

**GOOD CARE OF LIVE STOCK
MEANS GOOD CARE OF HOME**

The Only Profitable Animal Is the One That Is Cared for Well—Merely Owning Purebreds Is Not Enough—Must Be Handled Intelligently.

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As a rule, better stock means better homes and better homes better stock. There are exceptions, of course, but when you think of the one it is very likely that you think of the other also.

Even if you are making no effort to grow high-grade stock or purebreds you are apt, after taking more pride in your home and your buildings, to take better care of the ordinary stock on your farm. An expert can get better results with less fuel from an old and poor heating plant than a slipshod person will get from a high-grade outfit. The most money is not always made with the highest grade or purebred animals. There are some men who make really good returns by handling good grade animals in an intelligent practical way.

The thoughtful farmer knows that the only profitable animal is the well-cared-for animal. Many a man who is not at heart very kind has learned the lesson—so far as cattle are concerned—that the exercise of consideration and gentleness means the saving of dollars. Very few men are mean enough to be mean when they know it hurts their pocketbooks. Anyone who gets the notion that it pays to give the best possible attention to the animal he has, even if poor, will not need much argument to convince him that better-bred

have worked wonders and produced splendid results. Boys' and girls' live-stock clubs have been able to bring reforms that no other agency could reach. Occasionally the older men who have never had very good ways and have become set in them are reached only through the kiddies.

Following Good Practices.

About the first thing that may be done toward getting better stock and better homes is to check up on conditions as they are and see the many ways in which they may be improved. But most people are not able to make the best of what they have. A man who lets his buildings and fences fall down, pays no attention to rotation of crops, lets his manure leach away into the creeks, forgets or neglects to feed and care for his stock regularly, and lets his wife go out to pump water and split wood is apt to instill into the minds of his children the idea that nobody is ever a farmer who is smart enough to be anything else. On the other hand one who maps out his course and lets no season go by without making some improvements in his way of doing things will surely find himself getting better animals and gaining in self-respect and importance, not only to himself but to the community as well.

Gradual, continuous live-stock improvement has been practiced for

TURKS DEVASTATING COUNTRY AS THEY RETREAT.

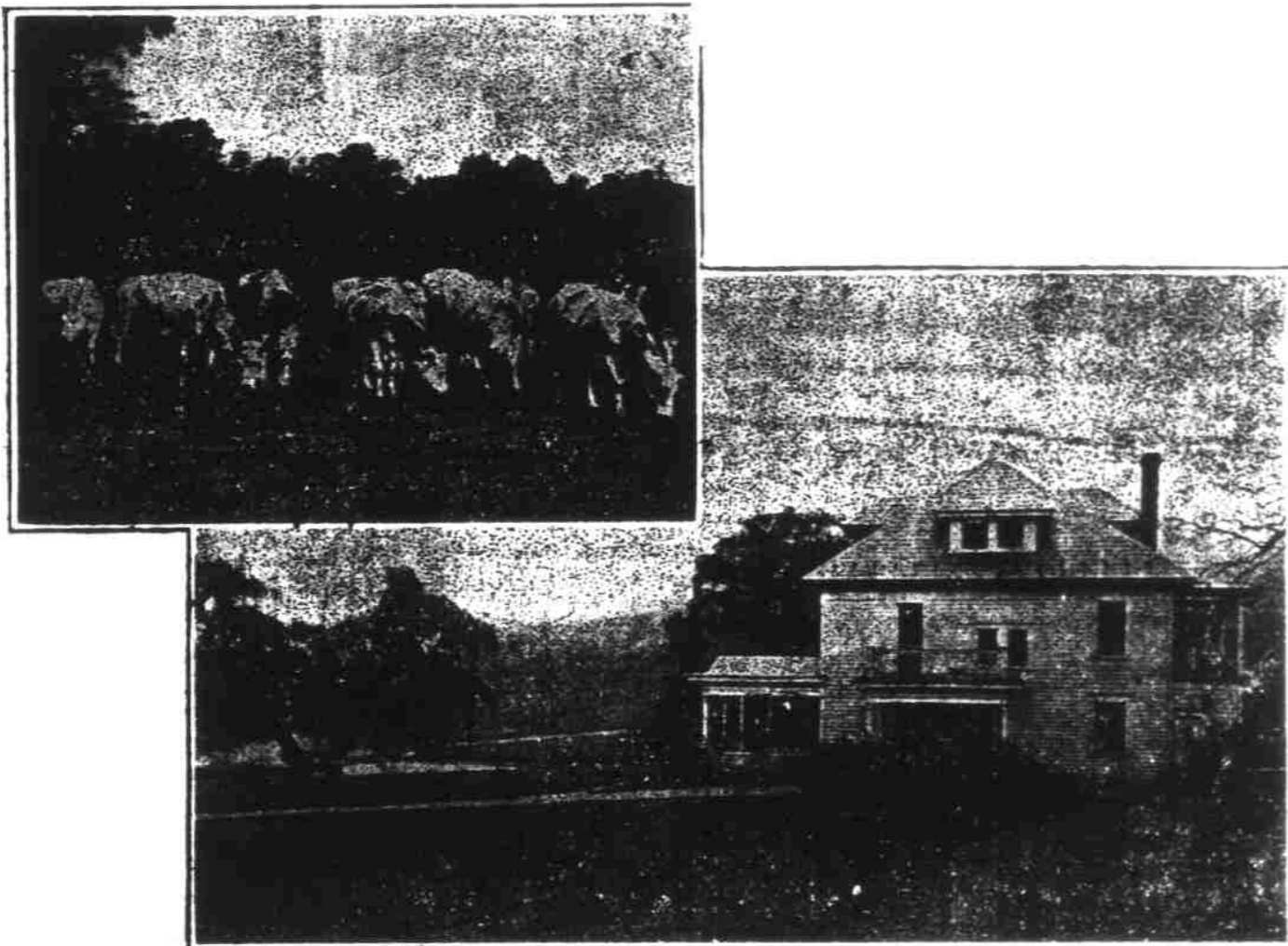
Ismid, Sept. 3.—Turkish nationalists are carrying out their threat to devastate the country as they retreat before the Greeks, it is reported here from trustworthy sources. Bands led by notorious outlaws who have joined the nationalists are said to be beginning to pillage and burn villages on a large scale.

Greek and Armenian refugees are arriving here from the interior in great numbers. Their number in Ismid alone is estimated to be 15,000. They are being rationed in part by the American committee for relief in the near east.

James Braswell, a prominent citizen of Avery county, was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was riding with his brother, Sheriff J. B. Braswell, plunged down an embankment near Spear, that county. The machine struck a tree as it rolled down the embankment, breaking Mr. Braswell's neck. The sheriff escaped with only slight injuries.

Friday, September 17, has been set aside by Rowan Superior court as divorce day. There are twenty-five divorce cases on the docket, and fifteen of these are set for Friday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75¢. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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stock will yield him still better results.

Good Handling Necessary.

The one who thinks all he needs to do to acquire fame and wealth is to buy a lot of purebred cattle, hogs, horses, or sheep, and then proceed to let them shift for themselves will soon earn the reputation of "the man with the undesirable purebreds." He will find that his wealth is not the kind the banker will recognize.

In some of the older-settled regions of the United States there are men who have stock that is bred well enough but has been handled in so shiftless a way that the animals might just as well be scrubs. In some of these cases the advent of an "up-and-coming" neighbor has worked a change of conditions.

In the more progressive communities organizations—county breeders' associations, extension workers of universities, and county agents—

many years by the most successful live-stock farmers everywhere. Improving livestock—grading up, eliminating the scrub, etc.—is merely following the practice of these successful men who for years have been keeping the best and "breeding the best to the best." It is well known that a good cow, for example, bred to a good purebred bull will usually produce a good calf. It is also well known that a better bull bred to a better cow will produce a better calf, and this applies to other kinds of live stock.

It was to emphasize this important practice that the United States Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the different State agricultural colleges, inaugurated the "Better Sires—Better Stock" crusade to raise the general quality and usefulness of our animals. Not only the scrub sire is to be eliminated but the undesirable sire as well, even though he is a purebred.

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