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Southern Agricultural Topics.

Modern Methods That Are Helpful to Farmer, Fruit Grower and Stockman.

Dairy Hints.

Rely on cleanliness and cogness for keeping milk and cream sweet. Drugs are not permissible.

Milk may be made bitter by the vessels it enters not being thoroughly scalded and cleaned, when certain bacteria may develop that will make the milk bitter.

If living near town and making butter a good trade may be worked up in buttermilk. The demand for it will be as steady as the demand for butter itself.

Unclean milk is the cause of thousands of infants being buried every year; and that class of milk is produced by a very large number who would be indignant if told that their milk was unclean.

One practical dairyman puts a thin cotton blanket on every cow he milks in summer, putting it on for use during milking only. It keeps flies from annoying the cow, causing her to lash the milker in the face with her tail.

Bitter milk is not always due to cows eating weeds. Sometimes a cow that is along in the stripper class rather far will develop the bitter milk habit, for some unknown reason. Her milk should be kept from that of other cows.

Shade and water—they are two things that the milk cow must have for good health or for heavy production. It is strange, considering that they really cost little, that so many cows have to get along without them or have them in insufficient quantity.

Cows that grow a very long bush may get their tails filthy from dragging in mud or manure, and it will aid the cause of cleanliness if such bushes are trimmed slightly at the end. They should be left as long as they can be without dragging in the mud, since the longer they are the better they can chase flies.

You and your descendants for many generations will wait and wait to find a thrifty dairy section with impoverished soil. The dairy cow would, with the right man to help her, make the typical run-down cotton farm soil richer than it ever was before; and she would keep it richer and keep the farm profitable week after week for generations.

Make it a practice to give cats milk after each milking, in a large pan near the bins where the grain feed is stored. Do not feed them anything else or at any other place; do not encourage them in any way to stay about the residence, and they will help to keep the rats and mice from carrying off grain of much greater value than is the milk eaten by the cats. If a cat is desired at the dwelling, feed that one there and make her feel at home there.

Mr. Farmer, do not get too enthusiastic and plunge into dairying on a large scale at the outset. Begin in a small way, read good dairy literature, apply it to the work being done, prove to yourself that you can make money from the dairy; then increase the size of the herd, secure a cream separator, provide facilities for cooling the milk quickly, put up a silo in which to store cheap winter feed. But do not, in any case, get a larger herd together than can be cared for well. The labor problem is a serious one, and neglected dairy cows and dairy work poorly done are quick means for emptying the pocketbook. — Progressive Farmer.

Plant Pure Bred Seed.

In our variety tests we have had some varieties to yield from 500 to 800 pounds of seed cotton per acre more than other varieties in the same tests and grown under identical conditions of soil, fertilization and cultivation. By increasing their best varieties by only fifty pounds of seed cotton to the acre, at four and one-half cents per pound, the farmers of North Carolina alone could add \$2,250,000 a year to their profits.

In a general way in all the tests that have been made it has been found that varieties having large bolls and seed and possessing well branched, vigorous growing stalks, covered thoroughly with bolls and leaves, as Russell's Big Boll and Culpepper's Improved, and some other similar kinds, are the ones that have generally produced the largest number of pounds of lint cotton per acre, i. e., when they are grown under soil and climatic conditions that will permit their complete maturity before frost. These are late maturing varieties and it should be remembered that late maturity in an upland cotton is a favorable factor to large yield if complete maturity is made.

In selecting a variety one must not be guided entirely by total yield of seed cotton, for often between two varieties producing about the same quantity per acre, the one with the smaller yield should be chosen because of its production of a larger amount of lint and higher selling price of total products (lint and seed). It should be remembered that

the lint sells from eight to fifteen times as much per pound as seed.

It must be remembered that for the Piedmont South and portions just west of it, on a red clay soil which warms up slowly in the spring, the larger balled varieties will not be a general thing to do so well, as they will not mature thoroughly before frost catches them; hence, an early maturing variety, such as King's Improved, will do best here. This is also true for the average season, in a general sense, for any portion of the South having cold and poorly drained soils.

Above all things, the practice of securing seed for planting at random from the gin should not be followed, for it cannot possibly be known whether the seed thus obtained are produced on stalks that bore few or many bolls. If seeds of the former kind are secured, then the tendency of these seed when planted will be to produce stalks that will bear a small number of bolls and hence small yields and vice versa. Another serious objection to securing seed from the gin is that we usually wait till late and get seed from last picking, which are the poorest of all produced by the plants.

It must be remembered that as intelligent feeding and good care stand to animal improvement, so does proper fertilization and thorough cultivation of the soil stand to plant improvement. If proper food and care are not furnished both plants and animals, improvement will not only be impossible, but retrogression inevitable. With the same thought and care the results are obtained much faster with plants than with animals, as a completed growth is secured in one year with most agricultural plants, while with animals it requires several years. — C. B. Williams, Director North Carolina Experiment Station, Raleigh, N. C.

Try Heavy Liming For Alfalfa.

It has long been known that lime is necessary for sweetening the soil for alfalfa, and its success in the arid West is largely due to the amount of lime in the soil, it having not been washed down as in the humid regions. But now Joe Wing, of Ohio, who has probably had more experience in alfalfa than any other man in the country, and who has hundreds of acres of it growing, says that this sort of liming is not enough, and that alfalfa wants lime in such abundance that the soil would be unfitted for other plants. He claims that four tons of lime per acre is about right, and that with this much lime the crab grass will not bother it. Four tons would mean about one hundred bushels of lime per acre. The farmers in Pennsylvania formerly used more than that in their ordinary farm cropping, till they found that they were liming too heavily, and now seldom use more than twenty-five bushels for most cropping.

I have considerable confidence in what Mr. Wing says, and would like to have an opportunity to test his ideas if I were growing alfalfa. But any one can test the matter on a small scale by applying lime at rate of one hundred bushels per acre on a small part of an alfalfa patch. It will certainly do no harm and may open up the way to greater success with this crop. — W. F. Massey.

Watercress For Spring Brooks.

Every man who has a spring brook ought to get watercress set in it, since it will give delicious green food every season of the year. A small amount set out near the spring will stock the whole brook in the course of a year. Watercress has a pleasant, pungent taste, somewhat milder than mustard or horseradish, and will take care of itself if once planted in a spring brook where the water is clean. It may be eaten raw or prepared as a salad. It is as wholesome as it is agreeable to the taste. Sprigs with roots may be got from some neighbor, or the larger seed houses should be able to supply the seed. Either setting out plants in the winter or sowing the seed imbedded in a little mud and stuck into the edge of the water will give a good stand.

Study Your Soils and Crops.

The potato crop needs phosphoric acid and potash far more than nitrogen, and the lesson to be learned is that we must study the manual needs of the particular crop we are growing. With a good second growth of clover turned under I would have used nothing on the potatoes but acid phosphate and potash, and would doubtless have gotten a better crop than this man who was so lavish with nitrogenous manures and fertilizer. It all comes down to the fact that farmers and gardeners should study their soil and their crops and then mix their own fertilizer to suit each. — Professor Massey.

Fallen By the Wayside.

When will it right, law is banished. —Danish.
A smooth river washes away its banks. —Servian.

Words of Wisdom.

It is not a crime to be an egotist, but it is exceedingly bad taste to let others discover it.
Fortune favors the man with a strong arm and a hard fist—if he has a disposition to use them.
Some people are so proud of their humility that they are constantly committing indiscretions in order that they may gracefully apologize for them.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

By a recent decree women are not allowed to engage in bullfights in Spain.

Ethel Jackson, the original Merry Widow, procured a divorce from Fred Zimmerman, Jr.

A prominent woman physician in Philadelphia advised women to smoke cigarettes for their health.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens "stumped" Maine, and was glad that the election kept intact the laws against the liquor traffic.

Mme. Emmy Destinn, the operatic soprano, has unexpectedly canceled her immediate engagements at the Royal Opera in Berlin.

All except two of the suffragettes arrested for disturbances at the British House of Commons were sent to prison for a month, after refusal to pay a fine of \$25 each.

To perpetuate the memory of the fifty-one patriotic women of Edenton, N. C., who defied England by declining to use tea, a bronze tablet was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At the request of the Superintendent of Public Schools Miss Strachan, leader of the women teachers in their campaign for "equal pay for equal work," withdrew her promise to speak at the Budget Exhibit, New York City.

Siam has recently passed a law giving women the right to vote in certain cases. While this may seem an extraordinary step for an Oriental people, the Siamese women themselves explain that it is the teaching of Buddhism.

A Turkish women's paper, with a woman as editor and with women as contributors, has been in existence for several years. It informs its readers that "any contribution that is in accordance with Mussulman faith and with Ottoman morals will be gratefully received."

CHAMOIS GLOVES.

Chamois gloves are not near so warm as their appearance would warrant one in supposing.

They absorb perspiration so that persons who perspire freely will find them much more comfortable than silk or flannel. Again, they are much smarter looking than the fabric gloves and if properly washed are very desirable. It is careless washing that makes them shrink or crack.

The correct method is to make a thick suds of white soap and warm water, and, putting the gloves on the hands, wash in the same way as one would the hands.

When clean, rinse through warm soapy water, then wipe dry as possible with a towel, and if convenient, dry on the hands in the open air.

Another process is to make the suds as described and then wash the gloves as one would a handkerchief or other small article rinsing in warm soapy water. The gloves are then put into a clean cloth and wrung dry.

Afterward they are put on glove trees or pinned up where the air will blow freely around them.—Washington Star.

The Albany Journal recommends: Try the beefless dinner as a remedy for the reachless prices.

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