

NOTES From MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Sheep need some care.

Fall is the best time to prune.

The corn separator is a time saver.

Nothing like a few cows for the run down farm.

Be careful how you handle the boar. Keep behind him.

The keynote of the live stock breeder should be quality.

There is no possible way of determining the sex of eggs.

The best egg producers are not always the best market fowls.

Warm wheat for breakfast makes the Biddies shell out the eggs.

Do not feed corn to the ewes while they are carrying their lambs.

Feeding spoiled meat, moldy grain, or any tainted food is not economy.

Hogs are in their highest perfection from one-and-a-half to two years old.

Corn fodder costs less than timothy hay, and makes a good change in the diet.

It is generally estimated that broilers shrink a half pound each when dressed.

No success can be obtained with poultry unless the fowls are kept comfortable.

At this time of year a good lock on the poultry house represents money well invested.

Aim for early maturity and keep hogs growing by intelligent feeding and good care.

All milk utensils should be heavily tinned and as free from seams as it is possible to get them.

The late hatched chickens should have a grass run to themselves, and be given extra feed and care.

Warm drinking water on cold days does just that much to keep the hens in the laying notion in winter.

Keep sheep dry, giving breeding ewes as much exercise as possible, but avoid exposure to rains and wet snows.

Ingenious tackle has been devised to make a tree that is being felled pull its own stump from the ground with it.

When hens lay soft shelled eggs give them a very little raw linseed oil once or twice a day, writes one of our folks.

Fresh air is all right for the hens, but not when it is sifted through knobholes and cracks between the boards.

Young apple trees are injured for the most part by freezing at the ground line and by sun scalding on the trunks.

It is not good for hens to dust in coal or wood ashes only, some folks claim, but we find that a few ashes lighten up the dirt.

To clean all wearing parts of the separator frequently and to use the best quality of oil means to add to the life of the machine.

It is just as important that every horse should have his own collar all the time as that the man should wear his own shoes.

Whenever the weather is mild it is well to leave all doors and windows open to let the wind blow through the house for a thorough airing.

There never was a year when all feed failed entirely, and with winter feed and a few cows the wolf can always be kept at a safe distance.

Since the discovery in England of the lawn mowing proclivities of the guinea pig the price of these little animals has increased forty-fold.

It is claimed by those who have tried it that to put a frozen egg in boiling water for a few minutes is a better way to thaw it out than by the slower process of putting it in cold water.

According to a western journal, a machine for wiping apples has been installed in the Hood river valley, that will save seven cents on each box of fruit. Heretofore all of the apples have been wiped by hand, but this machine will wipe all of the apples for 400 or 500 boxes.

Trim the colts' feet.

Separate the alling ewe.

The tank heater season is here again.

Farm manure is too valuable not to care for it.

Initiate the butter-fat test, and recall the boarder cow.

If you plant pear trees in rich soil you invite blight.

The early spring pullets make the fall and winter layers.

Lambs should have one feed of good mixed hay once a day.

There are more rabbits than sheep in any state in the cornbelt.

Either alfalfa hay or bran will balance a corn ration for the cows.

A tablespoonful of oilmeal a day to each ewe will be found profitable.

Limestone land and red clay land under good culture are most profitable.

A little pig loves sunshine and needs it almost as much as he needs food.

Ventilation is a good thing if properly done but drafts are not good ventilation.

Some feeders advise giving the hogs medicated salt to drive out the worms.

New South Wales is said to contain more kinds of flowering plants than all Europe.

The man who makes a success of poultry is the man who starts with the right aim.

The duck raisers on Long Island use large quantities of fish to feed their breeding stock.

With five or more cows a hand separator ought to pay for itself the first year of its use.

The weak sheep should be kept in separate pens and the lambs separate from the old sheep.

The hen that makes a good record for herself in eggs for the whole year is the hen to keep.

One sign of a good milker is large milk veins on the underside of the udder. It doesn't often fail.

A heavy covering of manure over the outdoor vegetable pit will give frost less of a chance to get in.

The cow should be studied individually, and food supplied according to each animal's consuming capacity.

With only three horses to every 100 person, Switzerland has the smallest equine population of any country.

"More bushels to the acre," is an exceedingly good motto for any farmer, even if it should mean fewer acres.

Two Paris department stores use storage battery driven electric tricycles to deliver purchases to customers.

Paint your tin wash basins on the inside with a good white enamel paint if you would prolong their usefulness.

Many flock owners make a serious mistake by disposing of the ewes that are in a rundown condition at weaning time.

Soft-shelled eggs can be caused by one of four conditions: Lack of sufficient lime in the food; indigestion; overfat; or fright.

Dairy farming is good business, but is exacting as the cows must be fed, watered, milked and cared for every day in the year.

The ability of the ewes to feed and nourish the lambs after birth will depend upon the care and feed given them during the winter.

It pays to have the farm fenced in to small fields and to have plenty of yards to keep hogs of different sizes and ages separated.

Those who are feeding bundle corn to their cattle must make arrangements to have hogs follow them or the waste will be too great.

Breeding ewes and store sheep will winter well on good, bright, wheat straw and stubble grasses and half pound of corn given to each daily.

The best location for a new peach orchard in this latitude would be a north slope. There buds would be later in starting and not so apt to be caught by frost.

The number of pounds of food elements we buy in a ton of linseed meal are: 564.4 muscle makers; 65.8 fat forming; 132.0 pure fat. In a like quantity of bran we have 223.4 muscle makers; 1,055 fat forming, and 70.4 pure fat.

The dairy farmer who has any regard at all for his reputation ought to be especially careful about his water supply, for it is a matter of record that serious outbreaks of typhoid have been traced to an impure water supply where the milk is made.

SURELY HARD MAN TO PLEASE

Artist Did His Best, but Somehow Managing Editor Would Not Be Satisfied.

An artist was drawing a cartoon wherein the flag of our nation played a large part. He drew the flag, first time, with five stars in the blue field and took it to the managing editor, who promptly let out a yelp.

"Wadey think this country is," said the managing editor, "a trust?"

"What's the trouble?" asked the artist.

"Trouble," bellowed the managing editor, "why, we need more stars, stars, stars!"

So the artist brought the picture back and this time he had 117 stars in it by actual count.

The managing editor felt his head and choked slightly.

"What do you think you're drawing?" he asked as last.

"You're the hardest man to please I ever met in my life," said the artist indignantly; "first it's too few and then it's too many. How many stars do you want, anyway?"

AGED.



Helen—No; I shall never marry. I have borne too long with the sorrows and trials of life alone to add to my burden by—

Ethel—Beg pardon; you mean you've been born too long, don't you?

Quite the Contrary.

Being anxious as to his prospects in one of the early attempts to enter parliament, Herbert Samuel consulted his agent, who said the chances were not good, because he was a "carpetbagger."

Mr. Samuel thereupon promised to live in the division if he were successful, and bills were immediately posted that "if Herbert Samuel is returned next Tuesday he will come to live here."

Some of the other side, however, posted one of these bills on a pigsty.

Mr. Samuel did not win the election.—London Telegraph.

Sun a Lamplighter.

In the acetylene burning lighthouses along the Panama canal will be installed copper cylinders exposed to the sun. When the sun rises in the morning and the rays fall upon these cylinders they will expand and close valves that admit gas to the burners. As night approaches and the sun's rays diminish in power the cylinders will contract and again turn on the gas, which will be ignited by small pilot jets.—Scientific American.

The Commander.

"Does Mrs. Peck's husband command a good salary?"

"He earns a good salary; she commands it."

It's easier to look wise than it is to deliver the goods.

A TROUBLE MAKER

Coffee Poison Breeds Variety of Ills.

A California woman who didn't know for twenty years what kept her ill, writes to tell how she won back her health by quitting coffee:

"I am 54 years old," she says, "have used coffee all my life, and for 20 years suffered from indigestion and insomnia. Life was a burden and a drag to me all the time, and about once a year my ailments got such hold upon me that I was regularly 'sick in bed' for several weeks each time.

"I was reluctant to conclude that coffee was the cause of my trouble, but I am thankful that I found out the truth.

"Then I determined to use Postum exclusively—for a week at first—for I doubted my ability to do without coffee for any length of time. I made the Postum carefully, as directed, and before the week expired had my reward in a perceptible increase in strength and spirits.

"Seeing the good that my short experiment had accomplished, I resolved to continue the use of Postum, cutting out the coffee entirely. This I did for nine months, finding, daily, increased cause for gratification at my steadily improving health. My indigestion gradually left me, my sleep returned, I gained 26 pounds in weight, my color changed from sallow to a fresh, rosy hue and life became a blessing.

"Then I thought I would try coffee again, and did so for a few weeks. The punishment for deserting my good friend, Postum, was a return of my old troubles.

"That taught me wisdom, and I am now and shall be all my life hereafter using Postum exclusively and enjoying the benefits it brings me." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pigs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They're genuine, true, and full of human interest.

COST OF GRAIN GROWING IN CENTRAL CANADA

A careful canvass made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been caused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cents a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cents per bushel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cents and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 17½ cents and for his high-grade wheat of 19½ cents; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat sinks very much below its present level. A matter of importance to the prospective settler is that of the cost of production. The following table has been prepared after careful investigation:

Interest on 320 acres, value \$30 per acre, 3 years at 6 per cent interest.....	\$1,720.00
Interest on horses, machinery, wagons, ploughs, harrows, etc., to operate 320 acres—\$2,500 for 3 years.....	450.00
Getting 320 acres ready for crop first year, doing one's own work, with hired help, about \$3.50 per acre.....	1,120.00
Getting 320 acres ready for crop, second and third year, about \$1.25 per acre per year, or \$2.50 per acre 2 years one's own work and hired help.....	800.00
Seed per year, wheat, per acre \$1.25, 3 years.....	1,200.00
Seeding, 320 acres, 25 cents per acre, 3 years.....	240.00
Twine, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre, 3 years.....	288.00
Harvesting, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre, 3 years.....	288.00
Marketing, 320 acres, estimate 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 3 cents per bushel, or 9 cents per bushel for 3 years.....	576.00
Threshing 320 acres, estimate 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 6 cents per bushel per year or 18 cents for 3 years.....	1,152.00
Total.....	\$7,834.00

Cr.

By wheat crop farm 320 acres for 3 years, average 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, or a total of 60 bushels, = 19,200 bushels at 80 cents per bushel.....

Balance to credit of farm after 3 years operation, \$2,563.00 per year.....

7,526.00

"To operate 480 acres would cost less in proportion, as the plant required for 320 acres would do for the larger farm, and the interest on plant for the extra 160 acres would be saved."

The figures given may be open to criticism, but they will be found to be reasonably accurate, with a fairness given to the expense columns. There are those who profess to do the work at a much less cost than those given.

Turning the Tables.

Having done his best, by every fair and unfair means, during the last election to catch the candidate tripping, the heckler grew offensively personal.

"Is it true that your mother washes—" he began, but before he could add the word "clothes," the witty candidate called out smartly—

"Of course she does. Why, don't you?"

This raised a loud laugh at the heckler's expense; but, still undaunted, he returned to the attack.

"You can't deny," he said, "that your father was a rag-and-bone man. I bought some clothes of him thirty years ago."

"And I see you're still wearing them!" was the candidate's lightning retort.

There was no more heckling that night.

Dental Operation on Pony.

A remarkable operation has been performed by a Wanstead (Eng.) veterinary surgeon on a pony which had a bad fracture of the lower jaw. After injecting cocaine and wiring the teeth together, the surgeon drilled a hole through the jawbone, and the broken parts were then firmly drawn together by strong silver wire. The pony is expected to make a complete recovery.

Self-Sacrificing Essential.

"You don't claim to be a party leader?"

"No," replied the quiet citizen.

"Everybody wants to be the leader of the party. It strikes me that somebody ought to be willing to be the party."

The true man is one who will neither seek an indirect advantage by a specious word, nor take an evil path to secure a good purpose.—Scott.

Whoever serves his country well has no need of ancestors.—Voltaire.

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PECULIAR LINE OF COMFORT

Most People Who Have Been Afflicted With Colds Will Recognize This Type of Human Hyena.

Binks—Got a cold, I see.

Jinks—Yes, a little one.

"You ought to be very careful. That cold needs attention."

"Think so?"

"It has a regular graveyard sound."

"Good gracious."

"Awfully dangerous time for colds, influenza, pneumonia and quick consumption everywhere."

"Eh?"

"Yes, a friend of mine took a cold, not half so bad as yours, last week, and in three days he was dead!"

"My stars!"

"Fast. The doctor said my friend might have pulled through if he hadn't worried so much. Take my advice and try not to think about it."

What the Copy Boy Wrote.

Representative Dan Anthony of Kansas, publisher of the Leavenworth Times, once had a office boy who yearned to know how to use a type-writer—which accomplishment, the boy figured, would make him a regular reporter.

Anthony turned an old broken-down machine over to him, says the Washington Herald, and bade him learn to run it.

"What'll I write?" the boy asked.

"Oh, just take some sentence, any sentence at all," Anthony told him, "and see how long it will take you to fill a page with it."

The boy set to work. An hour or two later Anthony chanced to notice the page on which the lad had been working. From top to bottom of the sheet, and from margin to margin, the boy had written one sentence over and over again until there was scarcely a white spot visible on the paper. The sentence the boy had selected to practice with was: "Who the— invented school?"

Unjustifiable Suspicion.

The colonel had caught Rastus red-handed, coming out of the hen coop with three fat pullets under his coat.

"So," he said, "I've caught you at last stealing my hens, have I?"

"Whut, me, suh?" replied Rastus, in pained surprise. "Why, Marse Colonel, suh, I hain't a-stealin' no hens, suh."

"Then what are you doing with them under your coat?" demanded the colonel.

"Why, Marse Colonel, hit look to me so like it war gwine to snow, suh, dat ah went out to de coop to bring dem hens in by de kitchen fiah, suh, to keep 'em from gittin' froze, suh," said the old man, with a deep sigh, to think that his honor had been suspected.—Harper's Weekly.

Bostonese.

Hokus—So that Boston girl said I wasn't worth my salt, eh?

Pokus—Well, she did remark that you were in inverse ratio to our chloride of sodium.—Puck.

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To Renegé—Not to follow suit.

To Reno—To begin suit.—Life.

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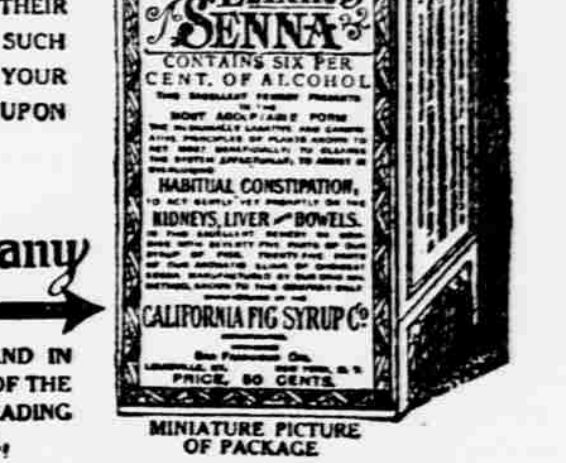
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