

THE KING AMUSES HIMSELF.

He Is Happiest When He Thinks He Has Killed a Peasant with His Gun.
 The one insane monarch who now occupies a European throne, King Otho of Bavaria, shows no symptoms of recovering from his mental malady. I am told that he has lucid intervals, which are very brief, and occur but rarely, and it is as well, for these fleeting gleams of reason only serve to make the poor man miserably unhappy, for while they last he realizes his own wretched condition to the full. Everything is done to amuse and interest him in his ordinary state, which is that of hopeless as well as dangerous insanity. He spends his days in unceasing occupation of an insignificant and mechanical nature.

At one time he worked from morning till night in rolling cigarettes. Then he took to peeling potatoes, and bushels upon bushels of them were provided for his amusement. Of late his favorite pastime is by no means of such an inoffensive nature. He has taken to shooting peasants, and will sit all day long with two guns at the window, waiting for this new kind of game on which to exercise his skill. Even this freak his guardians have contrived to satisfy, without injury to any one of his subjects. His gun is loaded in his presence, as he always insists upon seeing the powder and shot duly put in, but for the latter his attendant substitutes dry peas.

Orders have been given that no person shall be allowed to pass along the road in front of his dwelling, lest King Otho should fire upon him or her and be driven quite wild by seeing his intended victim walk off unhurt. But at stated intervals a man in a peasant's garb makes his appearance on the road. The king takes aim and fires, and the man drops down to all appearance dead. The supposed body is removed by two of the guards, and some hours later the performance is repeated, to the immense satisfaction of his Majesty.

The make-believe peasant is a figure from one of the minor theaters of Munich. Generally he simply drops on hearing the shot, and remains motionless, but occasionally he varies the performance by doing very hard, turning round two or three times before he falls, and then expiring in terrific convulsions, a catastrophe that always greatly interests the royal maniac. —Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Cotton Picking Machine.
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BEST PASTURE GRASSES.
 The best pasture grasses are those that have numerous small fibrous roots, as seen in the Kentucky blue grass, red top, and spear grass, for all these form a close, tough sward, and are the least liable to injury from the tread of cattle, sheep and horses. Timothy grass has small bulbous roots, with few lateral fibres, and is soon killed out on light soils, especially if pastured after the main growth has been cut for hay. Orchard grass makes good hay, and is excellent for pasture, coming forward very early in spring and continuing late in autumn, but this species grows in bunches or clumps, and it will not withstand so much heavy tramping as some of the more slender growing kinds. It is an excellent grass for light, rich soils, and is very hardy. —[New York Sun.]

CARE OF ROADS.
 It is easy to spoil a good road after it is made by lack of sufficient care or knowledge of what to do to prevent its rapid destruction. Many miles of macadam is being ruined by continued travel over a single part of it until deep ruts are formed. The highway extending north from Bridgeport, Conn., is an example. Opened to travel only a year ago, after expensive macadamizing, it is already much worn as the result of neglect on the part of the authorities, and only a thorough course of repairs at once will obviate a great expense in the near future.

Travel should have been encouraged over the whole surface by spreading broken stone on worn places after breaking them up with the pick, or in winter by judiciously placing piles of the material to prevent following in the old ruts. Constant oversight by competent men will also preserve a good road after it is built and in use. Some roads should also have an occasional cleaning off of the mud brought on by horses and wheels from side roads not macadamized. If this mud is allowed to accumulate it will threaten the existence of the road by holding water and encouraging the destructive action of frost. —[New York Tribune]

SHEAR THE SHEEP EARLY.
 Early shearing has many advantages and should always be practiced. First, it enables the wool grower to secure his clip free from manure and dirt which come with turning the flock to grass. Second, it relieves the flock from ticks and gives an opportunity to take early precautions against scab. Third, it relieves the sheep of an oppressive weight of wool and warmth which in the sudden hot spells of early spring is very oppressive and debilitating to the sheep. Fourth, it gives the wool grower command of the market. It has happened several times in the last ten years that the May wool market has paid three to five cents per pound more than that of any other month. The late shearing cannot possibly catch this market. It will be seen that the advantages here pointed out are those which mostly concern the welfare of the sheep. But these cannot be overestimated. If the flock is healthy and thrifty it is sure to prove profitable to the owner, and if it is not so kept profit need not be expected of it.

The only object in delaying shearing till in June is to get more weight in the wool or to go through the cruel rite of washing the sheep. The weight gained by delay is at the expense of quality and is not a gain in the long run. Washing is a direct loss. It injures the sheep, those of weak constitution often dying from the effect of a soaking in a cold stream and it takes out of some fleeces a weight far out of proportion to the increased price paid by the buyer. —[Chicago Times.]

SYSTEM WITH COWS.
 A dog is a useful animal in his proper place. We believe in a good useful canine, in fact we own one; but we think the worst possible use that such an animal can be put to is driving cows. Our thought occurred directed to this topic by the remark of one of our many dairy friends on a recent occasion. He trained his dog to chase his cow home, and boasted of the labor the dog saved during the summer. After subjecting our friend to a somewhat close examination we advised him as to how we cow owners to abandon driving cows home with a dog. Worried by a dog causes a nervous cow to abort and frequently

causes this condition in cows that are not nervously disposed. Chased from field to stable by a dog, cows become excited and in such a state do not yield their milk as freely as if they were in undisturbed condition.

The lessened quality means serious loss for that which the cow retains under such circumstances, contains a higher percentage of butter fat than that she has given down in the pail. With a dog chasing cows from pasture to stable, the latter will always have strong odors that contaminate milk. The reason for this suggests itself to every dairyman. Always keep the cows in the yard for ten minutes after their arrival from pasture before permitting them to enter the stable, and immediately after they are milked turn them out. Such a system always secures a clean and odorless stable for the summer, provided it be ventilated daily and the mangers are looked after closely for saliva and unconsumed fodder. —[American Dairyman.]

EGG-EATING HENS.
 I have observed in recent poultry literature the disposition to treat egg-eating as incurable, and the advice usually given to inquirers is, "Cut their heads off," writes a correspondent. Advice which affords no considerable amount of satisfaction to those who are in possession of a whole flock of egg-eaters, as the writer has been, and who are not able to sacrifice all they possess. To such I think my experience of the past winter may be of value and encouragement.

For a month or two at the beginning of winter, owing to rigorous weather, my hens seldom got out of their houses, and being badly crowded soon took to egg eating. I have seen my hens sitting around just waiting for an egg to be laid, and careful watching alone enabled me to get any eggs at all. I searched my books and papers for advice, and finally tried the dark nest plan so frequently mentioned. It was of no avail. The egg eating still continued. Then I made nests arranged so that the eggs would drop down out of reach. They were beautiful in theory, but my hens would not lay in them without first scratching the hay or straw carefully over the hole, and when I changed the arrangement to stop that they daily refused to lay in them at all.

Just at this point the weather moderated and my hens were able to get out and enjoy fresh sown and pastures new and they at once began to drop their bad habits and in a short time the trouble ceased altogether, and in ever a month I had not lost an egg thus, except a few frozen ones.

I conclude that your readers will have no trouble along this line if the fowls run at large, or, if in confinement, if they are kept busy and not crowded, using as preventives dark nests, meat scraps, plenty of oyster shell and bone, and the careful gathering of eggs to prevent their freezing. But no one need despair if the habit is already learned. Milder weather, will, with a little patient care, put a stop to the trouble.

From my little flock of Plymouth Rocks, numbering about 50, I have averaged nearly two dozen eggs a day, frequently exceeding this number; this from the last of February, 20 of them being June-August pullets. —[American Poultry Yard.]

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.
 Garden waste feeds poultry.
 Wood ashes are good for trees.
 Rabbits transplant easily. Try a few.
 No single breed of fowls will fulfill all requirements.

Trees, bees, poultry—What a fine combination they make!
 Drainage of wet land will greatly increase its productivity.

The Tibbeton strawberry, a new variety, is very highly spoken of.

The eggplant, in many localities, seems to deserve greater attention as a money crop.

Raspberries and currants are being tried by being planted where there is some shade.

Farmers should be sure that in breeding for the dairy the size is no good as the dam.

Gapes come to chickens that run in damp places. They are caused by small worms in the windpipe.

As a vineyard fertilizer try bones, dust and ashes, or bonedust and mixture of potash. Yard manure often makes to rank a growth of vine for the good of the fruit.

Don't pick trees for small size; don't pick for large size. Take young trees of sound, well-balanced top and root growth. Reasonably large size no objection. Undersized or dwarfed trees require a long time to come into bearing.

Worth the Money.
 Patient—What do you mean, doctor, by this bill for \$125, when you came to see me only four times?
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 Patient—Then what is this bill for?
 Doctor—Why, you said that you got along better when I staid away than when I came, so I have just charged you for the time I've staid away. —[Harper's Bazar.]

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A guest who habitually neglects to tip them is called by New York waiters a "mild."

With a vocabulary of 1000 words a man can transact all the ordinary business matters of life.

A peculiarly delicious sauce made in Egypt and served at hotels is said to be the "essence of grasshopper."

York Minster is the largest church in England. Westminster Abbey is surpassed in size by several of the cathedrals.

England is the great land of gooseberries. There they flourish as nowhere else. It is the banner fruit of that country.

A Russian immigrant arrived the other day clad in a long coat made from the skins of more than 1000 Russian mice.

The nautilus is a genuine sailor, having a membrane for a sail, a perfectly formed boat and a set of antennae for paddles and rudder.

In some parts of Russia the snow actually is preserved in great straw, mud and manure-covered heaps as a means of irrigating the land during the summer heats.

A dwarf calf born on the farm of Elias Rutter, near Broken Sword, Ohio, is said to weigh but 21 pounds, measures 20 inches around the body and stands only 15 inches high.

Street lamps are not permitted in Germany unless they accompany processions. In Vienna, Austria, the organ-grinders are allowed to play only between midday and sunset.

A mare owned by Herman Cobby of Sanborn, N. H., recently gave birth to triplets. Two of the foals were about the size of kittens, and the third perfectly formed and of normal size.

An organist says that a cow notes in a perfect fifth octave, or tenth, a dog barks in fifth or fourth, a donkey brays in a perfect octave; and a horse neighs in a descent on the chromatic scale.

The tombstone marking the grave of Rev. Warcham Williams, a leading preacher of abolition day, was unearthed at Waltham, Mass., on a recent day. Antiquarians had long searched for the grave.

Close to Gavarnie in South France there is an immense semi-circular line of rocks called "the circle." The floor within is strewn with broken pieces of stone and debris, and the walls rise almost vertically to a great height.

The cocoon of the silkworm is the most valuable of plants. Its wood furnishes beams, rafters, and planks; its leaves, umbrellas and clothing; its fruit, food, oil, intoxicants, and sugar; its shells, domestic utensils; its fibers, ropes, sails, and matting.

Billies, pocketbooks and many other of the like have all been the means of saving people's lives from bullet wounds, but probably the latest time for a package of gum to act in that role, occurred at Carey, Idaho, and that recently, where the life of Dave Evans was saved by a package of gum, the bullet lodging in the package.

Of the many feasts of the Chinese, the most remarkable is known as "The Feast of Lanterns." It is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the first month of each year. On this occasion every person is obliged to set out lanterns at his doors and windows, the size, number and color of which depend on the financial standing or the fanaticism of the devotee.

The Tibbeton Teapot.
 The Tibbetan teapot is a churn, like an ordinary butter-churn. They take a small portion from a brick, pound it in a mortar, make an infusion, strain and pour it into the churn, adding a little salt. A lump of butter is thrown in, and the mixture is churned for a while. Then it is ready to drink. The result is described as resembling weak tea and milk, with the sugar and tea left out. If they cannot get tea, these people use oak bark, roast barley or peas, wild mulberry leaves, or even chips of wood—anything to give the beverage color. After taking his tea, the drinker puts a pinch of parched barley into his cup, works it up with the leaves and dregs that remain and eats it. Tea leaves mixed with parched barley so as to form boluses, are given to tired horses to lighten them up. Throughout all that region an infusion of tea is employed as a wash for weak eyes. —[New York News]

A Big Fruit Farm.
 One of the largest fruit farms this side of the Rocky Mountains, according to a recent bulletin of the West Virginia experimental station, is to be found on the foothills of the Blue Ridge in Jefferson county of that State. In 1887 the Becker brothers set out 25,000 peach trees, since which time eight adjoining tracts have been added, until the fruit farm comprises 2100 acres in one body. The planters have not stopped with peaches alone, but they have a large acre in grapes, quinces, and cherries, besides American and Japanese plums, apricots, Japan persimmons, nectarines, English walnuts, Italian chestnuts, and paper-shell almonds. —[Washington Post.]

An Irreverent Spouse.

A good man who lives in a thickly settled locality has the misfortune to be extremely deaf. His voice is remarkably loud in his devotions, and it is reported that his morning prayer can be heard for half a mile. A neighbor, not long since, having occasion to visit his house in the morning found its owner at prayer, and, not wishing to interrupt, he waited outside. The tones of the voice within grew louder and louder. Each sentence was spoken with more vehemence than the preceding, until the prayer ended with a prolonged shout of "Amen." The visitor was about to knock, when the sound of the wife's voice arrested him. With a skill born of practice, she almost rivaled the tones of her spouse as she shouted: "Well, I guess you've drove all the rabbits out of the swamp this morning."

The Witch.
 One day the swell artist was passing the house of the younger one, says the Boston Globe, and the latter called to him: "Mr. Chrome, I have just finished two pictures, entirely different in subject, and would like to have your opinion of them." The great man said he would be only too happy to look at them, so, ushering him into the house and opening the parlor, the owner pointed to two pictures hanging on the wall, and said: "There they are. One picture is of my father, copied from an old-fashioned ambrotype; the other is a painting of Lily Pons." The artist, after adjusting his eye-glasses and looking carefully at the paintings a moment, turned and asked: "Which one did you say was your father, Mr. Maddery?"

What Marriage Really Is.
 A disillusioned woman reports on her experience and observation of matrimony that "marriage is just this: You have a beautiful wreath and veil on your wedding day. The first week passes well. The second week you have your mouth full of clothespins. The third you are trotting two miles with a basket looking for cheap meat. And after that you are looking for cheap meat all the rest of your life."

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