyn Life.

Mrs. Fawcett presided at a woman's suffrage conference, held in Birmingham, England. The women advocated that both parties should work only for parliamentary candidates who are in favor of extending the franchise to women.

If you want to give a man a Christmas present that will please him give him the right to act as he pleases about the holiday. Nine men out of ten are blackmailed into buying Christmas presents, in one way or another.

#### Hale and Hearty

Is the condition in which every human being was undoubtedly intended to be, and whenever this not the case there must be something wrong. Probably in a majority of cases the trouble is in the blood, which has become impoverished or impure by reason of hereditary scrofula taints or from some other cause. In case there is scrofula in the blood there will frequently be eruptions of the skin, though sometimes the disease assumes a different form. In fact, a very large proportion of diseases are caused by this inherited taint. That the cause is in the blood is proved by the fact that ser fula, salt rheum, rheumatism, catarrh, and other like diseases are most readily cured by purifying the blood. No medicine has such a record of cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla, and yet Hood's Sarsaparilla is always advertised as a blood purifier. The way to keep hale and hearty is to keep the blood pure, and if it is not in a condition of purity and vitality there is no better remedy that can be used than this same great blood purifier and strength builder, Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Formerly when a bore came into your place of business he asked twenty-five cents at least, and usually fifty cents for a "chance." The price has lately been reduced to ten cents. There is something to be grateful for after all. Now let the man with ball tickets reduce his price; one dollar is too much. That was the price during the war.

The use of Hall's Hair Renewer promotes the growth of the hair, and restores its natural color and beauty, frees the scalp of dandruff, tetter, and all impurities.

Melton Prior, the famous English war artist, has been through fourteen campaigns, and has been wounded eight times. Three times his name has appeared in the lists of the killed in battle. His duties have taken him all over the world, and he has attended almost every important royal wedding of the last twenty-five years.

Miss Vivian Sartore, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartore, is an extremely attractive young girl, who will be one of Washington's most popular young debutantes this winter. She has been educated abroad.

She: "And now, Charley, I suppose tomorrow you will have to speak to papa about our engagement." He: "Yes, dear, I suppose I must." (After a pause.) Has your father got a telephone?—Somerville Journal.

"Did you come out well on your examinations?" Didn't I, though! All the professors wanted me for a son-in-law right away!"—Fliegende Blätter.

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