

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Clothes were not invented at this season of the year. No bee ever stung a man where he wanted it to sting him. Common sense among the common people is essential to progress. The harder the work a fellow does the less fault he finds with the cook. He who accepts too much advice is worse off than he who accepts none at all. In running away from temptation it is well to consider the direction you take. No matter what kind of winter we have it doesn't seem to affect the fly crop. We have found that the one, who is mindful of details, succeeds best with poultry. The wind never blows the dust off of anything upon which you do not want dust. Think a little on your own account. No one has as yet established a monopoly on ideas. Let every farmer boy have a pet of some kind. It will make him better and teach him kindness. The co-operative landclearing association could buy dynamite at rock-bottom prices. Can the individual? You ought not to subscribe for a farm paper to help the editor; you ought to subscribe to help yourself. We have always admired the way a bull-head goes about his business, even if it does land him on the bank. If the sight of a city spoils a farmer's boy he is not made of as stern stuff as a farmer ought to be made of. A great many men are so constituted that the most of their advantages have to be forced upon them over their objections.

MANY LOSSES IN MARKETING

At Present There is Too Much Waste Between Producer and Consumer of All Farm Products.

(By A. F. WOODS, Department of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

In many cases great saving is accomplished by co-operative marketing for particular districts, and associations for this purpose are springing up rapidly in all parts of the country. The product of many small growers is brought together, graded and put on the market in better condition in carload lots, thus saving greatly in freight rates and in loss by handling.

Although there has been great improvement in transportation methods and reduction in rates in the last forty years, as well as a decrease in the cost of marketing generally, there is, at present, too much waste between producer and consumer, in the case of certain special products, like fruits, vegetables and flowers. By the time transportation charges, commission charges, wholesale profit and retail profit with all the costs of handling, are paid, the consumer often pays twice as much as the producer receives.

Every possible saving must be accomplished in the cost of production and marketing. Consequently the farmers are organizing their own co-operative warehouses, elevator systems, and trading facilities and demanding legislation to control railroad rates, grading, weighing, etc.

Every farmer and consumer should take an active interest in these matters that so greatly affect the profits of labor and the cost of living. The average farmer does not pay enough attention to market demands and requirements. If he does not produce the right varieties of fruits and vegetables and send them to market properly and honestly packed he cannot expect the best prices.

TO IMPROVE RURAL CREDIT

Agitation for Better Marketing and Co-operation Assuming Proportions of Political Campaign.

Throughout the entire country there is going on a campaign for improved marketing, rural credit and co-operation. This campaign is assuming the proportions of a political campaign and even the changes in the tariff are being pushed into second place. Saving the nation is by no means a lost art, and the orator advocating reforms is getting in his work. All this agitation, however, is constructive and it will result in the probable discovery of what the trouble is. There is as yet no very definite information as to whether the trouble should be laid at the door of the trusts, the middlemen or our antiquated laws, says the Denver Weekly Post. Let us hope that the agitation, coupled with the work of the new bureau of rural organization, will bring results.

Weight of Cloverseed.

Sweet cloverseed weighs the same as red clover or alfalfa, when it is free from hulls, that is, sixty pounds per bushel. It is a hard matter to take the hulls all off in a common threshing machine, and many sow hulls and all, as it grows just as well that way. When seedsmen handle it the hulls have to be taken off.

FAIRM STOCK

PALLIATION OF THE HEAVES

Disease is Incurable, but May Be Mitigated by Feeding Easily Digested Nutritive Food.

(By DR. J. H. STANDISH, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.)

Repeated gorging of the stomach with food or water, and often both, is the cause of heaves. The symptoms are deep breathing, evidenced by the expanding nostrils and double lifting of the flanks, both of which are increased if the animal is forced up a grade at a fast trot or gallop when the stomach is distended with food or water; generally, also, a hacking cough, mostly in the morning.

The disease is incurable, but may be palliated by feeding easily digested nutritive food in small quantities. Give such food as early cut, well cured, clean timothy hay, preferably dampened with weak lime water, oats, wheat bran, flaxseed ground, and in winter roots, carrots, turnips, mangels or sugar beets; the oats to be boiled twice a week.

Give four drams of ginger and two drams of baking soda in the food at night, or oil of tar in dessert spoonful doses. In some cases better results are secured by alternating these daily or weekly, and in some cases are benefited by four to ten grain doses of white arsenic once a day. But care in feeding and watering is necessary in any treatment. Oat straw, if early cut and well cured, is often preferable to hay. In either case, shake the hay or straw to remove all dust.

KEEP THE GOOD BROOD SOWS

Should Not Be Put Into Fattening Pen and Sent to Market and Replaced With Untried Gilt.

It is strange that the farmer will keep the good brood mare from year to year and at the same time put his good brood sow into the fattening pen and send her off to market as soon as she is fat enough to go. Thus the good brood sow is often sacrificed while the gilt, untried as a brood sow, takes her place. This is a mistake. When a sow proves a good suckler and careful mother she should be retained, especially if she is prolific.

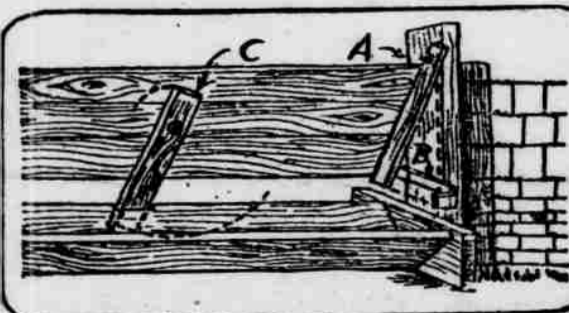
With such a sow the farmer is reasonably assured of a strong, healthy litter of pigs that will grow into profitable hogs. The gilt may prove a poor suckler, overlay her brood, while four or five is often the number of her brood. So with the young gilt for brood sow the pig proposition on the farm is a very uncertain one.

If a sow proves to be a good breeder from the start, she should be retained, for it is reasonable to expect that she will get better each year. And it is a fact that older sows bring healthier, stronger pigs, and a greater number of them with less danger of trouble of any kind at farrowing time.

MAKES SLOPPING HOGS EASY

Section of Fence Swings Over Trough While It is Being Cleaned or Feed is Being Renewed.

Here is my style of a hog trough, and it is too good to keep from those who may not have it. A section of the fence, the length of the pen, swings over the trough from side to side, making it possible to shut the hogs away from the trough while



Handy Hog Trough.

cleaning it and putting in feed, writes J. A. Crandall of Norwich, Kan., in the Farmers Mail and Breeze. A shows the bolt at one side on which the gate swings. B is a bumper, and C is a latch to hold the section back.

Place for Hogs.
The hog should find a place in the economical management of every farm. He will turn to good account many things that would otherwise be lost either on a grain or grazing farm. On the former there are plenty of grazing spots and many other herb growths that will equalize the ration of quite a number of hogs and send to market or to the farmer's table healthy and palatable meat. On the grazing farm a little grain will fill out the high albumenoid ration and make fat animals.

Exercise for Pigs.
Little pigs should be made to take exercise and the sow ought not to be fed on too rich sloop for a time. Lack of exercise and the mother sow eating too rich sloop is a great combination for the development of thumps.

Fashions in Breeding.
There are sometimes fashions in breeding which it will pay to follow. For instance, the present fashion is against big hogs, and in favor of medium weights. That way profit lies

A girl in looking for a new suit at one of our store said:
"I have to have a scater skirt
That's slashed far up the seam;
I cannot wear the old styles
And keep my self-esteem."

There may be larger things in life,
And higher joys than in my flight;
But, oh, amid this sordid strife,
A child's dear face is all my light.

Your opinion is all right in the estimation of others—if you happen to think as they do, and if you do not they will knife you in the back.

In sleep man dreams of marble halls,
But wakes within his humble cot;
'Tis then the voice of duty call,
And yet the dreamer does it not.

One of the things not to worry about is whether Senator Overman may have one or more opponents for the Senatorship, as he'll get there all right.

If a young man marries a slender girl and she develops into a heavy weight in after years he can see where he got more than he bargained for.

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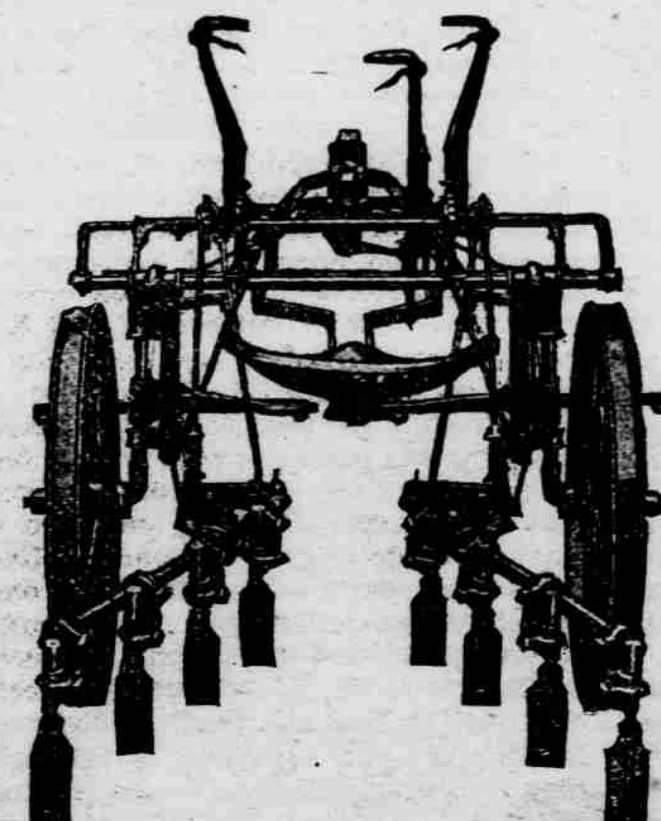
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