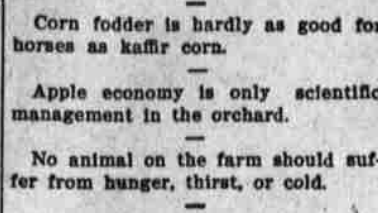


NOTES from MEADOWBROOK FARM



Get a Babcock tester.
Chaff makes good litter.
Make the garden soil fine.
There is always a premium on choice products.
Hens are helping to lift a good many mortgages nowadays.
When grains are high slage makes a still more profitable feed.
Chaff piles from around the straw stack make good scratching litter.
Unfertilized eggs keep best, and salt is the best material to pack them in.
To have horses of endurance give the colts a chance to develop their muscles.
Too often when stock is fed for a certain market it is sold at a disadvantage.
With good care, good stock looks better, does better, and pays better than scrubs.
One of the most important things is to teach the colt to walk fast from the very start.
All colts should be handled with the bitting-irig before attempting to harness or drive them.
Use the dish-water for fertilizing purposes, and give the pigs pure, clean water to drink.
Keep the hogs quiet, clean and comfortable if you expect the best gain from the food supplied.
No stock grower can afford to have his animals burn grain for fuel to keep themselves warm.
The cost of feeding an animal increases with its weight, but not in direct proportion to its weight.
Young chicks seemingly never do so well as when they have free range of the grass and are fed a variety of food.
Few crops respond more promptly to a thorough preparation of the soil than winter grain, and especially wheat.
Speed combined with grace, ease and endurance are the principal qualities sought in the action of the roadster.
In the home dairy there must be a sufficient number of cows to guarantee a certain amount of butter the year around.
An account should be kept with every cow. The way to determine her value is by using the scales and the Babcock test.
Weaning the colts too soon is worse than any other treatment they may get. Let them run with the mare as long as they can.
The albumen in milk goes toward making eggs. That is why the layers crave milk and it is well to let them have all the surplus.
One of the implements that should have constant use on the farm is the lead pencil. The majority of men do far too little figuring.
In the properly equipped home dairy the amount and the quality of butter from a given amount of milk are far ahead of the creamery made article.
A good many sudden deaths among older fowls may be laid to apoplexy, caused by too much over stimulating and fattening food like corn and Kaffir.
Economy on the dairy farm is of great importance but it isn't economy to handle the cows in any manner that will fall to get their full yield of butter-fat.
Have a light poultry house, admitting plenty of fresh air without producing direct drafts of air. The germs of most diseases cannot live in fresh air or very strong light.
Cows that have a habit of chewing old bones, wood or manure have a craving for mineral matter that may sometimes be satisfied by putting a handful of fine wood ashes in the feed twice a week.
Never breed young and immature stock, as both size and form will be injured, as in most cases the suckling qualities of the mothers are not fully developed and without a good flow of milk a good growth cannot be effected.
Eggs are quite as likely to absorb odors from the things the hen eats as milk is to take on smells from the things the cows consume in the stable. And either smelly milk or eggs are not calculated to whet one's appetite.
If you have an abundance of any variety for which there is poor demand, that should not discourage you from raising the same next year. For instance, if strawberries sell slowly, think carefully before destroying the bed. The market may be more brisk next year.
Horses relish Kaffir corn.
Give the hens animal food.
Ventilate the poultry house.
Cows must have fresh water.
The days of bonanza apple growing is past.
Corn fodder is hardly as good for horses as kaffir corn.
Apple economy is only scientific management in the orchard.
No animal on the farm should suffer from hunger, thirst, or cold.
So far as can be done, select the largest and best sows for breeders.
Dry air, good feed and plenty of exercise are necessary for winter eggs.
Your horse may intend to please you, but does not understand your wishes.
Ground limestone and phosphate rock may be spread upon the soil at any time.
As a rule, hens that lay steadily during cold weather are indifferent hot weather layers.
To secure the very best fruit it is best to renew the strawberry bed every other year.
Winter eggs do not come by change. It takes planning and work to get them, but it pays.
One advantage with old grass as a mulching material, is that it doesn't contain weed seeds.
In growing cabbage successfully, farmers have found that the first requisite is good ground.
A few cents more per foot for ladders that weigh a few pounds less will save dollars in picking.
Vegetables are great stuff for the hens, especially when they can't get green feed in the fields.
Turkeys are good for the field. They can be driven anywhere you wish from one field to another.
Among the perennials which should have a place in every garden there ought to be room for asparagus.
Chaff about straw stacks makes good scratching litter and the sooner it is hauled up the better it will be.
A sow that is raised on concentrated food, without sufficient exercise, will never make a profitable brood sow.
After Jack Frost has relieved you of the job of swatting flies it might be a good idea to take a few swats at the rats.
Get in your spring supplies and utensils—this includes the incubators and brooders, and what new stock you must purchase.
"Color has little to do with the real value of an animal." Nevertheless, color has a decided commercial value in many cases.
Turkeys always find ready sale and are almost clear profit. There is always a demand for them; the market is never glutted.
The soy bean, sometimes called "soya" or "soja" bean, is a legume resembling in its early growth the common field or navy bean.
The fancier who cares not for the egg or meat production of his birds and caters to the ornamental only has a small field of usefulness.
One of the most important items in managing a fruit farm, and especially small fruits, is to prepare the soil in equal hills before planting.
Visit the chicken house at night and note the quality of the air and the breathing of the birds. If the house is stifling it needs more air.
When fruit is cheap and plentiful in the market its value for home use is not by any means lessened. Once put in glass jars it is good for many years.
Raspberries produce good crops in the same soil for years, while strawberries produce their best crops the first year they come into full bearing.
Beware of the tree agents. They may be dishonest and sell uncertain goods. It is best in all cases to deal direct with strictly reliable nurserymen.
The garden plowed in late fall or winter can usually be prepared for planting a week or two earlier. Late plowing also is hard on insect pests wintering in the soil.
A coat of cheap paint will do much to improve the appearance of the wire fence and also to increase its period of usefulness.
For laying fowls, milk furnishes the animal protein that is necessary. In this way it takes the place of beef scraps, which is a packing-house product and somewhat expensive.
Careful study of the conditions necessary for the growth and abundant yield of fruit-bearing trees has conclusively demonstrated that the soil in the orchard must be cultivated.
Stud-books may be guarantees of good breeding, but they are not always guarantees of individual merit, and a horse that has not a combination of both these essential features should not be kept as a breeder.
No poultry house is complete without an adjoining open-fronted scratching shed. Hens, during bad stormy weather or severe cold weather, the birds may be confined and, if kept busy, will be happy, healthy, and what is more to the point, profitable.

The KITCHEN CABINET



TRUE courage is not incompatible with nervousness; and heroism does not mean the absence of fear, but the conquest of it. —Van Dyke.

HELPFUL HINTS.

When making gravy, if you have a ginger snap add it well crumbed to the gravy for thickening instead of flour. It gives a rich color to the gravy.

To remove machine or carriage grease from clothing, rub well with lard, and after standing for an hour or two, wash with hot soap suds.

Fruit stains of any kind may be removed by placing the stained portion of the cloth over a bowl and pouring boiling hot water over the stain. It will gradually fade away.

Coffee, tea or cocoa stains should be soaked in cold water for an hour, then wring dry and proceed as for fruit stains, pouring boiling water through the stained portion.

When leaving wood piles and tubs for some time, lay thicknesses of newspaper in the bottom and around the sides of the tub, filling them a third full of water. The paper will hold moisture after the water has dried out of the tubs.

Salt codfish that has been scalded and drained three times then is ready to serve with chopped parsley and butter.

Frying pans and old dripping pans that have been used for years may be nicely cleaned by burning them in the furnace fire for half a day. They will come out sweet as new.

Fresh paint may be easily removed by an application of turpentine; but old, dry paint will need naphtha. Use it out of doors, as it is highly inflammable.

Peroxide, used on a piece of cotton wound around a toothpick, will remove stains under the nails.

Always keep a small bottle of peroxide on hand, as it is useful to use on a cut finger or any inflamed skin.

A roll or box of adhesive paste is invaluable. There are countless ways of using it. A piece put on a sore corn or bunion will protect it and keep the corn from hardening. It can even be used in an emergency to mend a rent in a gown. Place the plaster on the under side and press it with a hot iron, bringing the frayed edges together.

MIRTH is next to health. When mirth springs up from innocence and fun; 'Tis quite ahead of wealth! 'Tis joy that knows no pang when once begun!

SOUP AND SOUP STOCK.

During the cold weather soup stock may be kept on hand indefinitely, and with the addition of different herbs and flavors one may have an endless variety of soups.

Brown Soup Stock.—Wipe a six-pound shin of beef, and cut the lean meat in inch cubes; brown a third of the meat in a hot frying pan in the marrow from the bones. Put the remaining two-thirds of the meat into a kettle with the bones, add cold water and let stand a half hour. Place on the back part of the range, add the browned meat and heat gradually to the boiling point. Skim, as the scum rises, cover and cook slowly six hours, keeping the liquid below the boiling point. A fireless cooker is an ideal place to cook soup. To this stock add a half cup each of celery, cut fine, turnip, carrot and onion, a sprig of marjoram, two sprigs of parsley, half a teaspoonful of pepper corns, six cloves, half a bayleaf and three sprigs of thyme and a tablespoonful of salt. Cook one and a half hours; strain and cool as quickly as possible.

Macaroni Soup.—Cook a fourth of a cup of macaroni, broken in half-inch pieces, until soft in boiling water. Drain and add to a quart of brown soup stock, heated to the boiling point. Season with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

White Soup, Stock.—Wipe three pounds of the knuckle of veal, remove from the bone and cut in small pieces. Cut a pound of lean beef, also, in small pieces, put the bone and meat in a soup kettle, cover with cold water and bring quickly to the boiling point; add an onion, a stalk of celery, half a teaspoon of pepper corns, half a bay leaf, two sprigs of thyme, two cloves, with three quarts of water. Boil three or four hours, until the stock is reduced one-half. Strain, cool and the soup is ready to use.

How to Remove Mildew.

To remove mildew from linen take some yellow soap and rub it well into the linen, then scrape some chalk very fine and rub that in also. Lay the linen on the grass and as it dries wet it again and again until the mildew disappears. Another way is to mix soft soap and powdered starch with half the quantity of salt and the juice of a lemon. Apply the mixture with a brush and lay the linen out on the grass for a few frosty nights until the stain disappears.

Bishop Not Qualified.

Comments by the bishop of London (Dr. Ingram) on the falling birth-rate were quoted by counsel in a case in the Clerkenwell county court, when Judge Cuser remarked: "What has the bishop to do with it? He is not married. Example is better than precept."

Improving Coffee Flavor.

Adding a pinch of salt and piece of butter, size of a bean, to coffee will make the flavor much better and also settle the coffee.

Jap Baker's Sign.

The oriental capacity for using our mother tongue with strange twists of unconscious humor is well known, but few examples are equal to this delicious sign on a Japanese baker's shop: "A Karinura, Biggest Loaf in Tokyo."—Oriental Review.

Nothing Doing at All.

Hokus—"So she didn't return your love, eh?" Pokus—"Return my love? Why, she didn't even return my presents."—Town Topics.

Crossing the Bridge.

The trouble about crossing the bridge before you come to it is that you will have to cross it just the same when you get there.

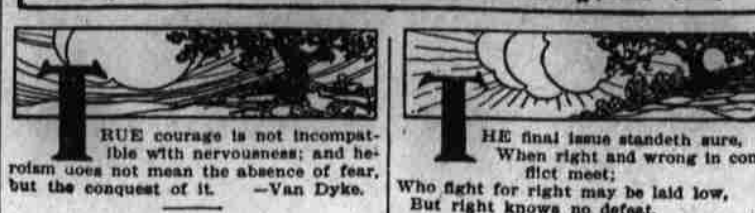
Attraction of Good Liar.

Some liars are so interesting that we feel sorry we can't believe them. —Dr. Pash.

Poor Combination.

Small ideas and big words make a painful combination.—New Orleans, Phylax.

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Cardul goes to the weak spots and helps to make them strong. It is for the weak, tired, nervous, irritable women, who feel as though everything were wrong, and who need something to quiet their restless nerves, and strengthen their worn-out systems. Thousands of women now enjoy good health as a result of taking Cardul. Why not you? Try it. At all drug stores.

N. B.—Write to Chattanooga Medicine Co., 1217 Advisory Department, Chattanooga, Tennessee, for Special Treatment on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. Adv.

SOMETHING SWELL

"Going to have turkey on your birthday?"
"No; I'm going to blow myself this year for an elaborate feed. I'm going to give a bacon dinner to the family."

ECZEMA FOR TEN YEARS

1809 Little Walsh St., Baltimore, Md.—"I was afflicted with eczema for about ten years, the most tormenting and agonizing. It was dry, cracked, itching. It was scratch, scratch, scratch and burn, burn, burn. By scratching I brought sores which scabbed. I tried all remedies which I knew or heard of; some gave me temporary relief, but none permanent cure. I couldn't sleep for scratching, after which there was burning. I saw the advertisement for free samples of Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment and wrote for them. They did me good immediately and I then bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and a cake of Cuticura Soap. I was cured in two weeks." (Signed) George Wooden, Jan. 21, 1912.

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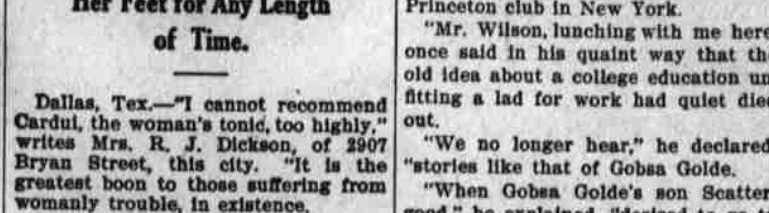
Trouble for the Future.

First M. D. (from bedside of wealthy bachelor)—He is sleeping naturally—he will recover. Second M. D.—Yes, the worst is over. First M. D.—No, the worst is yet to come. Second M. D.—How is that? First M. D.—We have yet to break the news to his relatives.—Life.

Some men begin to economize after marriage by growing whiskers.

It takes a genius to save money or write good poetry.

IDEA ANNOYED OLD GOLDE



He Knew From Experience That College Education by No Means Unfitted Boy for Work.

"Woodrow Wilson naturally believes in a college education for boys and girls alike," said a banker at the Princeton club in New York.

"Mr. Wilson, lunching with me here, once said in his quaint way that the old idea about a college education unfitting a lad for work had quite died out.

"We no longer hear," he declared, "stories like that of Gobsa Golde."

"When Gobsa Golde's son Scattergood," he explained, "desired to go to Princeton, he said to the old man: 'Pater, is it true that boys who go to college are unfit for work afterward?'"

"Of course it ain't true!" snorted the old man indignantly. "Why, I've got a Princeton graduate runnin' my freight elevator, two of my best coal heavers are Harvard A. B.'s and a Yale B. S. is my star truck driver."

GOT LEFT IN THE RUSH.

"Ruth is engaged to be married the coming winter."
"The mischief she is! I intended to propose to that girl myself when I got time."

Fair to All.

"Recently," says a Richmond man, "I received an invitation to the marriage of a young colored couple formerly in my employ. I am quite sure that all persons similarly favored were left in little doubt as to the attitude of the couple. The invitation ran as follows: 'You are invited to the marriage of Mr. Henry Clay Barker and Miss Josephine Mortimer Dixon at the house of the bride's mother. All who cannot come may send.'—Lippincott's Magazine.

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Really Not to Blame.

"Don't you know I tol' you not 't go swimmin' wid no white trash chollun, eh?" sternly asked Sambo Johnsons.
"But he wan' white befo' he went in," replied Sambo's small son.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM

Take the Old Standard GILBERT'S TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a palatable form, and the most effective form. For grown people and children, 50 cents. Adv.

The Kind.

"What would you recommend as the fish diet for sailors?"
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Allen's Foot-Ease, the Antiseptic powder for tired, aching, swollen, nervous feet. Gives rest and comfort. Makes walking a delight. Sold everywhere. Don't accept any substitute. For FREE sample address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

Real Test.

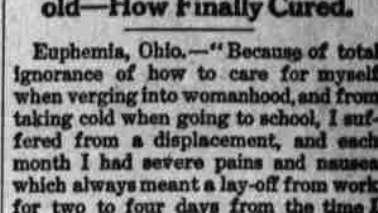
Gabe—How do you tell a genuine diamond from a fake?
Steve—Try to hook it.

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Many a woman prays to get into heaven and fights to get into society.

LIFE'S STRUGGLE WITH ILLNESS



Mrs. Stewart Tells How She Suffered from 16 to 45 years old—How Finally Cured.

Euphemia, Ohio.—"Because of total ignorance of how to care for myself when verging into womanhood, and from taking cold when going to school, I suffered from a displacement, and each month I had severe pains and nausea which always meant a lay-off from work for two to four days from the time I was 16 years old.

"I went to Kansas to live with my sister and while there a doctor told me of the Pinkham remedies but I did not use them then as my faith in patent medicines was limited. After my sister died I came home to Ohio to live and that has been my home for the last 15 years.

"The Change of Life came when I was 47 years old and about this time I saw my physical condition plainly described in one of your advertisements. Then I began using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I cannot tell you or any one the relief it gave me in the first three months. It put me right where I need not lay off every month and during the last 18 years I have not paid out two dollars to a doctor, and have been blessed with excellent health for a woman of my age and I can thank Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for it.

"Since the Change of Life is over I have been a maternity nurse and being wholly self-supporting I cannot over estimate the value of good health. I have now earned a comfortable little home just by sewing and nursing since I was 62 years old. I have recommended the Compound to many with good results, as it is excellent to take before and after childbirth."—Miss EVELYN ADELIA STEWART, Euphemia, Ohio.

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Dr. R. V. Pierce found years ago that a glyceric extract of Golden Seal and Oregon grape roots, queen's root and bloodroot with black cherry bark, would aid in the assimilation of the food in the stomach, correct liver ills and in nature's own way enrich the blood, tone the entire system and consequently help in the restoration of perfect health. Many who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery testify that they have been restored to health when suffering from stomach and liver ills. Let this famous old medicine start today to lead you to health and strength.

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