

NOTES From MEADOWBROOK FARM



Alfalfa grows anywhere.

Sheep must have dry quarters.

Tired of chickens? Try ducks.

A fowl drenched with rain is not comfortable.

Missouri mules are being shipped to South Africa.

Parched corn makes a good night feed in cold weather.

Alfalfa is winning a place in the dairyman's rotation.

One pound of sheep's wool will make a yard of cloth.

Corn, barley and buckwheat are very fattening grains.

New Zealand condensers and powders great quantities of milk.

Stump is the best late canning peach among the white varieties.

In fattening fowls the wet mash seems to have the edge over dry feed.

Fodder that is dusty will be helped by spraying a little in the mangers or racks.

Grapes are still trodden with the bare feet in many parts of Spain and Italy.

Duck raisers pack 40 dressed ducklings in a barrel for shipment.

Sows are always in better condition to raise fall pigs than they are in the spring.

Fattening sheep should have grain enough to push them forward as rapidly as possible.

The pig crop is governed by numerous influences that tend to increase or decrease the supply.

New males for the flock each year is the only sure way of keeping up vigor and other good qualities.

The Bourbon hens are said to be quiet and easily handled, non-roving in habit and yet very hardy.

The man who can raise hogs profitably without pasture can increase his profits many fold by using pasture.

That cows like a change of feed is shown by the way they eat rotten hay, pull out old straw from the sheds, etc.

When hogs go off feed in a territory where cholera is present the owner ought to suspect cholera at once.

Extra feed and care are needed now to keep up the cows' vitality, for without vitality a cow is not much of a milker.

Do not allow the sheep to stand or lie on hot fermenting manure, as it is sure to produce foot rot and lung diseases.

Raspberries, strawberries and cherries were unknown in England until the time of King Henry VIII. and of Queen Elizabeth.

Clean out the hen house and put the cleanings on the garden. Next spring you will wonder what makes things grow so fast.

A little tarred paper and a few nails and laths will make a very poor poultry house water and wind proof for the winter.

Right now, when cream is flirting with the 40-cent mark, is a poor time to let the cows fall off on account of lack of feed. Better buy.

Quality in form, disposition and general conformation must be coupled with the size and style to get the best in each class of horses.

Why kill off the game birds? Most of them repay well the cost of their keep by destroying the insects that threaten the fields of the farmer.

Be a friend of your poultry. When fowls fly through the windows upon entering the poultry-house is a pretty good sign that something is wrong. Let your hens know you always have something for them.

Why not feed the laying hens some potatoes, cabbage, turnips, etc., and thus make them feel somewhat as they did in the summer, when they found plenty of green material for food? Then your egg basket would also fill up as did "in the good old summer-time."

Guard against rabbits.

All animals must have fresh air.

Bran beats corn meal as a milk feed.

Missouri raised \$1,000,000 worth of cotton in 1910.

Too early calving stunts the heifer for dairy purposes.

Coal ashes are good for dusting over the dropping boards.

Poultry keeping is a decidedly healthful occupation.

The more active the hens the more water they will drink.

Watch the yards and don't leave any slippery or icy places.

Don't be too ready to take a seller's word for what his cow can do.

A few lumps of sugar will help wonderfully when training the colts.

Look out for the breeding mare and give her good food and plenty of exercise.

Nearly 30,000,000 acres of wheat were planted throughout India this year.

Eggs from older hens are better for hatching purposes than those from pullets.

Plenty of scalding water on the milk utensils is needed in winter as well as summer.

It is better to give the orchard clean cultivation than to try to raise crops in it.

The way to judge the value of a breeding ewe is to examine the quality of the lamb.

To gather a pound of honey a bee has to make nearly 23,000 trips to and from its hive.

It is poor policy to plan for nearly chicks unless you have a good place to care for them.

The hog is pretty nearly all a bundle of money, and he should not be neglected in any manner.

The chief aim of a wide-awake farmer is to produce as much as possible of what he consumes.

Cover the winter onions with coarse manure from the horse stable to give them an early start in spring.

A 50-acre farm paid for will give peace of mind, and if properly worked a good profit at the least cost.

The amount of land under cultivation in this country has not kept pace with the increase of population.

Still time this month to put in some bulbs in the ground—hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, lily-of-the-valley, etc.

One of our dairy folks found neglecting to salt the cows the principal cause of his winter churning troubles.

A drove of hogs of all colors and sizes brings as much money as a drove of the same breed, color and size.

You may feed all the food your hens can possibly use, but if you are short on grit the result will not be satisfactory.

Cold storage men claim that brown-shelled eggs, being heavier and thicker, preserve better than white-shelled ones.

One green feed a day should be the rule. Scalded alfalfa, sprouted grain, cabbage or root crops are all good.

If one of your hogs gets a grudge against another, put them in separate pens. They will do better and grow faster.

While good pasture and forage crops will cause ewes to take on flesh rapidly, they are run down in flesh and vitality.

Bright sunshine helps to clean dairy utensils, but it should give only the finishing touches. It's sure to shirk the rough work.

Clean the coops thoroughly before you put them away. Get them under cover, too, if you can. They will last so much longer.

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NEW LAWS NEEDED

PRESIDENT ASKS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO WANTS OF PUBLIC DOMAIN.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

Legislation in Interest of Alaska Is Imperative—Homestead Laws Need Revising—Leasing Law Recommended—Would Probe Cost of Living.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The president's special message on the work of the interior department was read to congress today.

There is no branch of the Federal jurisdiction which calls more imperatively for immediate legislation than that which concerns the public domain, and especially the part of that domain which is in Alaska.

The progress under the reclamation act has made clear the defects of its limitations, which should be remedied. The rules governing the acquisition of homesteads, of land that is not arid or semiarid, are not well adapted to the perfecting of title to land made arable by government reclamation.

I concur with the secretary of the interior in his recommendation that, after entry is made upon land being reclaimed, actual occupation as a homestead of the same be not required until two years after entry, but that cultivation of the same shall be required, and that the present provision under which the land is to be paid for in ten annual installments shall be so modified as to allow a patent issue for the land at the end of five years' cultivation and three years' occupation, with a reservation of a government lien for the amount of the unpaid purchase money. This leniency to the reclamation homesteader will relieve him from occupation at a time when the condition of the land makes it most burdensome and difficult, and at the end of five years will furnish him with a title upon which he can borrow money and continue the improvement of his holdings.

I also concur in the recommendation of the secretary of the interior that all of our public domain should be classified and that each class should be disposed of or administered in the manner most appropriate to that particular class.

The chief change, however, which ought to be made, and which I have already recommended in previous messages and communications to congress, is that by which government coal land and phosphate and other mineral lands containing non-metallic minerals, shall be leased by the government, with restrictions as to size and time, resembling those which now obtain throughout the country between the owners in fee and the lessees who work the mines, and in leases like those which have been most successful in Australia, New Zealand and Nova Scotia. The showing made by investigations into the successful working of the leasing system leaves no doubt as to its wisdom and practical utility. Requirements as to the working of the land during the term may be so framed as to prevent any holding of large mining properties merely for speculation, while the royalties may be made sufficiently low, not unduly to increase the cost of the coal mined, and at the same time sufficient to furnish a reasonable income for the use of the public in the community where the mining goes on. In Alaska, there is no reason why a substantial income should not be raised for such public works as may be deemed necessary or useful.

There is no difference between the reasons which call for the application of the leasing system to the coal lands still retained by the government in the United States proper and those which exist in Alaska.

I am not in favor of government ownership where the same certainty and efficiency of service can be had by private enterprise, but I think that the reasons presented in Alaska are of such a character as to warrant the government, for the purpose of encouraging the development of that vast and remarkable territory, to build and own a trunk line railroad, which, at least in part, may be varied and changed to meet the growing prosperity and development of the territory.

For some years past the high and steadily increasing cost of living has been a matter of great public concern. I deem it of great public interest that an international conference be proposed at this time for the purpose of preparing plans, to be submitted to the various governments, for an international inquiry into the high cost of living, its extent, cause, effects, and possible remedies. I therefore recommend that, to enable the president to invite foreign governments to such a conference, to be held at Washington, D. C., on the subject of the cost of living, an appropriation, not to exceed \$20,000, to defray the expenses of preparation and of participation by the United States.

The magnitude and complexity of modern industrial disputes have put upon some of our statutes and our present mechanism for adjusting such differences—where we can be said to have any mechanism at all—a strain they were never intended to bear and for which they are unequalled. What is urgently needed today is a re-examination of our laws bearing upon the relations of employer and employee and a careful and discriminating scrutiny of the various plans which are being tried in several of our own states and in other countries. This would seem to be the first natural step in bringing about an adjustment of these relations better suited to the newer conditions of industry.

My attention has been called to the injustice which is done in this country by the sale of articles in the trade purporting to be made in Ireland, when they are not so made, and it is suggested that the justice of the enactment of a law which, so far as the jurisdiction of the federal government can go, would prevent a continuance of this misrepresentation to the public and fraud upon those who are entitled to use the statement in the sale of their goods. I think it to be greatly in the interest of fair dealing, which ought always to be encouraged by law, for congress to enact a law making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, to use the mails or to put into interstate commerce any articles of merchandise which bear upon their face a statement that they have been manufactured in some particular country when the fact is otherwise.

Detained.

"A Chinaman is quoted in a newspaper as saying that his countrymen took a step forward when they cut off their queues."

"No doubt they did. In fact, I once saw a Chinaman whose queue prevented him from taking a step forward."

"How was that?"

"It was tied to a picket fence."

On the Market Now.

"What is your idea of nothing to buy?"

"An imitation dried codfish."

HOUSEWORK IS A HEAVY BURDEN

The woman who "keeps house" has enough to do when she is in good, sound health, but if she is weak, tired all the time, and suffering from morn to night with an aching back, house-work becomes a heavy burden.

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Mr. Newlywed Resented What He Considered Impertinence, but the Joke Was on Him.

They were on their wedding tour, and imagined that every civility given them related to their new condition of servitude.

Having stopped at a way station, the bridegroom was approached by the station agent, who asked: "Are you going to take the next train?"

"It's none of your business," retorted the bridegroom, indignantly, as he guided the bride up the platform, where they condescended with each other over the impertinence of some of the natives.

Onward came the train, its vapor curling from afar. It was the last to their destination that day—an express. Nearer and nearer it came at full speed; then in a moment it whizzed past and was gone.

"Why in thunder didn't that train stop!" yelled the bridegroom.

"Cos you said 'twarn't none of my business. I has to signal if that train's to stop."

HER PLANS MADE.



Harry—Where do you propose to go next summer?

Helen—I intend to propose to a man who is in a position to take me wherever I want to go.

Child's Reasoning.

"I can't tell you anything about my grandpa," said solemn little Eustace, questioned by a happier comrade as to his more recent ancestor, "because I never had any. All my grandparents died before I was born."

"But, you had grandparents just the same, dear," interpolated a listening adult. "The fact that they died before you were born doesn't alter the fact that they were your grandparents."

"But if our fathers and mothers had died before we were born they wouldn't have been our fathers and mothers, would they?" the wondering child questioned. "So I don't see how what you say can be true."

On to Her Job.

Mrs. Colin Gable—Do you ever permit your husband to have his own way?

Mrs. Strongmind—Oh, yes, occasionally. He is sure to make a fool of himself, and that makes him easier to manage next time.

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WOMEN AND HEALTH.

Women are beginning to realize more fully that good health is not to be found in the use of cosmetics and face powders. The appearance of health may follow facial treatment, but health itself lies much deeper than the surface.

Most important to the health of every woman is regularity of the bowels and digestive organs. The weary eyes, bad breath, frequent headaches, pimples and general air of lassitude, is in most every case due to constipation or indigestion, or both. There are various remedies prescribed for this condition, but the easiest, most pleasant and certainly effective, is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin known to druggists as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This simple remedy is far preferable to harsh salts and cathartics and violent purgative waters that disturb the whole system without affording more than temporary relief.

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On a Main Road.

Pottleton drew up at the side of the road and accosted a man sitting on top of a load of hay.

"I say, colonel," said he, "are we on the right road to Claypool Junction?"

"Ya-as," said the farmer.

"How's the road, pretty good?" asked Pottleton.

"Fine," said the farmer. "We've been 20 years wearin' them ruts through."—Harper's Weekly.

Useless.

"Why don't you make up your mind to cease permitting your wife to hen-peck you?"

"I have made it up half a dozen times, but it doesn't seem to do any good at all. She refuses to concede that I have a mind."

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"Made any mistakes in the new year us yet?"

"Well, I'm still writing in 1911."

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