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The Care of Breeding Ewes.
 We take it for granted that every farmer knows enough to furnish his sheep with proper shelter. If he will only keep them out of the rain and out of blizzards, they will go through in nice shape, says Wallace's Farmer. They suffer less from cold than any other animal, and more from wet and mud. The ewes are most likely to get out of proper condition by being improperly fed. Most farmers think timothy hay is the best, because it commands the highest price in the market. It is not the best for sheep; in fact, very nearly the worst, for the reason that it is constipating in its character and the breeding ewe must be kept from becoming constipated. Corn fodder is better, but only because it is loosening in its character. It does not have the proper elements for the proper development of the young lamb. In short, it is too carbonaceous to furnish the proper amount of muscle. Corn is too heating, and most farmers give their ewes too much of it, to the injury both of the ewe and the wool. The forage above all things to be desired is good clover or alfalfa hay, and if the farmer has plenty of this his ewes will require comparatively little grain. He can feed corn somewhat liberally in cold weather, provided he has the hay to feed with it, and bring the flock up to the critical period of lambing in fine condition. When he feeds corn fodder, the ground being dry, he can very well afford to feed it some distance from the sheds, and thus compel the ewes to take exercise. Plenty of water should always be on hand, with salt, and if these conditions are observed and the ewes not allowed to run through narrow gates so as to endanger abortion, there is no reason why he should not have from 100 to 125 per cent of lambs, and with this per cent he cannot fail to make money. He should have a lamb which at a year old is worth \$4 and at least \$1 worth of wool. He should keep three ewes to the acre, and this will afford him a better profit than he is likely to get from any other department of the farm and with less trouble.

For Eggs or Feather.
 At a recent convention attended by the writer the question of eggs versus feathers came up. One man gave his experience in breeding Barred Plymouth Rocks. He declared that his finest feathered birds were not doing the amount of laying that birds did that belonged to the same breed but were off feather. Others cited similar cases. He asked if it would be advisable to use these "off birds" for breeding, or whether the standard feathered birds only should be used. It appears to us that it will depend on the purpose for which he wishes to use the birds. If a man is producing eggs for the market, and has no other object in view it would pay him best to breed entirely from the best layers, independent of whether they had some off-markings or not. It is a little singular that the best marked birds should be poor layers. But this may be due to the fact that the off-marked birds were lighter in weight, possibly due to the fact they had not developed the flesh-forming habit enough to make them conform to the standard.

Currants.—Any rich clay loam is good for this fruit, and while the currant will flourish in a rather moist location, yet ground that is naturally dry or properly underdrained will prove best for a term of years, says Colman's Rural World. If well cared for the bushes should produce average crops for fifteen years or more. Set the plants in rows not less than six feet apart each way, so that all cultivation may be done with a horse. Make holes for plants that are two years old at least two feet in diameter. Set them a trifle deeper than they were in the nursery row, pressing the earth firmly about the roots and stalks. Then mulch with straw, coarse manure, or other litter, as that in case of drouth there will be no appreciable cessation of growth.

Satsuma Plum.—Mr. Hale writes to Rural New Yorker concerning the Satsuma plum. He says: "The criticisms that have been made by many in relation to the Satsuma plum not fruiting freely, have seemed to apply to young trees, for we are all learning that, as the trees of this variety grow older, they are inclined to become very productive, in some cases so much so as to surpass nearly all others. It is a wonderful plum in its keeping and shipping qualities, and nothing can compare with it for canning purposes. I predict that, within a few years, Satsuma will take a much higher place in the opinion of orchardists than at the present time."

The Japanese are among the most ingenious gardeners in the world, and their skill has been in no way more strikingly illustrated than in their treatment of a native Japanese fern known as Davolia. They take moss and tie it into any desired shape—balls, rings, ships, etc. This moss is then covered with the roots of Davolia. The roots are about a quarter of an inch in diameter and many feet long. These ferns are kept moist and in a short time are covered with pretty green fronds. These plants are very beautiful hung in conservatories, or on porches, and are decidedly picturesque.

WINNEPEGOSIS LETTER.
 From Dennis Twohey Who Went From Austin, Minn., March, 1898.
 Winnipegosis, Man., Jan. 23, 1899.
 Benjamin Davies, Esq., Canadian Government Agent, St. Paul, Minn., Dear Sir:—I have great pleasure in writing you these few lines to let you know how I like my new location and how I have been getting along since I left Southern Minnesota. I like this country well, the climate agrees with me and my family at all seasons, and taken all around it is away ahead of Minnesota. I may say that we have not had one storm yet this winter. As regards the productiveness of the soil, I consider it beats Southern Minnesota. I am a practical farmer, but have never seen such vegetables in my life as I have seen raised here. As regards grain of all kinds, I have seen splendid yields, in fact any man who cannot get along here and make a good living cannot do it anywhere. We have abundance of wood for fuel, timber for building, and lots of hay. I have got good water on my place about 24 feet. I have a good class of neighbors around me, and have been well used by everybody. I have been able to get lots of work for myself and team at fair wages, whenever I wanted it, and I think any one else can do the same. I would not care to return to Minnesota. I am, sir, yours very truly,
 (Signed) DENNIS TWOHEY.
 The government has agents in several of the states, any of whom will be pleased to give you information, as to free homestead lands to those desiring it.

Michael D. Wild has been made secretary of the Baltimore and Ohio South Western Railway, succeeding Edward Bruce, and assistant secretary of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, with headquarters at No. 2 Wall st., New York. For several years Mr. Wild has held a very responsible position with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Baltimore, and the change is a promotion and recognition of his valuable services.

HEALTH and beauty are the glories of perfect womanhood. Women who suffer constantly with weakness peculiar to their sex cannot retain their beauty. Preservation of pretty features and rounded form is a duty women owe to themselves. The mark of excessive monthly suffering is a familiar one in the faces of young American women.

Don't wait, young women, until your good looks are gone past recall. Consult Mrs. Pinkham at the out-start. Write to her at Lynn, Mass.

MISS EDNA ELLIS, Higginsport, Ohio, writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am a school teacher and had suffered untold agony during my menstrual periods for ten years. My nervous system was almost a wreck. I suffered with pain in my side and had almost every ill human flesh is heir to. I had taken treatment from a number of physicians who gave me no relief. In fact one eminent specialist said no medicine could help me, I must submit to an operation. At my mother's request, I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham stating my case in every particular and received a prompt reply. I followed the advice given me and now I suffer no more during menses. If anyone cares to know more about my case, I will cheerfully answer all letters."



MISS KATE COOK, 16 Addison St., Mt. Jackson, Ind., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I am by occupation a school teacher, and for a long while suffered with painful menstruation and nervousness. I have received more benefit from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound than from all remedies that I have ever tried."

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