



The more succulent the feed the better it is for sheep.

Be a good farmer if you are going to be a farmer at all.

Clean and sort your seeds and thus insure larger and better crops.

Water, pure and plenty of it, should be provided for the dairy cows.

Young stock should be thrifty to return a profit. Keep them growing.

Unprofitable at any time but especially in winter: Ticks on sheep.

Every crack in the barn means so much added drain on the feed bin.

Molasses is growing in favor as a feed for stock, including dairy cows.

Sheep seem to have the call now, and wise was the farmer who started a flock a year or two ago.

Feed floors for hogs save feed, keep the animals healthier and make it possible to keep the quarters cleaner.

The crusade against tuberculosis in cattle may ultimately lead to colder stables and blankets on the cattle.

Scatter salt over sprouts and stumps and other noxious weeds and the sheep will clean them up.

Which do you keep? The cow that makes more than she eats or the cow that eats more than she makes?

Perhaps you do not realize it but the dearest animal on your farm is the cheap scrub.

Hogs need clean, pure water as much as the rest of the stock. See that they get it.

Salt, sulphur and charcoal is the three-fold requirement of healthy hogs.

Unless the heifer calf has well-shaped bag and teats it is better to sell her for veal.

Have a wind break in the cattle yard so that the livestock can find protection on windy, stormy days.

The dollar earned by honest toil is the dollar whose influence for good rests not only upon the recipient but upon the spender as well.

The winter time is the busy season for getting ideas for next season work. Do lots of reading, lots of thinking, lots of planning.

The young animals should be turned loose in a roomy shed in the winter. Plenty of good feed and exercise will keep them in health and on the grow.

The average farmer will find raising draft horses more profitable than raising roadsters. It takes a born horse lover to successfully raise the latter.

There is no excuse for the filthy hog pen. This means you if your hogs are wallowing around in mire up to their bellies.

The milk bringing better prices is all the more reason why you should weed out the poor cows and increase the margin of your profits.

Cows compelled to drink from a water trough coated with ice will show the effects in the feed bill and the milk pail.

Vigorous rubbing followed by applications of hot water will reduce caked udder in cows. Treat daily until trouble is passed.

If the members of the flock which seldom or never lay could be weeded out, the feed bills would be less and the egg profits more.

Do not have the sheep pens too warm. The natural coat of the sheep makes it able to endure severe weather.

High and dry is the rule for locating the poultry house and yard. Do not suffer puddles to exist in the vicinity thereof.

Hunger is a good tonic. Don't feed the sick hog and in most cases he will get back his health and his appetite all right.

The farmer who thinks more of his own comfort than he does of the comfort of his stock, is the farmer who will be disappointed on market day.

In cultivating the plum and cherry orchards remember that it must be shallow enough to avoid breaking the roots, for the broken roots send up shoots that suck the life of the tree.

A good deep hole in an out-of-the-way place is the right place to plant all the old tin cans, broken bottles and other unburnable rubbish which makes the premises so unsightly.

Hercules cleaned the Augean stables by flooding them with water from the river. You can clean and sweeten the atmosphere of your stables by flooding them with sunlight.

Madame Merri's Advice and Ideas Freely Offered to Perplexed Hostesses

Entertaining an Embroidery Club. Please give me a few suggestions for entertaining an embroidery club. I want prizes and souvenirs. MATTIE.

At the party you suggest, of course, all the guests will bring their needles and work, so you could arrange a very interesting contest by having some initials (it will be a good time to get some marking done) worked and see who can do the letter in the shortest time. Then for souvenirs there are the cutest spool and thimble candy boxes imaginable, all sizes, just the thing for this occasion.

Proper Given to a Box Party. Will you kindly advise me through the columns of your paper if it is proper to wear a décolleté gown at a box party? Can a picture hat be worn with same? FAYE.

At the grand opera lowest necks are frequently seen, with handsome hair ornaments, rarely hats. At the regulation theater box parties décolleté gowns are rarely worn. Very elaborate costumes are seen, but the neck is veiled in tulle or lace. Transparencies and picture hats are in evidence.

Winter Evening Entertainment. Dear Mrs. Merri—We are to spend the winter in the country, but have frequent parties. I do not like to serve refreshments if I do not know they are coming and do not know what pastimes to have. PATTY.

In not serving refreshments is just where you make a mistake, for there is nothing so hospitable as setting something to eat or drink before your guest. My chief aids in entertaining are a chafin dish, coffee machine and a teapot. Have candy pulls, popcorn and roast chestnuts; become an expert at concocting "things," and keep an emergency shelf so you will never be taken unawares, and I venture to say your house will be the most popular place in the neighborhood. Authors, musical and geographical games are all fascinating and the omnipresent guessing games are always with us.

For a Surprise Party. I have a sister who will be 11 this month. I want to have a surprise party. What would you advise us to do for amusement? Have to have it in the evening. What hour should it start, and what would you have for refreshments? I thought 14 would be the oldest and nine the youngest. Would that be proper? Would it be right for mother or me to write the invitations, and how would you word them? M. E. G.

It will be perfectly proper for your mother to extend the invitations by writing informal little notes. I should

have the hours from seven to ten. Not a moment later for young people of that age. Certainly include the nine-year-old. She or he will soon be "teen." I should have a lovely big birthday cake, with ice cream, and if you like, cocoa and sandwiches, with nuts and candy. Why not have a peanut hunt? Carry lemons on a fork. Have a nail-pounding contest for the girls and a button-sewing contest for the boys. You will have no end of a good time.

Meaning of Mizpah. What does the word Mizpah mean? I want to give a book as a present to a very dear friend and want to use a Latin word or phrase. Do you know of any? If so, will you please give me the meaning? RITA.

Mizpah means "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other." It is found in the Bible. "Entre nous," the French for "Between ourselves," is a phrase often used also.

Eighteenth Wedding Day. What is the eighteenth anniversary of a wedding? And also will you please give me a few suggestions for it, as I wish to have an informal gathering of about eight couples? Thanking you very much in advance. X. Y. Z.

There is no set form scheduled for the eighteenth anniversary, but that is no reason for not celebrating. You can have a musical evening, play cards or do whatever you wish.

Questions in Etiquette. I am invited to a reception, and as I have been prevented on account of illness and different causes from attending such functions for several years I would like to ask for a little information on etiquette. If I accept the invitation it is necessary for me to send an acceptance? If so, how should it be worded? Also, are acceptances and regrets written on the small paper and envelopes that are used for invitations, and should they be sent by mail or messenger? L. S. M.

Certainly send acceptance worded like the invitation you receive. The small paper is used, and it is equally proper to use the post or private messenger. In a large city the former method is always used.

Return of Silks to Favor. For a long time crepes and voiles have taken the place of silks, but this season they are coming in again in new and heavy but soft weaves. Some of them imitate the tussah in weave and others are corded. The most beautiful walis of the season are made of soft silks.

CORNER FOR THE JUNIORS

ON APPROVAL. New Katherine's Visit to Grandmother Turned Out to Joy of Both.

It all happened just like a story, and when Katherine told it it afterward she always said it was the most interesting tale she could recall.

Katherine was 16, and when her father and mother died 'way down in the southern part of California, there was no one but Uncle Mark, her father's partner, to look after her.

"You can come back here, child," he said, "and Heaven knows you will be welcome. Your father has left a tidy fortune in my hands; but I think you grandmother should know all about you, should she have a chance to look upon you, should she care to."

Katherine knew that her grandmother had disapproved of her father's and mother's marriage, but she did not ask Uncle Mark anything; unless

"Grandmother!" she whispered, with her warm lips on the cold hand she held; "dear grandmother, you have never guessed that—that I might be your granddaughter?"

"The old lady forgot her broken leg and almost leaned to her feet. Katherine held her back.

"Now that you see me, grandmother," she said, "do you approve?"

"My dear! My dear!" whispered the weak voice, "I do believe I can stand anything now! By and by we will go home together!"

"But each year I must visit Uncle Mark!" said Katherine. "I approve of you, you dear, delightful grandmother, but my heart will always be faithful to Uncle Mark."

"And quite right, too!" groaned the grandmother.—Kate Balden, in Washington Star.

SUN DIAL. Made Out of a Water Tumbler, a Bit of Wood and a Darning Needle.

If I ever should lose my watch I would make a sun dial out of a water tumbler. Take a plain water tumbler

and close its top with a round slit of wood, into the center of which stick a darning needle. On the outside of the glass paste a narrow strip of paper which has been soaked in oil.

Then place the glass on a slanting piece of wood and the sun dial is ready. At five in the morning place the glass so that the needle throws a shadow on one end of the strip of paper and mark the spot with a line and No. 5. After each hour mark the shadow of the needle, and at seven in the evening you will have a reliable sun dial.

A SMART BEAR. How He Fooled the Sailors Who Sought to Trap Him.

The captain of a Greenland whaler being anxious to procure a bear, with out wounding the skin, made trial of the stratagem of laying the noose of a rope in the snow and placing a piece of meat within it. A bear ranging the neighboring ice was soon enticed to the spot by the smell of the dainty morsel. He perceived the bait, approached and seized it in his mouth; but his foot at the same time, by a jerk of the rope, being entangled in the noose, he pushed it off with his paw, and deliberately retired. After having eaten the piece he had carried away with him, he returned. The noose, with another piece of meat, being replaced, he pushed the rope aside, and again walked triumphantly off with his capture. A third time the noose was laid; but excited to caution by the evident observations of the bear, the sailors buried the rope beneath the snow, and laid the bait in a deep hole dug in the center. The bear once more approached, and the sailors were assured of their success. But Bruin, more sagacious than they expected, after sniffing about the piece for a few moments, scraped the snow away with his paw, threw the rope aside, and again escaped unhurt with his prize.

No More Changes. Sunday School Teacher—Wouldn't you like to dwell in heaven, Johnny? Johnny—No, ma'am. We've moved three times already this year and I'm getting tired of helpin' pack up.

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Although seemingly loose and designed for comfort as well as for beauty, they have carefully fitted and boned linings of pean de sole or taffeta. Tailored shirt waists in white taffeta, heavy linen or flannel are worn the winter through with simple coat and skirt costumes, and are unlined, depending for their trimness upon their belts, and, in the case of very stout figures, upon the kind of corset worn beneath.

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Party Dresses

Here are three charming little party-dresses that may be reproduced in almost any thin material. The first is in pale blue spotted voile, trimmed at the lower edge with a frill of lace, headed by two rows of insertion. The neck is outlined with lace and insertion; the lace that finishes the puffed sleeve is open on the fore part of arm. Materials required: 4 yards 44 inches wide, 8 yards lace, 5 yards insertion.

The second is in spotted muslin. The skirt is trimmed with a gathered frill, edged with narrow lace and headed by insertion. The bodice has a round yoke, outlined with insertion, the full lower part also being trimmed with insertion. Materials required: 4 1/2 yards 28 inches wide, 4 yards lace, 6 yards insertion.

The third is in cream Japanese silk, and is made very full for dancing; it is trimmed with lace and insertion, the latter put on the skirt in deep dykes. The silk is cut away from the back of insertion so that it is transparent. The bodice trimming is edged with lace, and is attached to the square neck by insertion. Materials required for the dress: 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, 5 yards wide lace, 2 yards narrow lace, about 14 yards 36 inch insertion.

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GIRL EATS CONTENTS OF ICE STRAW TICK

STRANGE APPETITE NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL TWO COMPARTMENTS WERE DEVOURED.

South Bend, Ind.—Mary Tusig, aged 27, and an inmate of the county poor house of Kosciusko county, is engaged in eating the contents of a large straw tick. This feat, following that of eating the contents of two large cotton cupboards, does not seem to injure her digestion in the least, and she maintains her normal health. The young woman, who has been an inmate of the institution since infancy, is attracting the attention of scores of people since her strange diet has been discovered.

Notwithstanding the frequency of her curious guests she appears perfectly contented and refuses to be interrupted in her feast. The strange appetite of the woman was discovered by Superintendent Alva Rockhill of the asylum, who, missing a cotton cupboard, began an investigation.

He remonstrated with her, but to no effect, and he finally called the attention of the county physician, T. J. Shackelford of Warsaw, to the girl's strange actions. She showed no signs of illness, but the doctor refused to take chances.

Medicine left by him was acceptable to the girl at first, but after a few days she refused longer to follow directions. Finally she refused to touch the victuals set before her and her condition began to look alarming. Time after time the girl refused her meals. This continued over a period of one week, nothing but cotton passing to her stomach.

Suddenly the girl became hungry for something more than cotton, and she returned to her daily routine of three square meals. She ate regularly of the food provided by the authorities and then as suddenly switched back on the cotton diet. Fearing that he would be without comforters for the winter, the superintendent removed all such from the girl's bed, so her bed was stripped of all covering but heavy sheeting.

Mary showed her disapproval of this by refusing to eat. A few days later she was discovered in the act of ripping a hole in the straw tick and now taking one blade after another from the inside she chews them into a cud after the fashion of a cow. Hearing of the story, a Warsaw ivoryman has offered to donate a bale of hay for Miss Tusig's benefit.

The girl was admitted to the county asylum soon after birth because she showed signs of poor mental faculties. Provision for her support is made by her parents. The girl spends her time in rocking in a chair sent to the poor farm by her parents. Her only other peculiarity is that for hours she will purr like a cat.

SOCIETY GIRL IN A SEWER. Falls into Manhole in Storm and is Almost Drowned.

Oakland, Cal.—Suit may be brought against the city of Oakland for heavy damages by Miss Anna Coleman, a prominent young society woman and musician, who fell into a sewer manhole during a recent storm and dislocated her shoulder and broke two ligaments in her arm.

Miss Coleman was on her way to a friend's house, Broadway, at Twenty-sixth street, was flooded, but Miss Coleman made the best of her way across and stepped on some boards that she thought lay upon the sidewalk. Instantly she sank into the waters of a surging sewer outlet. Her shoulder hit upon the curb and her side was also injured by the fall.

Miss Coleman screamed for help, for she was in imminent danger of being drawn under the surface of the water by the suction, and then she would have been drowned. She was rescued by some men passing and was conveyed to Fabiola hospital. She will not be able to use her arm for many months.

Natural Gas Wells Opened. The borings for natural gas near Three Rivers, Quebec, have proved its presence in many sections. Enough wells have been opened to supply a number of towns for lighting, heating and manufacturing purposes. In Three Rivers, a cotton factory now building, to employ several thousand operatives, will be supplied with power, heat and light by local gas wells; many other factories are already so supplied, and churches and homes are thus heated and lighted. There is great probability of the extension of this system to Montreal if the supply shall prove as abundant as anticipated.

Six Shirts Save Boy's Life. Marinette, Wis.—Theodore Dunke, 16 years old, escaped death because he wore six shirts. The youth was hunting rabbits with his uncle, John Dunke, when the latter accidentally discharged his gun. The charge of shot struck young Dunke, but his heavy clothing so broke its force that his injuries are not serious.

She Soon Found Her Former Seatmate. Some one of the family told her, she concluded, she would rather not know.

So Uncle Mark wrote to the stern grandmother and told all Katherine's pitiful little story, and in due time came this letter in reply:

"You may send the child on for a visit, but understand it is only upon approval. Her mother displeased me by her marriage, and I shall not keep the girl unless I like her. I am glad she has plenty of money, for I do not feel in any way responsible for her."

Uncle Mark and Katherine laughed a good deal over this letter, and Katherine called herself merchandise and declared that she did not approve of her grandmother at all and would make her visit extremely brief.

Well, Uncle Mark accepted the strange invitation and everything was made ready for the hurried visit. Katherine's clothing was plain, but rich in texture, and had a pretty old-time look that neither Uncle Mark nor the girl herself realized.

Katherine was to travel from San Francisco alone, and Uncle Mark had only been able to procure her a whole compartment on the train as far as St. Louis; farther on she must share it, as the tide of travel from that point was setting due east.

It was a great event in the girl's life. Conductors, porters and passengers were all so kind that the days flew by and were really as interesting as could be. Often Katherine thought of the terrible grandmother who was to meet her in New York and wondered just how terrible she would be, but the young girl enjoyed herself very much and quite forgot the coming meeting.

Then came St. Louis, and while the train made the long stop Katherine went out upon the platform to take the air. When she came back a very beautiful lady sat in her compartment.

"Dear me!" sighed Katherine, "I had quite forgotten, my room mate!" The old lady eyed her critically. "I suppose," she smiled so sweetly that her sharp words were forgotten, "you are as sorry to see me as I am to be here; but, comfort yourself that you were fortunate enough to obtain the lower berth. I must gasp and tremble in the upper one!"

"Not at all!" Katherine replied. "I insist upon your taking the lower." There was a little conversation upon this point, then the two settled down as comfortably as could be. Of course on the long trip it was natural that it was strange that it was the older woman who grew confidential—and the girl who became the confidant.

"You see," the old lady said one day, "I must get to New York one day, I have a very unpleasant duty awaiting me. There has been a delay in letters and I shall only be there in time, if I rush right through." Then came the story of the unlabeled granddaughter, and the old lady's apprehensions.

"Perhaps she will not be such a trial!" Katherine timidly suggested. "I am sure she will be!" sighed the old lady. "I dare say she is dreadful, all home and muscle, with a voice like a fog horn and manners of the wild bear. I only wish she could be gentle and refined—like, well, like you, my dear!"

Katherine smiled prettily, and looked out of the window.

"I have a great curiosity to see her," the old voice went on. "I dare say I shall shudder at the memory ever after; I was wise enough to say I would only look upon her with the understanding that if I did not like her I should send her back."

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Cure Habit of Biting Nails. The most beneficial way to cure a child or even a grown person from biting the nails is to manure the nails and to polish them highly. The high polish and the friction caused by rubbing them with a buffer makes them feel hard and glassy to the teeth. If the nails are kept in this highly polished condition for a month the desire to bite at the finger nails will gradually and unconsciously decrease, and the habit will be broken. Biting the nails is usually the result of one of two things—nervousness or irritation caused by the pressure of the adherent skin about the nail.

Black with Touches of Color. While black is much more to the fore than for some years past, it is rarely black unmodified. Even for the woman who would formerly have been called old—that term is seldom used now—touches of becoming color and a great deal of white lace and jet are