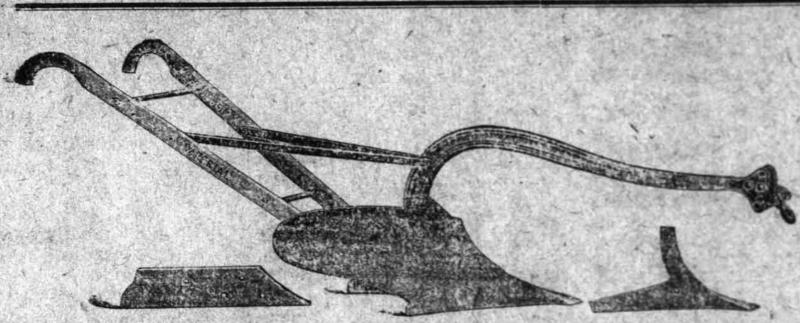
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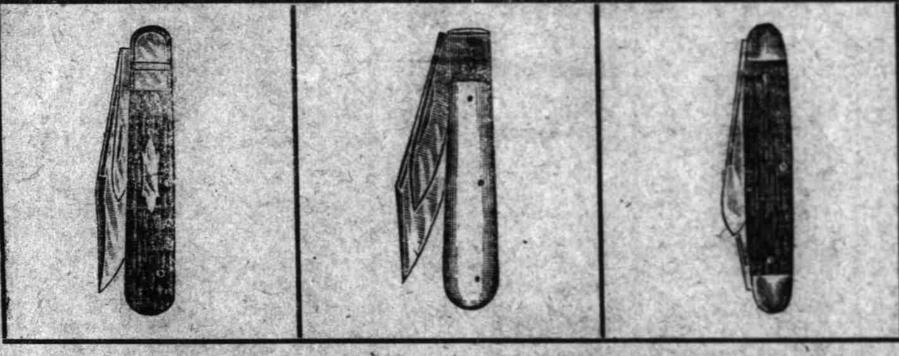
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November 1 finds me busy looking o my houses, the window sashes, etc., spreading dry earth in the pens, so Could anything be more fair for that my pets may be comfortable during the winter. By this time I have culled and arranged my stock for the winter so that I have birds of about the same age, together with my breeders and promising pullets, separated from my utility stock, the cockerels. of course, by themselves, says a writer in the Orange Judd Farmer. The morning meal, thrown in the illter, for the utility pullets is made up of wheat one ounce, oats and barley one-fourth ounce each. Three noons of each week they are fed one ounce of green cut bone each, and the remaining noon a mash of one-half chopped feed, oats and corn, and onehalf bran at the rate of one ounce each, dry weight. The evening meal consists of one-half ounce each of wheat, cracked corn and barley, except in extreme cold weather, when nothing but cracked corn is fed.

Male birds and breeding pen females get for breakfast one-half ounce each of wheat, corn and oats; at noon, raw vegetables; at night, one-half ounce each of corn and oats, again agents for The Im- substituting corn in very cold weath. er. These fowls get one ounce of perial Plows and regreen cut bone once a week, and all stock get raw cabbage and mangels Store. J. W. Streetman. every day. The ration for the utility stock I consider a forcing ration; in the two winters I have used it I have Furs obtained a little more than a dozen eggs each during December, January and February. March is usually a banner month for eggs. The mash is not a good one, but is the best I can use at noons with the short time at my disposal. Noon is the time I wish my birds to have a warm meal.

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