NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt

Oats are good for poultry.

Warm the water for chickens.

Hogs cannot be raised profitably on corn alone.

Kindness and training should begin with the calf.

The horse will keep itself respectably clean if given a chance.

Of the many varieties of clover the common red is by far the best.

Corn is too fattening for laying hens when kept in close confinement.

Milk rapidly, but do not rush as if you were pumping water, or heaving coal.

Dust which is used for poultry should not be left too long in the houses.

One great essential in getting winter eggs is to make the hens entirely comfortable.

A cow with good digestion will almost invariably bring a generous profit to her owner.

Maximum crops on small farms are more profitable than minimum crops on large farms.

The rapid growth and hardiness of the willow makes it almost invaluable on the prairie.

No farmer can afford to buy manure until he has first made use of every pound produced at home.

One of the greatest developments in the field of winter dairying and experimentation has been the silo.

It is very necessary that the dairy cow have a large, strong and well-distended digestive apparatus.

During the past few years more attention has been given to seed selection and improvement by individual farmers.

The active laying breeds of hens must be given more liberty and they do not need as warm houses as we have supposed.

A horse should always be tied to a hitching post with a strong strap or rope which there is no possibility of its breaking.

Where there is no regular system of ventilation, the farmer must, in ventilating the dairy barn, avoid direct drafts on the dairy herd.

The average farmer who keeps two teams of horses should at least keep one team of good large mares, and stallion of the draft type, available.

Growers in almost all the prominent fruit sections are discouraging the use of the straight pack, on account of the bruising of the apple.

It is very important that the water drunk by the cows giving three or more gallons of milk daily be warmed to about sixty degrees Fahrenheit.

In some respects a cow is much like a person; she enjoys a good, and comfortable place in which to eat and sleep, possibly as well as the best of us.

About seventy-five per cent. of all the corn produced in the country is grown in the northwestern and middle states, which are known as the corn belt.

Give ducks a place on your farm. They are not hard to raise and a few fowls are more profitable than a great many, when attention is given to their needs.

Poultry as a marketable product has become very scarce and dear the last year or two, and the importance of poultry as a revenue-producer on the farm needs to be emphasized.

Geese are among the most profitable of all fowls to invest in, for they can be kept several years for breeding purposes, and, when your foundation is once laid, there is little expense.

Nothing is gained in grinding feed for the hens. They will do their own grinding if there is plenty of grit available. The trouble is on some farms grinding material is not very plentiful.

What furnishes more material for the white of eggs than corn does? A bushel of wheat contains about one-tenth more protein, three per cent. less fat and nearly three times as much fiber.

One of the most remunerative ways of growing rhubarb is to grow the forced product out of season. This can be done in any shed, cellar or out-house where the temperature can be controlled.

Plant cowpeas, but put on at least 300 pounds of phosphate fertilizer per acre and in the fall sow crimson clover on every acre of your corn, also with 300 pounds of fertilizer. If you omit the fertilizer you are wasting your time and money.

Plants are made of food.

Some city men make good farmers.

A pig needs something green through the winter.

Carefully kept poultry is a dependable source of profit.

Beef cattle do not require as warm winter quarters as dairy cattle do.

Earthen water-fountains in the poultry-yard are better than tin ones.

You cannot rush a hog, and as soon as you try it you will get in a mess.

Choose for wheat, wherever possible, ground not in that crop last year.

A little extra attention to the watering of fowls will increase the egg supply.

Sprouted oats are an excellent substitute for green food. All fowls are fond of them.

The blackberry will succeed on any soil and with an exposure, provided the soil is rich.

Egg production is not measured so much by the quantity as by the quality of the food.

What the next harvest will be depends largely upon study, thought and planning this winter.

Strain the milk through a clean flannel cloth, or through two or three thicknesses of cheese cloth.

The relish with which an animal eats its feed has much to do with the effect of that feed on the body.

The season is at hand when an evergreen windbreak is an everlasting good thing to have around.

Always save a few yearling ewes of your own breeding, even if they are not so good as you could buy.

Shoats are usually high in price as soon as grass comes in the spring and then is the time to turn them loose.

Wool and mutton growing has developed into a gigantic industry both in the grazing region and the corn-belt.

In order to get the best results in a system of drainage, the work should be laid out with a leveling instrument.

Apple trees should be trimmed from two to three feet from the ground and diseases are not as liable to affect them.

Bred-to-lay pullets produce more eggs, because they are smaller, grow faster, mature quicker, and therefore lay earlier.

The quantity of milk and butter-fat produced by cows depends in no small degree upon the manner in which the cows are milked.

When a hen lays 180 eggs a year—an egg for every other working day—she is going some, and is pretty near the head of the column.

The silo not only furnishes an economical storage but it enables the farmer to handle his crops cheaper than by any other method.

A weak, badly developed and undersized pullet will not make a profitable layer; it is worse than foolishness to imagine she ever will.

Trees of some kind can be found that will grow in almost any kind of soil if there is sufficient moisture, but the moisture is very essential.

Our agricultural schools and experiment stations have demonstrated beyond question that grasses thrive best on reasonably compact soil.

Fattened ewes do not sell on a par with wethers because they carry proportionately a greater percentage of offal and a smaller amount of lean meat.

The disobedient, unmanageable cow is often made so by an attendant who has no love for or pride in his work nor affection for the animals in his charge.

A straw stack makes good shelter for a bunch of hogs, because they are generally architects enough to build a house of their own if given plenty of straw for material.

While pork can sometimes be made at a profit when corn is supplemented with nothing but a concentrated food, still it is not wise to use concentrated supplements alone.

When the cows are standing up straight in the stall in the stanchions, their hind feet ought to stand just on the edge of the gutter. This is necessary in order to keep the cows clean.

Clean the hen house regularly all through the winter, if not quite as often as you have done during the summer, at least often enough to keep the floor and perches clean and the air sweet.

Oats are good for poultry and may be kept before them. They are usually better used in this way than given in the litter, as the fowls do not like them so well and there will be waste when fed in litter.

At lambing time let your ewes and lambs be in a small pen by themselves, until they thoroughly know their mothers, before putting them in with others, and by no means have too many ewes and lambs in one pen.

Ordinarily the pigs are weaned at about ten weeks of age. At this time it is important that the pigs get a growth producing feed or some of the rations that are narrow, that is one that contains much growing nutrient in proportion to the fat producing nutrient.

Timely Suggestions of Interest to the Hostess

Shakespeare Valentine Contest.

The contest following may be used at any time, but is especially good as a part of a valentine entertainment. The answers to the questions are all the names of plays from the great bard of Avon. Make the program in shape of hearts and attach pink pencils by silken cords. The prizes may be one of the numerous small books consisting of a complete Shakespeare play, a print of his home, the Anne Hathaway cottage, or the hostess may use valentine favors from which there is such a great variety to make a selection.

1. Who were the hero and heroine? 2. What mythological characters did they resemble? 3. What did their courtship resemble? 4. Of whom did he buy the ring? 5. What did he write to her? 6. When were they married? 7. Who acted as best man and maid of honor? 8. Who were the ushers? 9. What black man tended the door at the wedding? 10. What ladies gave them a reception? 11. What three kings (relatives) attended? 12. Where did they make their home? 13. What kingly thing did he do that caused their first quarrel? 14. What did he afterwards say about it? 15. What did her temper resemble? 16. What did he consider his duty after marriage? 17. What did he tell his servant to do? 18. What did she give him? 19. What did their marriage prove to be? 20. What was their daily life like? 21. What man with a Roman name caused them to forget their family troubles? 22. What would you say of their marriage in the end?

Answers: 1. Romeo and Juliet. 2. Venus and Adonis. 3. A Midsummer Night's Dream. 4. The Merchant of Venice. 5. Sonnets. 6. Twelfth-Night. 7. Antony and Cleopatra. 8. Two Gentlemen of Verona. 9. Othello. 10. The Merry Wives of Windsor. 11. King Henry IV., Henry V. and Henry VIII. 12. Hamlet. 13. King Lear. 14. Much Ado About Nothing. 15. The Tempest. 16. The Taming of the Shrew. 17. Julius! Seize her! (Julius Caesar.) 18. Measure for Mearure. 19. A Comedy of Errors. 20. Love's Labor Lost. 21. Titus Andronicus. 22. All's Well That Ends Well.

Valentine Cookies.

"Polly" is always my inspiration and furnishes many a valuable idea for the department. She is full of romance and believes heartily in putting a halo of glory around every special day as well as common days, which I assure you are often very uncommon days when she is about. This year, instead of sending valentine favors to the institutions for children, she is having made lovely big sugary cookies made in heart shape, each wrapped in waxed paper sealed with a heart sticker. They are to be served with dessert, and won't those children be delighted? "Polly's" order is for 300 cookies. I just hope this suggestion will be in time for many others to follow her example.

Pretty Engagement Place Cards.

At a luncheon to be given near Valentine's day to announce an engagement, the place cards are to be heart-shaped picture frames containing a picture of the bride-elect. At her place the frame will contain the picture of the happy man. It is in this way the news will be made known. The centerpiece is to be a huge true lover's knot of blue ribbon with a crystal vase of pink bride roses. Heart-shaped wreaths of pink carnations are to be round each service plate. The combining of two flowers is quite a feature this season.

A Valentine Toast.

The correspondent who asks for a toast to be given at a college banquet on the 14th will find this acceptable, I am sure:

She may be here, she may be there;
She may be dark, she may be fair;
Perhaps she's large, perhaps she's small;
Perhaps she's low, perhaps she's tall;
But till the sun forgets to flame
Each heart shall pledge her changeful name:
As pure as gold, as fine as myrrh,
As dear as heaven—here's to her.
—Arthur Guiterman.

MADAME MERRI.

New Wall Paper.

The principal beauty of the new papers lies in the lovely colors. Some of the prettiest are almost plain, but not quite so. The absolutely plain papers have not the depth of color and variety that we find in those with a slight figure of some kind, even if it is only a line. The hair-line stripes are still with us, but they have improved these by breaking the stripes with tiny self-toned figures. There is one lovely gray paper, a hair-line broken here and there with a little gray rose. A beautiful lavender paper also has a hair-line background, but it is broken up into diamonds. The charm lies in the beautiful color.—Harper's Bazar.

Newest Tea Cosies.

Quite the newest tea cosies are fascinating creations made of white linen heavily embroidered in an open pattern to show off a silk lining of a gay color. That the cosy may fit over any sized teapot, even the most capacious, it has end pieces let in, and these are of plain linen, unadorned like the rest, so that here the colored lining does not show through. The seams of the cosey are covered by a handsome white cord, artistically knotted here and there to give a pretty effect.

For the Little Ones

THE first of these attractive dresses, at the left, is of old rose velveteen, and is suitable for little girls from five to ten years old. This may be described as a pinafore shape and is worn over a dainty guimpe of white wash silk. It is ornamented in front with an embroidered motif, which is all the trimming there is on this model.

The pretty plaited dress in the middle is of navy blue herring-bone serge ornamented with crochet buttons to match and belted in with a red patent leather belt. It is finished at the neck with a white Dutch collar stitched with red and bordered with guipure. The cravat is of red satin. This dress is for girls from six to thirteen years old.

The third dress, for girls of about the same age, is of serge and also plaited and ornamented with buttons. It is pretty in brown powder blue or dark wine red, and is finished with linen collar and cuffs trimmed with guipure. The cravat is of satin, but the belt is of the material.

FANCIES OF FASHION

Party slippers are decorated with rosettes, buckles, bows and butterflies.

Oriental embroideries display motifs emphasized by beads of gold or silver.

As though trying to get to the other extreme, the newest veilings show fine dots, fine threads and fine meshes.

There is no better style for morning working dress than the one-piece Russian, buttoning down one side of the front.

Cloth topped shoes are procurable in plain colors, gray, tan and dull green, while tiny checks or shadow plaids are much in evidence among smartly dressed women.

Among the notable pendants in stone are the Maori figurines, with heads set on sideways, usually cut out of jade and called "Hei Tiki;" rubies or diamonds form the eyes.

Dull jet or enamel jewely is invariably worn for deep mourning. Brooches, belt buckles and long neck chains for lorgnette or watch are about all that is really necessary.

New scarfs already planned to replace fur stoles are of soft, thin breitschwantz lined with old cachemire silk; about the neck the edge turns over a little to show the lining.

Saving Silk Petticoats.

A girl who knows says that she keeps her taffetta-silk petticoats from splitting by hanging them upside down. Put two ribbon loops on the wrong side at the top of the wide ruffle, and hang the petticoat up by them. When it is possible, buy or make two silk petticoats at a time. By wearing them alternately, they will last far more than twice as long as one constantly worn.—Harper's Bazar.

Cleansing Lotion.

A simple cleansing lotion for an oily skin is made from one-half pint of rose water, one-half pint orange flower water, one-half ounce of benzoin, a little tincture of myrrh and a few drops of glycerin. Any druggist can prepare this with the right proportions.

CANADA GETS $1,500 TROPHY.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, AWARDS TROPHY FOR PECK OF OATS GROWN IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Again Canada is to the fore, and has secured at the National Corn Exposition just closed at Columbus, Ohio, the magnificent Colorado silver trophy valued at $1,500, for the best peck of oats. These oats were grown by Messrs. Hill & Son, of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and, as may readily be understood, were of splendid quality to have been so successful in a contest open to the world, and in which competition was keen. At the same Exposition there were exhibits of wheat and barley, and in all these competitions, the grain shown by Canada secured a wonderful amount of attention, and also a number of awards. During recent exhibitions at which grain from Western Canada was given permission for entry, it always took first place. At the Spokane Interstate Fair, last fall, where the entries were very large, and the competition keen, the Province of Alberta carried off the silver cup, given by Governor Hay, for the best state or province display, and a score of prizes was awarded Canadian exhibitors for different exhibits of wheat, oats and barley threshed and in the sheaf. Vegetables also received high awards. A pleasing feature of these exhibits was they were mostly made by farmers who had at one time been American Citizens and were now farming in Canada. The Department of the Interior is just in receipt of a magnificent diploma given by the Tri-State Board of Examiners at the Fair held in Cincinnati last fall for agricultural display by Canada.

The Surveyor-General of Canada has just completed a map showing that a large area of land was surveyed last year in the northern portion of Saskatchewan and Alberta in order to be ready for the rush of homesteaders to that district during the coming spring and summer. It is understood surveys covering several hundreds of thousands of acres will be made in addition to these during the coming summer.

A return just issued by the Dominion Lands Branch shows that 48,257 homestead entries were made last year as compared with 37,061 in 1909; of this 48,257, 14,704 were made by Americans. North Dakota coming first on the list with 4,810, Minnesota gives 2,528, South Dakota 1,133, Wisconsin 745, Washington 730, Michigan 706, Iowa 645, while other states show less, but with the exception of Delaware, District of Columbia and the Indian Territory, every state and territory contributed.

The prospects for an abundant crop in all parts of Western Canada for 1911 are said to be excellent. In the districts that required it there was an ample rainfall last autumn, and the snowfall during the present winter is greater than in many previous years. Both are essential factors to the farmers, who look upon the moisture that these will produce as being highly beneficial.

A large immigration from the United States is expected, and the demand for literature and information from the various Government Agencies located at different points in the States is the greatest it has ever been.

Since the above was written word has been received that in addition to honors won at Columbus, Ohio, Canada won first and second on wheat and first and second on oats, as well as diplomas.

Norman Cherry of Davis, Saskatchewan, who was in the reserve for first on wheat, secured the award, with G. H. Hutton of Lacombe, Alberta, second. J. C. Hill & Sons got first on oats besides the silver trophy. G. H. Hutton took second in oats.

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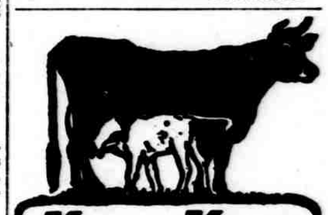

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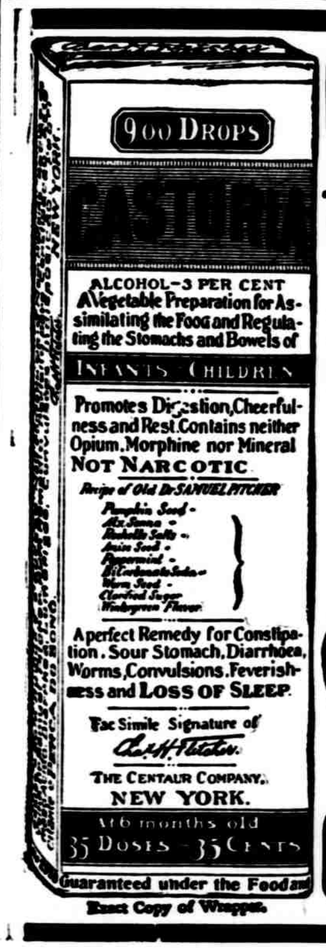

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