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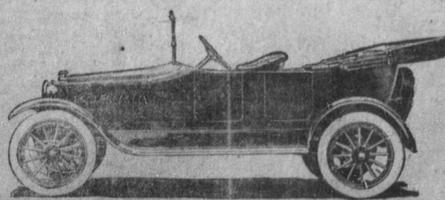
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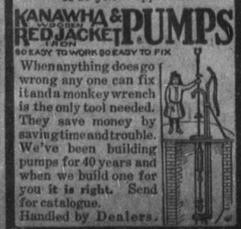
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## ALL ABOUT A LETTER

By MARIE GOLDEN.

What the answer would have been if Charlie Sidcot had proposed in person is doubtful. It is tolerably certain that he would not have been so eloquent as he was in his letter. He would never have had the face to say what he did about Miss Dury's countenance and grace of person.

The letter was under yet dignified, hopeful but not self-assured, poetical almost but free of anything like maudlin sentimentality. His course was justified to an extent by the letter that Miss Dury wrote in reply. She did not adopt a light and frivolous one at least. Here is what she wrote:

My Dear Mr. Sidcot—Your letter was a surprise to me, for I had no idea that you were so certain for me as of the nature which it expresses. Will you forgive me if I say that I am sorry? I am not inasmuch to the honor you have paid me; I prize your friendship highly and for I am by no means the perfect creature you seem to imagine me. Be assured, my dear Mr. Sidcot, that I have not made this decision without reflection and that having made it nothing can alter it. Your truly and sincerely friend,  
 ERNESTINE DURY.

Having concluded this epistle, Miss Dury read it over two or three times, pensively chewing the end of the fat-tail pen.

She put on her hat and jacket, walked briskly to the mail box at the corner of the street, dropped the letter therein and closed the slot with a resounding slam.

"There!" she said.

Why she said it in that vindictive way is just as much of a mystery as her bursting into tears when she regained her room. Her sister heard her sobbing five minutes later and threatened to kick in a panel of the door and rescue the household if she were not admitted.

"Well," asked the sister when Ernestine unlocked the door, "what's all this about?"

"Charlie wrote me a proposal and I've just written refusing him—and smiled the letter," the girl gurgled between sobs.

"What are you hoo-hooing about, then, if you don't want him?" inquired the sister. "I thought you liked him, though."

"I do—oo—oo."  
 "Then why did you refuse him?"  
 "I don't know. Oh, what shall I do?"

The sister looked at her with contempt. "Stop the letter, silly."

Ernestine jumped from the bed, her eyes shining. "Can I?" she cried.

"Why, of course, you can," replied the sister. "Here, you just bathe your eyes and call up the post office."

She came back in a few minutes. "It's all right," she said. "Only you'll have to go down to the post office yourself and sign an application. It's in room twelve."

Miss Dury made her record time dressing for a downtown trip. In room 12 of the post office building she found a nice, benevolent-looking old gentleman, who asked her why she wanted to stop the letter and then, pitying her confusion, gave her a blank to sign and told her to make her mind easy—that the letter would be stopped.

Miss Dury departed greatly comforted and on the way home began to outline another letter of a different tenor.

The next morning she awaited the arrival of the postman with more than collinary eagerness and her heart sank when she found that her letter was not returned to her. Still, it might come at noon. It did not, nor did it come on the four o'clock delivery. She was naturally worried, but after all the great thing was that the letter was stopped.

"Why, they won't return it to you, you big goose," said the sister. "You have to call for it. He told me that."

So early in the morning Miss Dury made another trip to the post office. The benevolent friend was not there. A young and businesslike official listened to what she had to say, then went away and returned with the information that the letter had been forwarded on to its address.

"I thought it was stopped," she cried.

"It was stopped," said the young man, crisply; "stopped, held for twenty-four hours, unaltered for, and forwarded. That's the rule. You should have called for it."

"This time Miss Dury went home with dull despair at her heart. She remained in her room all day on the plea of a headache.

At about eight o'clock the maid rapped at her door. "Mr. Sidcot is downstairs, miss," she said.

"Yes," answered Sidcot. "I got it and for four hours I was the most miserable man on earth. If I hadn't accidentally picked up the envelope and examined it I should be still."

"He took an envelope from his breast pocket. The back of it was decorated with large blue stamps. One read: STOPPED AT THE REQUEST OF SENDER.

The other: UNCALLED FOR, FORWARDED NOVEMBER 1, 1904.

Getting a Start.

He had just taken his first cold bath. "Now," said he to himself, "I must go downtown and brag about the cold bath I take every morning."

Tree That Furnishes Butter.

A tree grows in Ashanti and around the woods near Kabba resembling in appearance the English oak, and it is said to furnish excellent butter. A curious fact about this vegetable butter is that it keeps in perfect condition all the year round.

## SEEDING WITHOUT A NURSE CROP URGED

Resolves From Seeding Timothy Alone Indicate Improved Quality And Larger Hay Yields.

NICKOLAS SCHMITZ  
 Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

Where the old way of seeding timothy does not give satisfactory results the only remedy is sowing the timothy, or timothy and clover, alone in early fall, not with a grain crop. The plan is to seed the wheat without the timothy in the fall and the clover in the spring; then, as soon as possible after harvest the stubble should be plowed down and a very firm, finely-pulverized seedbed prepared. This, to be sure, will involve an extra plowing and preparing of the seedbed, but the increased yield and quality of hay more than pays for the extra labor. A full crop will be ready for cutting the next June or July, which will be the same time as if it had been seeded with the wheat, the stubble of which was plowed down. Timothy may also follow low crops such as early potatoes, early tomatoes, cowpeas cut for hay, etc.

Method Of Seeding Alone.

If fertilizer is sown with the grass, then seeding with the grain drill as when sowing with wheat in the fall, is by far the most economical way of seeding. But the chances for getting a perfect stand are greatly increased if the seed is dropped behind the hoed and a light harrow or weeder run over the field for covering. On soils not subject to much washing or baking after heavy rains, the seed may be dropped in front of the hoed and a roller run over the field to assist in covering. This firms the soil around the seed and brings the moisture to the surface, which adds greatly to the chances of getting a good stand.

Where fertilizer is not sown with the grass the seeding can be done more quickly with a wheel-barrow seeder, covering with a spike-tooth harrow or weeder, and wherever conditions permit, following with the roller.

Rate Of Seeding.

Except under the most favorable soil conditions, it is advisable to mix in a little redtop. This is especially true on sandy, poor, or wet land, because redtop will grow where timothy will not; care, however, must be taken not to use too much redtop, lest it crowd out the timothy and decrease the market value of the hay.

When sowing timothy alone, 15 pounds or more per acre should be used; when sown with redtop, 12 pounds of timothy and 2 or 3 pounds of redtop (re-cleaned seed) should be used. When seeded with red clover, 10 pounds of timothy and 6 to 8 pounds of red clover is sufficient. If red clover has not been succeeding well, 4 to 6 pounds of alsike clover should be substituted for the red clover.

On fairly fertile, well-limed soil, it is a good plan to cut down the red or alsike clover to about half the given rate and add 4 to 5 pounds of alfalfa. There is no better way than this of inoculating the land for alfalfa.

When the land is known to be inoculated, alfalfa may be substituted entirely for the clover, using 15 pounds per acre. In this case the first cutting in the spring will be timothy and alfalfa, and after this two medium-sized crops of alfalfa may be secured in a favorable season. A good all-around mixture for heavy seeding will be:

Timothy.....5 lbs.  
 Redtop.....2 lbs.  
 Red Clover.....6 lbs.  
 (or Alsike Clover, 4 lbs.)  
 Alfalfa.....4 lbs.

Alfalfa Not An Expensive Crop To Start.

It is true, however, that even a short-lived field of alfalfa pays a better when properly handled, than a field in any other hay crop. The average yield being 3 to 4 tons per acre and 5 to 6 tons are not infrequent. The feeding value is practically equal to that of bran.

The most common mistake made is the enormous expense incurred in getting the land ready for alfalfa. If there was an assurance of getting a field lasting 10 or 15 years this would be justified, but the chances of getting such a long-lived field are not great enough to justify extraordinary high expenditures. Moreover, this is not necessary. Outside of a little extra cost of seed the expense of starting a field of alfalfa need not be much beyond that of seeding a field of ordinary timothy and clover in the fall by themselves—not with wheat.

On a well managed farm it would be a simple matter to leave out the timothy in seeding wheat and seed to alfalfa the next fall after the land has been well prepared, well limed, and inoculated. It is an equally simple matter to follow alfalfa after early timothy and clover in the fall by themselves. To charge the expense of liming against alfalfa is not altogether fair. Every farm needs an application of lime every few years. Then why not lime the field about the time it is ready to be seeded to alfalfa. The extra expense of inoculating can be eliminated by seeding with clover, 4 or 5 pounds of alfalfa per acre. This will bring forth enough alfalfa plants over the field to inoculate the land in a year or two.

Guard carefully the health of the hogs and poultry. If hog cholera breaks out in the community, get in touch with your County Agent, and prepare to inoculate against the disease. Prompt action is necessary in such cases.

### FARM ANIMALS.

American Tree in Europe.

The locust tree was one of the first American trees to be taken to Europe.

Wanted Things Cleared Up.

Colored pastor (dismembering congregation)—"Do members what an pervid'nt 'ud umbrellas will please wait until I take a look at 'em. Since de mysterious disappearance of my own umbrella last Sunday dar an cloud ob suspicion floating ober de yer of deen which has de to be dispelled."

## ALFALFA OUR MOST VALUABLE HAY CROP

Requires Good Soil For Successful Growth And A Well Prepared Seed Bed.

NICKOLAS SCHMITZ  
 Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

No soil, regardless of type or location in the state, will produce fair crops of alfalfa unless it is fertile; producing at least 40 to 50 bushels (or 10 bairrels) of corn per acre in a normal season. No amount of fertilizer applied either before or after seeding will make up for poor land at the start. Moreover, starting alfalfa under such conditions is indeed very expensive. If the land is poor it is far better to wait a few years and grow fertilizing crops, such as cowpeas, crimson clover, soybeans and red clover in the rotation before each money crop. If manure is available the more used the better. In fact, the supply of organic matter is a very important factor in alfalfa production. It is seldom that land very low in humus grows alfalfa successfully.

Thus, the problem is one of supplying the proper amount of humus as well as supplying sufficient plant food.

Alfalfa Requires Drainage.

Drainage must be good. Alfalfa requires much more complete drainage than do other farm crops. Land inclined to be wet and springy in winter and early spring, although dry enough during the growing season to produce good crops of corn, wheat, oats and grass, is not drained well enough for alfalfa. On such land alfalfa is sure to be killed out sooner or later by heaving due to the frequent freezing and thawing so common some seasons.

Abundance Of Lime Needed.

Liming for alfalfa is absolutely necessary on practically all Maryland soils—even in the natural lime stone sections. It makes little or no difference what kind of lime is used if the proper amount of each is applied—it is a question of cost and ease of handling rather than the effect upon the alfalfa.

The amount of lime to use under average conditions is one ton per acre of Caustic Lime, that is burnt stone or lump lime, ground lime or burnt oyster shells. Hydrated lime should be used at the rate of 2,600 to 2,700 pounds, and ground lime stone or ground oyster shells should be applied at the rate of 3,600 pounds to 2 tons per acre. The best time to apply lime is the season before sowing the alfalfa. If, however, this is not convenient or impracticable, it may be applied just before, or even after seeding, with the assurance of good results and no injury.

Well Prepared Seed Bed.

Alfalfa requires more than any other farm crop, a thorough prepared seed bed for successful germination and early growth. Sowing alfalfa upon loose, freshly plowed land will, even under the most ideal weather conditions, result in little beyond diurnal fallure.

An ideal seed bed is one obtained by plowing the land in the fall, then in early spring harrowing it until the surface is smooth and thoroughly pulverized to a depth of about 2 inches. Hence, where alfalfa follows small grain, a clover, or timothy sod, the land should be plowed as soon as possible after the crop has been removed, thus allowing plenty of time for at least one or two good soaking rains to settle the soil well before seeding time. It must be remembered that frequent surface workings between the time of plowing and seeding are absolutely necessary to conserve moisture, kill weeds, and properly pulverize the surface.

GET READY FOR MARYLAND WEEK.

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maryland Agricultural Society and affiliated organizations, it was decided to hold the Maryland Week Exhibition this year from November 14 to 18. It is urged by the committee that local granges and farmers' clubs begin to plan at once for exhibits to the state show. It points out that members of such organizations have been in the past among the most active supporters of the show. With the passing years this competition has grown steadily keener and