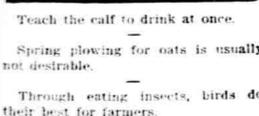


NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Eliminate the middleman.

Cleanliness in a dairy is desired.

The best location for an incubator is a cool, dry cellar.

The milk yield of the average cow is 400 gallons per year.

Onion sets should be set out just as early as ground can be worked.

True scientific farming consists largely of good common sense.

A hot bed and cold frame enable you to get your plants started early.

The trimming of a foal's hoofs is an easy matter if it is done once a month.

Profits come from the grown chickens, not alone from the number hatched.

Analysts say that butter is the most nutritious article of diet, and that bacon comes next.

Successful efforts to reclaim waste marsh lands by raising celery are being made in Bermuda.

Egypt's land is for the most part divided into small holdings of from half an acre to five acres.

Every one who has room on which to raise more poultry should, by all means, plan to raise more.

Once settled indoors, the house plants must be sure of regular attention if they are to be a success.

Sow oats on fairly fertile land, but not too fertile; because the crop may lodge when grown on very fertile land.

A pure bred bull on the farm will double the value of a scrub or low grade herd of cattle in a very short time.

A sheep that is in good order at the beginning of winter will come out in the spring with its head up and on all fours.

Commercial fertilizers can be used to advantage as a rule in the growing of oats, by direct application to the crop.

Well-bred heifer calves may often be purchased cheaply of people who live in town and keep but one cow for family use.

As a rule the most money is made from the production of eggs and the income is continuous throughout most of the year.

A queen cow lives from two to five years, workers from forty-five days to six months and dromes seldom more than five weeks.

No man can select good cows with unerring certainty, for there are many internal defects of which there is no outward evidence.

Every good farmer knows that a hard and lumpy soil will not grow good crops no matter how much plant food it may contain.

If pigs destroy more than they are worth, business rules command that they be dispensed with as too extravagant for the farmer.

While it is not absolutely necessary to have the heaviest horses for the farm, it is essential that they weigh from 1,400 to 1,500 pounds.

The shredded stover is much nicer to handle than cut fodder, and if shredded fine there is but little that is not eaten by horses or cattle.

By generous application of barnyard manure and good cultivation, sugar beets may be grown with good results for many years on a given field.

One of the most important considerations of the present time, with much of our land worth \$100 and more per acre, is the maintenance of soil fertility.

Careful and intelligent handling at all times is as important to the success of the small sheep grower as the selection and breeding of his foundation stock.

One of the most general methods adopted for cooling milk is to place the cans in a vat containing water which reaches a point slightly above surface of milk.

The secret of success in wintering the fall pigs, lies in the ability of the man who has the pigs in charge to make the conditions favorable for a constant growth.

Scattering manure by hand is a slow and disagreeable task and this is one reason why many of us have not done our best toward getting it onto the land promptly.

That chemistry is a valuable science is not disputed. That agriculture also is a science is beginning to be recognized. The two to a great extent must go hand in hand.

It is not an uncommon occurrence to neglect the cow which is due to freshen, whereas if proper attention was given her up to this time, she should produce exceptional results.

Spring and swelling buds are not too far away to remember that the first spraying for fungus diseases to be effective must be done early for spraying is only preventive, not curative.

The sooner eggs are set after being laid, the better. There is no such thing as setting eggs too soon for best results, but the fresher they are the more satisfactory will the hatch be.

Experiments carried on at the Maine experiment station showed that poultry manure, untreated, as well as that mixed with sawdust, lost half of its nitrogen in the course of six months.

Timely Suggestions of Interest to the Hostess

An April First Party.
A young girl having a birthday on the first of April devised and carried out this party in a most successful manner. The invitations were issued on foolscap paper, asking each girl to come dressed as a "fool," the costumes to be made of cotton material and crepe paper, so the expense would not be great, but just as much fun. Red and green, the jester's colors, were carried out in every detail as far as possible. On the red candle shades funny little donkey heads were outlined in green. The ices were served in the dearest little green paper cabbage heads and the fruits proved to be excellent imitations in the real fruit shapes and colors, only they were candy boxes, and the supposed chocolate eclairs were filled with creamed chicken. A delicious cream sauce was passed to put over them. There were all sorts of amusing games, such as marbles for the girls and a doll dressing contest for the boys, a whistling contest for the girls and a sewing contest for the boys, all having simple prizes for the best. There were clowns and jesters. The children said "it was the best party ever" and so the mother who planned the affair was amply repaid for her trouble. I give a list of names of real clowns and jesters who once existed: Archie Armstrong, the famous jester of King James I.; Chicot, the jester whom Dumas has immortalized in his novels; Triboulet and Brusquet, jester of King Francis I. of France; John Heywood, the jester of King Edward VIII.; Scrogan, the jester of King Edward IV.; Patrick Bonny, who attended Regent Morton of Scotland. Other characters in fiction are the "Green Son" of the Vicar of Wakefield, called "Moses"; the "Mad Hatter," from Alice in Wonderland; the "Three Wise Men of Gotham"; "Don Quixote," "Sancho Panza," "Simple Simon," etc.

Rest Cure Party.
This Lenten party given from "three to six" for eight girls proved such a success that I am sure there will be many more in the next two weeks after our readers know of it. It certainly was an innovation and came about by one of the girls saying "she was so tired out, so weary of formal functions, so bored by being a debutante that she wished for something different." The something different came in the form of a wee note which said: "Come to My Rest Cure" party. There was not an absent guest, I assure you. They found the great drawing-room with shades nearly drawn, a log fire, couches with piles of pillows and afghans. When all had arrived the hostess said no one was to talk until moved to do so, then only in the lowest voice. Quite mystified, the girls found places and a maid noiselessly passed piping hot bouillon and crisp wafers; then from the next room a pianist sang a series of lullabies; then the same voice read several delightful stories in a low, distinct tone, the person was concealed by a screen, then there was simply nothing doing for fifteen minutes, each girl being told to close her eyes and tell at the end of that time her vision. This took another half hour, when a tray of fragrant tea and delicious sandwiches were served with candied ginger. After that, having sufficiently "rested," tongues buzzed at a merry rate and the girls pronounced it a fine party.

Toasts for All Occasions.
Here's to the prettiest.
Here's to the wisest.
Here's to the truest of all who are true: Here's to the sweetest one.
Here's to the neatest one.
Here's to them all in one.
Here's to you.

She's beautiful, therefore to be wooed.
She's a woman, therefore to be won.

To Friendship—It improves happiness and bates misery, by the doubling of our joy and dividing our grief.

There is so much good in the worst of us, There is so much bad in the best of us, That it becomes any one of us To talk about the rest of us.

They talk about a woman's sphere As though it had a limit, There's not a place in earth or heaven, There's not a blessing or a woe, There's not a whispered yes or no, There's not a life and not a birth That has a father's weight of worth— Without a woman in it.

May every joy attend you, And heaven's bliss send you, Blessings in heart and home, A faithful knight to tend you, And gallantly defend you, Wherever you may roam.

Here's to the man I love, And may that man be he, Who loves but one and only one, And may that one be me.

Here's to our better loving, And here's to our loves outgrown, Here's to the bitter whirlwind That reaps what our seeds have sown.

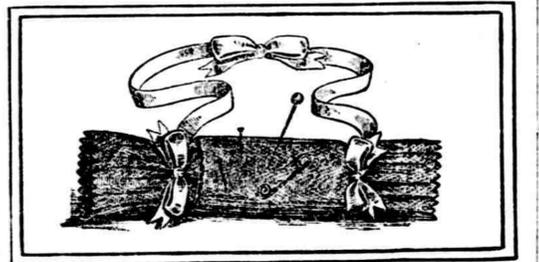
Here's to the friend that loves us, Too deep for tears or word, And here's to those that love us, When only the sense is stirred.

A Detestation Party.
The hostess said in her message, which was given over the telephone: "Please come, wearing an article which will express your greatest dislike." As men were included in the invitations we were prepared for something very unusual and were not disappointed. There were twenty guests and here are a few examples of what happened: A sedate matron came completely covered with realistic little wiggly snakes, most of them purchased at a Japanese store; others were of the vivid green variety so much in favor of St. Patrick's day; a beau of the town appeared with his head adorned by a curious collection of false hair, braids, puffs, rats, varying from golden to jet black, which plainly showed his dislike for false hair. A young girl wore a necklace made from tiny imitation, but realistic cigars, with cigars of larger size in her hair; a young matron had a number of toy and candy mice adorning her white frock; one girl wore an enormous quantity of paste jewelry, strings of beads, etc., and another had her dress ornamented with ads of whisky and champagne. It was really a very clever affair and created much merriment.

MADAME MERRI.

For Little Girls.
School frocks for little girls show a continued adherence to the front panel effect, finished either with scalloping or braid.

Desk Novelty



We give a sketch of a little novelty in the shape of a combined pin-cushion and pen-wiper, either for placing upon the writing table or for hanging from one of the handles of the drawers.

It is made to represent some-what a Christmas cracker, and it is tied up on either side with smart little ribbon bows. It can be made in silk or cloth, and the edges of the material should be cut into points on either side and then the widest edges sewn together, so that, finished, it forms a hollow cylinder of the material. The center portion should next be well stuffed with cotton wool and two circular pieces of cardboard inserted on either side to keep the cushion in shape. The material is then drawn together over these two pieces of cardboard, and tied tightly with the ribbon. Both ends are filled with loops of Berlin wool, on which the pens may be wiped, and should it be desired to hang the cushion up, then the loop of ribbon with a bow at the top can be added.

bottom with a piece of the net laid on plain, but all around the sides it should be shirred.

Cut a strip twice as long as the measurements of the four sides of the basket and an inch or more deeper. Join the short ends together and then turn under one edge and shir it into the pocket. Sew the strip down all around and then shir the top edge. Sew to the edge of the basket and cover the stitches with a quilting of blue satin ribbon about an inch wide.

Make pockets from the blue silk covering with the shirred net; trimming the tops with the quilted ribbon.

Sew these into opposite corners and in a third corner sew a pincushion made to match the pockets. Into these safety pins and small accessories or the toilet are packed.

To trim the outside of the basket, first make a ruffle of blue silk the depth of the basket and another one to overlie the first of the point d'esprit.

Edge the latter with two or three rows of blue baby ribbon above the narrow hem.

The ONLOOKER by WILBUR D. NEPHEW

Join This Crusade



Ab, here's a public drinking cup— But pause, my child, endure your thirst And from its brim take not a sup, But listen to some statements first. 'Tis here, perhaps, through charity— Some noble soul this fount endowed So that no thirst-parched throat might be In all the shuffling, passing crowd.

The water gurgles from the spout As pure and clear as from a spring— O, why should it pour freely out To be caught in this noisome thing? Wait just a moment, let us gaze Upon the folk who drink and go, Sometimes, my child, we find it pays To notice things, and then we'll know.

What? After what we've seen you think You'd rather go elsewhere to find A cup from which to take a drink? The railway, then, if you don't mind. Here in the station, free for all, A cup is hung, and water flows. Ugh! See the man who lets it fall, And sniff his breath, and note his nose!

All right, then let's get on the train— The day coach thump let us pass; We know the germs that it must gain From off the lips of all the mass. The Pullman glass we'll use—but wait, One takes it from the shelf beneath And rises in it, sure as fate, The brush with which to cleanse his teeth!

No Joke.

"Sir," said the Eminent Female Reformer, entering the workroom of the Journeyman Jokewriter, "you write entirely too many jokes about women."

The Journeyman Jokewriter made no reply to this assertion.

"This thing," she continued, "has got to stop. Take up any funny paper—Funny, Bah! Take up any paper and look at the jokes, and what do you find? Alleged jokes about women who will not permit their husbands to go out evenings, or play poker, or smoke, or drink, or swear, or commit any such reprehensible act. It's got to stop. Woman is no joke, young man."

Stupefied, he remained silent until she had gone, after giving his desk a farewell whack with her umbrella.

"Woman is no joke," he mused, tearing up a page of manuscript which set forth the misadventures of one Henpeck. "I guess she isn't."

At 3 A. M.



"This is terribly late," said the wife, as they were nearing home after the after-theater dinner. "It is too late for us to be out."

"Well," ventured the husband, "possibly one feature of the occasion that takes away a great deal of its pleasure is that you cannot consistently scold me this time for coming home so late."

Says:

I say that what a person "says" It isn't right to say he "sez." Why, when at home or church he prays You never tell your friends he prays; And when his grocer bill he pays You do not mention that he pays; Or when a hen each morning lays You do not ever say it lays; And when a little toddler plays You don't remark on how it plays; Or when from the front yard he strays You do not fret because he strays; And when at home he bitingly stays You do not scold because he stays; Nor when a pear or peach decays Does any one say it decays; Nor when some happening dismays Do people sigh that it dismays; So I am one who calmly SAYS It is not right to say one SEZ.

How He Did It.

"I shall make a name for myself," stated the studious Russian.

"But how?" asked his friends.

"I shall invent an alphabet without any vowels in it."

"And then?"

"And then I shall make my name of the consonants."

Out of the Mouths of Babies.

"When I was your age," says the man to his little son, "I was the best behaved boy in town. My parents would not allow me to play in the street; they made me keep my face washed and my hair combed; they compelled me to be well mannered at all times, and I was sent to bed early every night, and awakened early the next morning. My parents trained me to be a model, obedient, polite boy. Why can't you be like I was at your age?"

"But, papa," answers the lad, "what would be the use? It doesn't seem to have done any good in your case."

PECULIAR AFTER EFFECTS OF GRIP THIS YEAR.

Leaves Kidneys In Weakened Condition

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys which seem to suffer most, as every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more serious sickness, such as dreaded Bright's Disease. Local druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed by those who try it. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., offer to send a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, free by mail, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles \$5.00 and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper.

The Progress of Music.
A German baker in West Philadelphia has a young hopeful who is beginning in youth the study of the violin. He takes weekly lessons and the parents are sanguine of his becoming a great musician.

A friend strolled into the bakeshop the other day and inquired of the genial German what progress the boy was making.

"He pretty good gets along," came the baker's assuring answer, with an elevation of the chin and a swelling chest. "He play 'Home, Sweet Home' with such sweetness that makes you wish for the Faderland. And, by golly, you ought to hear him play that 'Nearer, My God, to You.'"

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Why Maria Laughed.
Hiram paused at the door and holding up a steel trap, said: "Marlar, when you see this trap again it will have a skunk in it." Fifteen minutes later he reappeared. "Marlar," he yelled, "you come here and loosen me out of this all-fired trap."

And then he got made at "Marlar" because she laughed.

Facing the Future.
"Even when Henrietta gets the vote," said Mr. Meekin, "I don't believe she will be quite satisfied."

"Why not?"

"We'll have to reorganize the ballot so that when there's an election she can stay home and let me attend to that along with the rest of the errands."

True to Her Nature.
Maud—Did you hear the news? Madge has eloped.

Jack—Madge always was a flighty sort of a girl.

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It must have been a spinster who said that some widows wear heavy veils to conceal her joy.

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Many a young man earns a living by working his father.

THOUGHTS OF FOOD.

Dreamy Dupont—Dey say dat a man down east has invented a machine fer photografin' what a feller thinks.

Windy Rivers—Well, if dat guy could only photograf what's on me mind at dis minute he'd git an epicurean masterpiece dat would make yer sit up and take notice.

It Depends on the Liver.

"Is life worth living?—that depends upon the liver." Yes, and that again depends upon what you eat, and how you eat.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "A man with a bad liver cannot be a good Christian." Hearty made some mistakes, but in this statement he was eminently correct. It is only another version of a phrase frequently used by the editor of the Care of the Body: "As a man eateth so is he."—Los Angeles Times.

The Why.

"How long are you going to stay in Monte Carlo?"

"Six days."

"Why exactly six days?"

"Because I've only brought six costumes with me!"

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