FARM AND ORCHARD.

It Pays to Keep Good Fowls and Care for Them.

Fruit-Growing as a Business—Hints to Milkers—Sore Mouths in Pigs—How to Treat Cows to Make Them Gentle—General Farm Notes.

The fact that poultry is one of the most profitable adjuncts of the farm, and that the raising of the same is growing in interest, cannot be denied, and only a short time will elapse before it will receive the attention that justice demands.

It may be one of the smallest income items of the farm in some localities, yet it should not be overlooked. When we consider that for years it was looked upon as the work of the women folks, we wonder how the change came about to work its way into being considered a part of the regular work of the men folks. The only way we can account for this is, that when the women take up any branch of industry and carry it to success, the men are then ready to take hold and continue the same. That it pays to keep good fowls and care for them in a proper manner, there is no longer any doubt. It would not do for every farmer to become a fancier and raise high-scoring birds, yet all can raise high grades, and by so doing swell the items of eggs and fowls sold.

It certainly is not, as once considered, a small business, beneath the dignity of the farmer, but a noble and elevating calling. If we are rightly constituted and possess the desire to see around us well behaved and beautiful plumaged birds, if we have a love for the comforts and enjoyments of our farm yard fowls, we are cultivating a refinement and respect for the animals, and also for the children who live upon the broad acres and who are demanding our love and respect.

The basket of eggs and the dozen of young and old fowls sent to market during the year form quite an item in the keeping down of the inevitable and never-to-be-accounted-for grocer's bill.

When we learn of the great number of egg consumers in the United States and of the really few egg producers, of the millions of dollars sent to foreign countries to pay for imported eggs; when we read Secretary Rusk's report which says: "The time has come when the importance of the poultry interest should be recognized in this department. The poultry products of the United States had a farm value of at least $200,000,000 last year, and no less than 16,000,000 dozen eggs were imported at a first cost of over 15 cents per dozen, or nearly $2,500,000, while the average annual value of such importation during the past four years has been $2,216,326. Such facts emphasize the necessity for encouraging the increase for domestic fowls of all kinds and they further indicate beyond question that this industry is important enough to demand the special consideration of this department." When we read such statements as this, we repeat, they plainly tell us that an opening is at hand for some one to step in and occupy, and why should you not fill the field as well as others? We should never be afraid to enter so good an opening, and we on the farm should be afraid of no competition, for who can produce as cheaply as the farmer? The scraps from the table, cheap and wasting grain, grasses and insects, all combine to make the cheapest and best of egg food.

Of course, disease will sometimes come and disaster will follow; our calculations will be scattered to the winds just as we are about to realize largely; yet we must be on the lookout, the health of our flock must be well looked after. There is nothing accomplished without labor, and labor conquers all things, are established sayings trite and true.

If there is anything that gladdens the visitor's heart, and especially if that visitor is a minister, it is a plate of tender fried chicken set before him at breakfast. The reputation of many a housewife is either made or lost just in proportion as this dish is gotten up, and while so much is dependent upon this, we should aim to produce as many of these reputation-making creatures as we possibly can, so as to supply those who cannot raise them with the one great article, that the city people may better serve those who visit them.

If you raise hundreds of fowls each year, you will scarcely miss their raising, and many comforts you will be able to add to your perhaps limited stock of household necessities, with the income they will bring.

It pays to raise fowls for more reasons than one, yet the greatest, perhaps, is that of dollars and cents that will surely be received in return; and when we say it pays we mean it, and hundreds of farmers' wives throughout the nation will testify to the truth of our statement.—*John C. Snyder in the Prairie Farmer.*

FRUIT-GROWING AS A BUSINESS.

There is more "business" in the growing of fruit than receives attention. The cultivation of the orchard and the harvesting of the crop are more methodical than systematic, and the value of the orchard, and also of the successive crops, is lessened because the real business affairs connected with fruit-growing are neglected. What is meant by business methods does not apply to the simple routine matters, but to the production of the largest possible crops and selling the same to advantage. There are hundreds of splendid apple orchards in this State from which a dollar has never been derived, the owners being content with the cider therefrom, leaving the bulk of the crop to be eaten by pigs and sheep, which results from failing to recognize the orchard as something from which to derive a revenue, thereby neglecting it, and receiving therefore only inferior fruit. Many farmers endeavor to secure two crops from an orchard—fruit and grass—the result being that the grass robs the trees, while the trees in turn, shade the grass and draw upon the land for their share.

Some fruit trees, such as the peach, will perish in a single year if grass covers the ground of the orchard, and, though such is not the case with apples and pears, yet the lesson from the condition of the peach tree under such conditions teaches that grass is at least a drawback. It may not be proper to force the young trees too rapidly at first, and it is true that an occasional grass crop plowed in has given beneficial results, but to keep an orchard as a pasture is to occupy the ground with unprofitable fruit trees. An orchard should be kept neatly trimmed, well fertilized or manured and cultivated thoroughly at least once a year.

Experienced fruit-growers not only cultivate and manure the orchard, but pick off all inferior fruit, and some of them are careful not to allow the trees to overbear. They aim to secure fruit of good quality rather than large yields, and they look ahead for the markets and watch the quotations. In preparing fruit they assort it, grading it in order to have it uniform, and send it neatly packed, in an attractive manner, in order to sell to the best advantage. If farmers who have orchards would pursue these business methods and treat their orchards like they do grain crops, by giving careful attention, they will find fruit-growing more profitable than they suppose.—*Philadelphia Record.*

SORE MOUTH IN PIGS.

Young pigs will often fight for life trying to get the best position for taking milk from the sow. They will bite each other's mouths and tongues, using the upper and lower incisors to good advantage.

Investigation will show edges of the tongue fringed and bitten before the pigs are a day old, and if left to themselves their mouths will become sore, some of them to such an extent that they will not suck, and thus grow weak, and do not thrive like some stronger ones. In some cases I have seen their mouths so sore that they became decayed and black, large pieces dropping off each side of their mouth. To prevent this I basket the entire litter from two to twelve hours after being farrowed.

Take them to a warm apartment away from the dam, hold each pig between the knees, with a man or boy to help, who holds a small stick in the pig's mouth. Then snap off the four incisors, take the litter back to the sow, and I never have had any more trouble, nor have I ever had a pig bothered with sore mouth.—*Prairie Farmer.*

HINTS TO MILKERS.

Always treat cows gently. Keep your finger nails cut short, and wash your hands thoroughly in warm water. A cow's teats are very sensitive, and the animal's restiveness is often owing to the fact that she dreads rough ways and touch.

Clean your cow-shed thoroughly before you milk. Hardly any substance is so easily contaminated by foul odors as milk.

Have your utensils as clean as your hands. If of tin, set them out in the sunlight. If you have long tin cans, hang them up so that the open end is near the earth. There is no better deodorizer than the soil.

Never feed your cows when you are milking. One thing at a time.

Clean the cow's udder well before you attempt to milk. Do it with a dry cloth or brush. Avoid water for this purpose, but, if necessary, let the water be warm, and then dry the udder perfectly.

Give a little salt in their feed; it will keep the bowels regular, while if you give a small quantity once a week it is apt to act like a physic.—*Montana Stock Journal.*

FARM NOTES.

It is poor polico to keep pigs of all ages and sizes together.

"Poor roads, small loads, exhausted horses, lost time, wretched wagons. Good road, big loads, happy horses, time to spare, solid wagons." Of all men, farmers cannot afford to have poor roads.

Peas can be put in somewhat early, as they are hardy. They endure a little frost and grow better when the spring is not too warm. Prepare a plot for successive sowings, as the dwarf kind seldom allow of more than two pickings.

The farmer takes not only cost but his living out of his receipts before he begins to count the profit. The merchant counts as profit the difference between the buying and selling price, less the cost of the transaction, and then lives on his profit.

T. B. Terry says: "I believe that at the present day, in the vicinity of good markets at least, a sure plan for keeping poor and hard up on a small farm is to try to raise a little of everything that will grow in the latitude where one lives."

Cheeses of the size of seventy or eighty pounds are now being made, the size being the same that was preferred twenty years ago, and which is believed to be about correct for economy of shipping and for lessening the loss in rind, as well as loss from other sources.

Some say it is not necessary to ventilate a cellar in which bees are kept, as the upward ventilation of the hive will be sufficient. Dr. C. C. Miller wants to know "how much upward ventilation will make the air pure in a cellar filled with rotten cabbage?"

Dr. Hoskins says that if paris green were soluble in water it would kill the leaves upon which it was sprinkled. It is, however, soluble in the bodies of insects. London purple is slightly soluble in water, and is hence always more or less harmful to foliage.

A calf can be prevented from having horns by an application of crude potash to the spot where the incipient horn can be felt—so Waldo F. Brown says. The cost is next to nothing. The plan of dehorning is gaining in favor, and done in this way has much to commend it.

Dig around the peach trees and examine the base of the trunks and the main roots for the worms and maggots that do damage at this season. The best remedy is to pour boiling water around the tree, which kills the insect but does not harm the tree. The boiling water will also flow in on the borer and destroy it.

One of the advantages in keeping a few pigs to produce pork for family use is that the pigs can be fed to produce meat of an excellent quality. One cannot easily buy meat of as good quality as he can produce it, and this fact should be considered as important as the cost. Quality as well as quantity is worth something.

Never cut a fowl's wings by clipping off the quills, as it makes them look unsightly. The best way to cut their wings to prevent flying is to spread the wing out and cut the feather portion from the quill. This will leave bare quills, and when the wing is closed it rarely shows that the wing has been tampered with. Only one wing should be cut.

The average egg weighs about two ounces. The fresh egg is composed of 10 per cent. shell, 60 per cent. white and 30 per cent. yelk. The white contains 86 per cent. and the yelk 52 per cent. of water. The whole, as to its solid constituents, is nearly pure albumen. The yelk contains the constituents of flesh, bone, nerve, sinew, etc.—*Wyandotte (Mich.) Herald.*

Professor W. A. Henry says, "I should think ten pounds of hay sufficient for a horse liberally fed on grain. As a rule horses consume much more hay than is best for them or profitable to the owner. The practice of filling a hay chute or deep manager with a large amount of hay and allowing the animal to eat at will should be avoided. With a little experience ascertain the real needs of the animal, and keep him to that."

Dwarf trees that have been maintained under proper cultivation and that have been properly pruned, may be seen producing excellent crops of fine fruit after half a century of existence, says George Ellwanger, in *Popular Gardening.* Most of the dwarf pear orchards throughout Western New York are neglected in most, if not in all, the above requirements, and, therefore, their lease of life is short and unsatisfactory.

Many persons make the mistake of planting carrots, parsnips and beets too late. They are crops that should go in as early as the season will permit, as they should have as long a growing period as possible. Another advantage of early planting is that they have a chance to grow before weeds and grass. The seeds are slow to germinate, and much time is often lost by grass covering the ground before the seeds of the root crop come through. Make the soil very fine.

Pure charcoal, or charred wood from the stove, when fresh, is an excellent aid in arresting bowel complaints, and is both simple and harmless. Where the hens have not had a variety, parched grain, nearly burnt, affords an agreeable change, and serves nearly the same purpose as charcoal. Oats, corn, wheat, or even bran, will be readily eaten by hens when they have been regularly fed on a sameness of diet, and such food will greatly aid in arresting diarrhœa or other bowel disorders.

Some recent statistics show that very rapid increase is being made in vine-culture in this country. There are now under vine-culture in America 400,000 acres, of which about 300,000 acres are bearing. The estimated value of the vineyards and wine cellars is $155,000,000. In California there are 150,000 acres under vine-culture, and a large proportion of the grapes produced are made into wine. Most of the grapes grown in New York State are sold for food. The total production of wine in the United States during the past year is about 40,000,000 gallons.

It pays to pet cows; they not only do much better, but you are surprised to find so much about them that seems human, says a writer in the *Tribune.* My father and mother made much of their cows and were loved by them accordingly. I have a seen a cow lay her nose on father's shoulder to have her neck scratched, but she loved mother better. She appreciated her gentleness, and while she shook her horns if any children came about, her eyes would glisten with delight at the approach of mother, and she was the only person to whom she would give down her milk. Father resorted in vain to every artifice he could think of; she would stand as stolid as a statue and keep her milk to herself until mother came, when it would flow in great quantity.

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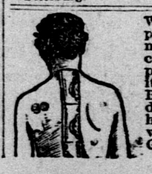

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ELECTION NOTICE.

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION IN this city,

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When the following City Officers are to be elected, viz.:

Third Trustee.
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City Assessor.
City Collector.
Fire Commissioner—Full Term.
Fire Commissioner—Short Term.

Whereas, the City of Sacramento, by authority of the Board of Police Commissioners of said city, a body duly established by law and invested with the power to appoint and elect members of the police force of said city, under authority of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled, "An Act to amend an Act amendatory of and supplementary to an Act, approved March 25, 1863, entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Sacramento," approved March 14, 1889, created and incurred an indebtedness by the employment of a number of policemen in excess of the number authorized by the said amended Act of the Legislature of 1863; and,

Whereas, The Legislature of 1891 passed an Act, which was duly approved on the 20th day of February, 1891, providing for the submission to a vote of the people the proposition of levying a special tax to pay any indebtedness incurred by municipal corporations during the years 1889 and 1890, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Board of Trustees of the City of Sacramento, that the question of raising the sum of $——— by the levy of a special tax for the purpose of paying the indebtedness created and incurred as aforesaid, be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said city of Sacramento at the municipal election to be held in said city on the 10th day of March, 1891.

Resolved, That following the names of the candidates of the respective political parties on the tickets printed and to be voted at said municipal election, the following words shall be printed: "For the special tax—yes." Electors desiring to vote in favor of said proposed special tax shall vote as follows: "For the special tax—yes;" and those desiring to vote against said proposed special tax, shall erase or scratch with ink or a pencil the word "Yes," and substitute therefor and write in the same manner opposite said words "For the special tax" the word "No."

Resolved, That the words "For the special tax—yes," shall be printed upon said tickets or ballots, and the votes upon said proposition shall be counted in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of California, relating to the printing and counting of election ballots.

The election will be conducted according to the General Election Law, excepting the election returns must be made to the Clerk of the Board of City Trustees.

The qualification of voters is that their names are on the Great Register of Sacramento County. The polls will open at sunrise and close at 5 o'clock P. M.

The following are the Precincts, Polling-places, Inspectors, Judges and Clerks of said election:

First Supervisor District.

Precinct 1—North of K and west of Fourth street. Polls at No. 306 J street—Inspectors, W. H. Sherburn and H. F. Dillman; Judges, J. J. Bauer and I. Boysen; Clerks, Walter Van Guelder and E. S. Rego.

Precinct 2—North of K, between Fourth and Seventh streets. Polls at 608 I street—Inspectors, Henry Fisher and H. B. Nielsen; Judges, Clarence Nelson and J. Townsend; Clerks, Wm. Hanlon and Chas. Rood.

Precinct 3—North of K, between Seventh and Ninth streets. Polls at 914 Ninth street—Inspectors, D. Gillis and Thos. Fox; Judges, L. Elkus and Fred Neary; Clerks, B. Leonard and R. Barnett.

Precinct 4—North of K, between Ninth and Twelfth streets. Polls at 1009 J street—Inspectors, Harry Bay and M. J. Burke; Judges, J. W. Boyd and H. L. Nichols; Clerks, Chris. Little and J. A. M. Martin.

Second Supervisor District.

Precinct 1—Between K and O, and west of Third street. Polls at 1120 Second street—Inspectors, J. Hopley and J. Black; Judges, Chris. Green and J. C. Kelly; Clerks, Howard Kimbrough and Geo. Parker.

Precinct 2—Between K and O, and Third and Fifth streets. Polls, Fourth, between K and L streets—Inspectors, W. D. Stalker and Henry W. Freund; Judges, E. J. Figg and W. H. Devlin; Clerks, G. Kreuzberger and P. J. Glas.

Precinct 3—Between K and N and Fifth and Seventh, and K and Y and Seventh and Eighth streets. Polls, Sixth and L streets, Armory Hall—Inspectors, S. Gottlieb and Jas. McGuire; Judges, G. W. Railton and H. M. Bernard; Clerks, J. W. Todd and E. A. Bowyer.

Precinct 4—Between K and Y, Eighth and Tenth streets. Polls, Ninth and K, Rose's shop—Inspectors, Hugo Hornlein and James McNassar; Judges, Wm. Boyne and L. Zoller; Clerks, J. A. Downer and Charles Trainor.

Precinct 5—Between O and Y west of Fifth street, and between N and Y and Fifth and Seventh streets. Polls, northwest corner of Sixth and O streets—Inspectors, C. H. Joy and William Coyne; Judges, James Furguson and Daniel Flynn; Clerks, Sparrow Smith and W. S. Shields.

Third Supervisor District.

Precinct 1—North of G, between Twelfth street and the eastern boundary of Agricultural Park, take in all the park south to H streets. Polls, corner of Twentieth and G streets—Inspectors, J. M. Wood and J. R. Martyr; Judges, S. H. Gerrish and E. F. Pfund; Clerks, C. H. Denton and J. M. Hilbert.

Precinct 2—Between G and K and Twelfth and Seventeenth streets. Polls, 1601 J street. Inspectors, John G. Schroth, J. O'Connors; Judges, Phil. Uren, J. S. O'Callaghan; Clerks, Frank Hickman and J. J. Cadogan.

Precinct 3—Between G and K and Seventeenth and Twenty-first streets and north of K and east of Twenty-first street and Agricultural Park. Polls, Eighteenth and J streets—Inspectors, Phillip Kitz and B. F. Ward; Judges, W. H. Luther and John Claus; Clerks, O. P. Dodge and M. H. Sheehan.

Precinct 4—Between K and O and Tenth and Seventeenth streets. Polls, Fifteenth and N streets, New Pavilion—Inspectors, Ed. F. Smith and T. W. Humpheys; Judges, Geo. B. Katzenstein and Simeon Brown; Clerks, W. D. Knights and John Bronner.

Precinct 5.—Between K and O and Seventeenth and Thirty-first streets. Polls, Twentieth and O streets (southeast corner)—Inspectors, Geo. Murray and Henry Dehn; Judges, Lincoln White and Jas. McAdams; Clerks, Warren Cole and D. J. Mannix.

Precinct 6.—Between O and Y and Tenth and Thirty-first streets. Polls, northwest corner of Eleventh and P streets—Inspectors, N. J. Toll and T. W. O'Neil; Judges, John Minford and J. P. Dalton; Clerks, Dan Cox and Anthony Green.

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LEAVE	TRAINS RUN DAILY.	ARRIVE
6:15 A	....Calistoga and Napa.....	11:40 A
3:05 P	....Calistoga and Napa.....	8:40 P
12:50 A	...Ashland and Portland...	5:55 A
4:30 P	Deming, El Paso and East	7:00 P
7:30 P	.....Knights Landing.....	7:10 A
10:50 A	.....Los Angeles.....	9:35 A
12:05 P	Ogden and East—Second .....Class.....	2:25 A
11:00 P	Central Atlantic Express .....for Ogden and East.....	8:15 A
3:00 P	.....Oroville.....	10:30 A
3:00 P	Red Bluff via Marysville	10:30 A
10:40 A	....Redding via Willows....	4:00 P
2:25 A	San Francisco via Benicia	11:40 A
6:15 A	San Francisco via Benicia	12:35 A
8:40 A	San Francisco via Benicia	10:40 P
3:05 P	San Francisco via Benicia	8:40 P
*10:00 A	San Francisco via steamer	§6:00 A
10:50 A	San Fran. via Livermore	2:50 P
10.50 A	.....San Jose.....	2:50 P
4:30 P	.....Santa Barbara.....	9:35 A
6:15 A	.....Santa Rosa.....	11:40 A
3:05 P	.....Santa Rosa.....	8:40 P
8:50 A	.....Stockton and Galt.....	7:00 P
4:30 P	.....Stockton and Galt.....	9:35 A
12:05 P	.....Truckee and Reno.....	2:25 A
11:00 P	.....Truckee and Reno.....	8:15 A
12:05 P	.....Colfax.....	8:15 A
6:15 A	.....Vallejo.....	11:40 A
3:05 P	.....Vallejo.....	†8:40 P
*6:35 A	..Folsom and Placerville..	*2:40 P
*3:10 P	..Folsom and Placerville..	*11:35 A

*Sunday excepted. †Sunday only. §Monday excepted. A.—For morning. P.—For afternoon.

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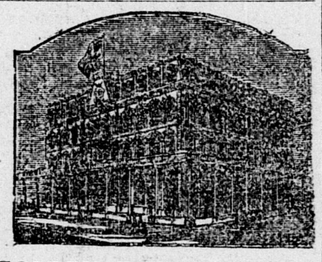

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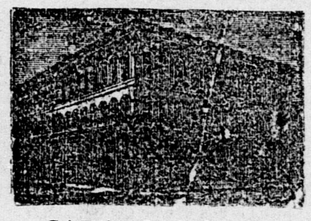

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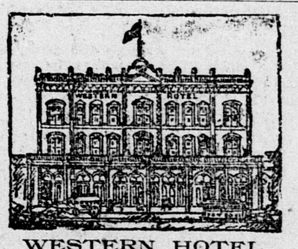

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