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Running a Farm.

When I was young at farming, I'd watch the turnip tops, And quickly go to tending. For good, big, roasting crops, I wished for mammoth pumpkins. All others to outweigh; In short, I took to nothing. But wishing all the day.

A voice sweet and soothing In every wish would lurk. Till dreaming speculation Seemed surer than hard work. I wished my cellar full of Potatoes with a will; I wished the granary groaning With corn to go to mill.

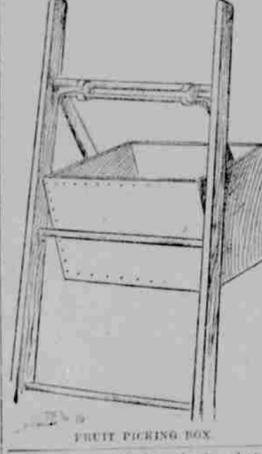
While other farmers wished for A good supply of rain, I thought it as sound logic To wish for fruit and grain. And so I went on wishing, Contented with my lot, In autumn no potatoes Were boiling in my pot.

I tell you I'd discovered That wishing only breeds Keen disappointment, wishing Won't pull up choking weeds; I won't see corn in summer, Or husk it in the fall; I tell you, boys, that wishing Won't run a farm at all.

That winter my potatoes I had to go and buy Right from my smiling neighbors, Who had a good supply. They'd stir my nose with elbows, And tempt me with a laugh. That labor's wheat that's golden, And speculation chaff.

I learned this goodly lesson— And in my heart it seems— One day of honest labor Is worth ten years of dreams. And now in jolly wishing, My duty never I shirk; But just roll up my shirt sleeves, And like a bear work.

A Fruit Pickers' Box.
A contributor to the New York Tribune offers the following suggestions: The ordinary basket is not a convenient receptacle into which to pick fruit from a ladder. Too little of the opening is presented between the rounds, owing to the round form of the basket's top. The round form also keeps the basket from being stable, as it is constantly swinging about on the one hook sup-



porting it. A fruit-gathering box is shown in the cut which obviates both these defects. Its handle is made from a flat hoop soaked in water and bent into the proper shape. This handle can be supported by two hooks, keeping the box very firm. With a box the full opening from one side to the other is afforded for putting in fruit. If the box is carefully lined with a double thickness of burlap there will be less likelihood of bruising the fruit, in the smallest degree.

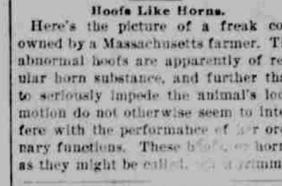
Barreling Apples and Pears.
In barreling apples it is quite safe to pile the apples as much as two inches above where the head will fit in the chute. If pressed down evenly there is elasticity enough in the apple skin to allow such compression without bruising it. If the apples are not thus pressed down they will shrink so as to be loose in the barrel, and will thus bruise in handling the barrels worse than they would if pressed down. Pears cannot be thus pressed down. They are best packed with a paper around each, which will keep it from touching its neighbor.

Fall Plowing to Kill Insects.
One of the benefits of fall plowing that more than compensates its disadvantage is wasting the surface soil by blowing and washing, is that it destroys millions of destructive insects. In orchards especially, many of the larvae that are injurious are hidden under leaves or stones, where they will be partly protected from wet, and will there endure any amount of dry freezing without injury. But turning the soil over to the depth of five or six inches disturbs these insect arrangements. Moisture means that the larvae must begin to prepare for emerging

from its cocoon, or if already an insect it may be tempted to move to escape it. Any such movement before there is settled warm weather is death to it.

Cutting Corn.
Corn fodder, if secured when it is in its best condition, is almost as good as hay for cattle and sheep, and for in fact cows there is no other feed that I have ever tested equal to it. Just as soon as the corn is well in the dough it is ripe enough to cut. Some farmers let their corn stand till the stalks get dead ripe before cutting. Corn thus cured for may be a little heavier after it is hauled, but the waste in fodder more than compensates the extra grain in weight of corn. The average day laborer will, if cutting by the shock, cut seventy shocks containing sixty-four hills in each shock, per day. An expert worker will, in medium corn, cut from 100 to 125 shocks in the same length of time, and of equal size. Twisted rye straw or marsh hay is good to use, although the best thing that is being used is a No. 9 wire, cut about 3 1/2 feet long, with a hook bent on each end, so that they can be quickly fastened or unfastened. These wire bands can be saved and used year after year.

Hoofs Like Horns.
Here's the picture of a freak cow owned by a Massachusetts farmer. The abnormal hoofs are apparently of regular horn substance, and further than to seriously impede the animal's locomotion do not otherwise seem to interfere with the performance of her ordinary functions. These hoofs, or horns, as they might be called, are a trimmed



COW WITH ABNORMAL HOOFS.

off so as to grow again to the size and shape shown in the illustration.

Fall Seeding of Corn Ground.
A crop of corn may be succeeded the following year with grass for pasturing or hay if the land is fitted right. A light plowing, or rather cultivating so as to pull down the corn stubs, and then following them with the roller to press them into the surface will be all that is needed. Then run over the levelled surface with the smoothing harrow, which will roughen it and sow the seed. If a permanent pasture is desired sow some June grass seeds with the timothy, and in the spring sow some clover seed. All will grow, and the first year each will help the other, as the more grass or clover growth can be got on the land the earlier it will dry out when spring comes. Most attempts to seed without grain fail because not enough seed is sown.

Threshing Buckwheat.
Owing to the great amount of sap its thick stalk contains, buckwheat cannot be piled up in sacks or put in mows. We have known it to be threshed by machine, but it took so much power to thresh the buckwheat by threshing machine that the experiment was not profitable. It is extremely easy with a little beating of the head to dislodge every grain of buckwheat. But when stalks and all are put in it has to be done very slowly, else the green buckwheat stalks would clog the cylinders and stop the machine. It takes much more coal to thresh buckwheat with a steam thrasher than it does to thresh grain whose straw is dry.—American Cultivator.

Stabling and Blanketing Horses.
Horses that are exposed to rains should be blanketed while out of doors, and the blanket, or rather a dry one, should cover the horse after he is under shelter. Under the blanket the heat gathers from the internal heat of the body, and as there is thus a double protection between the skin and the outer air the skin does not chill. Carefulness in blanketing a horse lasts all seasons more to do with his condition than feeding grain. If a cold is developed in the early winter it is extremely likely to last until spring, and may then develop into much worse disease than an ordinary cold.

Poultry Notes.
Filthy quarters produce sickness, and sick hens will not produce eggs. Cut out the poor layers and give the prolific hens more room to work. After the second year the hen's value as a winter egg-producer lessens. Green rye is the best form for feeding; as a grain it is a poor poultry food. Make the hens work. Exercise helps digestion. Feed all they will eat up clean. Keep the fowls indoors while there is snow on the ground or the air cold and raw. When the weather is cold send the morning mash and feed while in a warm state. Hens and pullets may lay as well without the attention of a male bird, as with it. Corn should not be fed exclusively. It should be only a night feed in very cold weather. Ten cents a pound is about the average price for hens in market for the whole year. Boiled buckwheat fed once or twice a week to the hens makes a good alternate food for egg-production. Ten cents should feed a chick, and it should then weigh ten pounds, if highly fed, 10 cents covering the greatest abundance of food. Stiff hats cover a multitude of soft brains.

GOLD IN THE PHILIPPINES.
Greater Yields Than in Alaska and South Africa Combined.

Concerning the promise of extensive gold fields in the Philippines, where it is already known that gold exists, an exchange says the islands are a greater Klondike than Alaska, and even greater than Alaska and South Africa, could these two be combined as one country. The Philippine islands are rich in gold, rich in rubies and precious stones, and well supplied with coal and all useful minerals.

We have so associated the getting of gold with hardships that it is difficult to believe that any country exists in which gold can be mined without serious privation. In Alaska there is loss of life, and each nugget that is brought stands for just so much suffering. But in the Philippines it is always pleasant, and, in spite of the heat of the summer, a man can live there the year round and enjoy himself.

So attractive have the Philippine islands been to sailors that for years captains of sailing vessels and steamships have guarded against desertion when at the Philippines. Sailors would willingly buy their freedom and leave the ship, if only they might be allowed to remain in this beautiful and rich country. Their experienced eyes can see the gold even in the sand, and they hear, as soon as they touch the shore, many stories of the minerals that have been brought from the interior. Every planter coming with his cargo to the vessels brings colored stones in his pockets, which were either precious or semi-precious stones. Rubies were plentiful among the precious stones, and hyacinths among the semi-precious stones. Either of these were valuable enough to make it worth while to collect them.

Almost every kind of mining can be done in these charming islands. The mountains in the center give rise to many streams, which flow down almost to the coast. These frequently bring down heavy nuggets, showing that there is a fine chance up above for hydraulic mining. Gold can be panned on the level along the shores of the streams, and there are few places where the sand does not pan the color of gold. In fact, the very ground has a reddish tinge, and there are traces which plainly show color.

An Impromptu Recommendation.
"Pardon me, madam," said a rather threadbare but neatly dressed young man, as an elderly lady in deep mourning stepped from the side door of her house, followed by her daughter, a young lady, "but I understand your coachman has left, and I want to ask if I can have the place?"

"Have you references?" asked the elderly lady.
"No, madam, I haven't," he replied, politely but bluntly, "I don't live here, and when I came away from home I didn't think to bring any with me."
"I couldn't possibly take you, then," said the lady. But with respectful apology for pressing his suit, the young man repeated his wish to fill the vacancy.

For a moment the two ladies stepped aside to converse over the matter. The young man was standing a few feet from them across the walk when a ragged little girl came running near to him, and searching the sidewalk closely said in syncopated sobs, "I've lost my money!"
"Why, that's too bad," said the young man, "how much was it?"
"Five cents! It's all I had," said the tearful orphan.

Then the young man began to help her look for the lost coin.
"Oh, here it is!" said he, taking a nickel out of his own pocket, and pretending to pick it up. "Here's your money!"
The child ran away delighted. The elderly lady saw the little act. "Come to-morrow," said she; "I think I can trust you."—Detroit Free Press.

A Pretty Pickle.
There is sometimes good luck coming out of apparent misfortune. As an illustration, there is the story of a fire occurring in a gentleman's country house in Maine. There had been a prolonged drought, the well was dry at the time, and there was no other water within a half mile. The woman of the house discovered the fire burning on the roof, and help was as scarce as water. She began wringing her hands and saying over and over to herself: "Here's a pretty pickle! a pretty pickle!" The word "pickle" unconsciously repeated itself, and then, like a flash, came the recollection of a barrel full of pork pickle in the cellar, saved for boiling over. She darted down the cellarway, and soon began deluging the roof with brine. Every one who has tried knows that salt water is an excellent fire extinguisher, and in this case it worked like a charm. Before the supply of "pickle" was exhausted she had the fire out and the home was saved. She never will get over the thought that uttering the word "pickle" turned disaster into relief.

Russian Fortune Telling.
Russian girls try to ascertain their prospects of matrimony in the following manner: A number of them take off their rings and conceal them in a basket of corn. A hen is then brought in and invited to partake of the corn. The owner of the first ring uncovered will be the first to be married.

Curious Work for Men.
Among the Rifian pirates of Morocco the women do all the agricultural and other hard work, while the men, when at home, do the cooking and mend the clothes, including the women's.

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The evil that men do oftentimes lives after they have been defeated for office.

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Ice Flows for the Neva.
Admiral Makroff of the Russian navy has invented a species of ice plow capable of breaking through ice from twelve to even twenty inches thick. The experiments have proved so satisfactory that the government has given order for the immediate construction of two vessels of 10,000 horse power each, armed with these plows by means of which it is expected to keep not only the River Neva, but also the various Muscovite ports open to navigation throughout the winter. The majority of Russia's ports and naval arsenals are ice bound during more than four months of the year.

It is not often we have the opportunity for being at once fashionably and expensively attired. But just now the demand is for veiling of "sewing silk" tissue. Clifton, once so modish, is no longer in request. A sewing silk veil is about the cheapest form of these tissues singularly inexpensive. It may be blue, green, black, brown, white or pearl gray but it is "sewing silk" veiling that is now being asked for over counters. Any woman who has any good hearing may assure herself of the fact by listening to the demands of fair purchasers at the veil counter.

She Will Be Rich.
There is considerable comment concerning Christina Linka, a servant in the house of a Vienna merchant, who has come into possession of a large fortune, inherited from her father, a usurer who was several times arrested and put into prison. The girl was brought up in the greatest poverty and was entirely ignorant of the great wealth hidden in her father's house and found after his death.

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