

THE SONG THE KETTLE SINGS.

Oh, many a song have I heard sung, In a way that soothes and charms...

It bears me back to my boyhood home, And the farmhouse old and gray...

Jeanne's Bravery.

Felix Labardie had been a French dier in the great war of 1870, and I liked nothing better in the evening than to sit and listen to his stories...

"No," I said, "I thought the Germans shot all the guerrillas they caught."

"They let me go free, monsieur," he said, with a grim laugh. "It may seem incredible, monsieur, but Jeanne your girl held the life of royalty on her finger-tips."

"I should like very much to hear the story," I said.

"Certainly, monsieur, and if monsieur thinks what was a woman wrong he must excuse a woman in love."

"After Sedan, monsieur, a meeting was called in our village, and thirty of us enrolled ourselves as a company of franc-tireurs. We felt we could do more for France as irregulars than serving under incompetent generals."

"Small as our band was, we made ourselves a terror to the marauding Uhlans, thanks to the generalship of old Montbon. Jeanne was invaluable to us. She was all eyes and ears, and she was called the 'head of the intelligence department' among us."

"Jeanne declares to this day, and I believe rightly, that I was betrayed by a villager, a young fellow named Odeau, who believed fate had intended Jeanne for his wife and who was even brave when she refused him."

"But I professed not to understand. I was afraid of being shot on the spot. There was much of the executioner and little of the judge in those days, monsieur."

"Much to my relief my arms were bound behind me, and we set out for the hamlet where the Crown Prince Frederick had his headquarters."

"I was taken before the prince's adjutant, who promised me liberty if I would betray my compatriots. But I feigned stupidity, and when he found that I would tell nothing he ordered me to be shot at five the next morning."

"I was bound like a log, monsieur, and thrown into a hut, and brutally kicked like a dog as soon as she was seated. 'I was in despair, for I knew what his fate would be. There had been a sharp fight a week before, and I knew Jacques Pellet had possessed himself of some German uniforms that he had taken from the dead. So I demanded them from him and threatened him till he produced them. A sous-lieutenant's uniform fitted me nicely, and after cutting off my hair and concealing a pistol and dagger in my tunic I hurried away. I crossed a river and, when I heard the pickets I dropped on the ground and crawled like a snake."

And yet I was nearly caught. A German officer, leaning against a tree, and I almost touched him. I lay still without breathing audibly for a long time—how long I cannot say—until he moved away. Then, once inside the I rose, and hastened to the prince's headquarters. I braved my courage and then walked up to the door. I trembled so that I could hardly speak. Fortunately the officer did not observe my agitation."

"The key was in the door, and I turned it swiftly. 'And now, I said, pulling out my pistol and pointing it at his face—my hand did not even tremble at that supreme moment—'your highness,' I said rapidly, 'if you come out you are a dead man!'"

"'Ah, he was a German, but he was so brave, so brave! He did not even wince, but he looked straight into my eyes and smiled. 'All right, a stratagem! Who are you and what do you want?'"

"'Monsieur le prince,' I said, 'I am the sweetheart of the miller of Pency. My sweetheart, Felix Labardie, was taken by your men to-night as a franc-tireur. I want his life or—'"

"'A woman!' he said. 'Well done, and he smiled, and the pistol almost dropped from my hand with the pity of it. 'I'll give you a life, but I know nothing of this, my good woman. But stay. Here are some papers. Elberfeld has left for me to sign. Ah, here it is. Felix Labardie, taken with arms. To be shot at five!'"

"'He shall not die, your highness, or—I should not threaten him with words, but my pistol was steady. 'But he is an assassin.'"

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AGRICULTURAL

To Get Rid of Stumps. Frederick O. Sibley describes in the New York Tribune a method of getting rid of stumps which, although not perfectly so "frat" in its operation as dynamite, is perfectly safe to handle, but little more costly and, when rightly controlled, much better than any explosive substance mentioned for the reason that it leaves, on the whole, no fragments to be gathered up and disposed of in the end, but reduces the stump to ashes, which for encouraging growth, are not easily to be surpassed.

The way to do it is to dig a hole between the roots, or at one side of the stump, and partly under it, large enough in which to start a fire. This much achieved and the fire once nicely

Manuring in the Hill. No coarse manure should ever be put in the hill in contact with or under the seed. It will dry out the soil and do more harm than good. All that is needed in the hill is either some concentrated mineral fertilizer, or a very little well-rotted stable manure, made as fine as possible and mixed well with the soil.

Desirable Pigeon. The accompanying illustration, needs but little explanation. When pigs are turned out to pasture in the spring or fall,

Feed Corn. Seed corn can be selected in the winter or when the corn is being husked. A box should be placed near the point of operation, and every perfect ear (selecting only the best) should be thrown into it while husking. It is possible that but few ears may be selected from among a large number, but if care is used in selecting and the seed corn put in a well-ventilated bin during next spring, that more grains will germinate and a larger yield will result.

Fruit-Drying Experiment. This statement from a report of the experimental farm at Ottawa, Canada, shows that valuable information can be obtained from the study of some one: Fifty pounds of Northern Spyn, golden russet or Ben Davis apples will produce nine pounds of evaporated fruit. Of Pawaque, 8.7 pounds; pomegranate, 8.2 pounds; Canada Baldwin, 8.2 pounds; Fameuse, 6.14 pounds; Golden or Haas, 6.4 pounds; Longheart, 5.15 pounds; Scott's winter, 5.5 pounds; and Wealthy, 4.8 pounds. Summer apples are pronounced as not fit to evaporate.

Variety of Feed for Stock. One of the advantages of pasturing stock is that the animals help themselves, and when there are several kinds of grasses they can select what they choose and thus get a greater variety of feed. So far as possible this variety should be provided while they are stabled in winter. It is not good thrift in any animal to live on one kind of food all the time. One part of the ration should be selected to balance others, and all will be digested much better.

Value of Sheep on the Farm. The old farms in Canada that command the highest prices are those on which sheep have been kept from the time they were first occupied. The pastures on them are comparatively free from bushes and weeds, while the soil is firm and productive of the best sort of grasses. A farm on which a large number of sheep have been kept for many years is very desirable for dairy and other purposes. The lesson of the value of sheep is one that farmers seem to learn but slowly.

Repairing Otter Pests. Most of the pest rats in the ground it is just at the surface, where the combination of moisture, air and soil makes the conditions right for rotting. Often both ends for two and a half or three

feet will be found soon enough to use. Such pests can be most effectively cut by cutting away one-half of each post, leaving a flat surface, and putting two or three bolts and nuts through to hold them together, and then setting the posts in the ground again. A post thus repaired will last as long as the original one. In most places, unless a man is very handy with tools, the labor of cutting two old posts would be worth as much if not more than the cost of buying a new one.

Sweet Peas. Sweet peas will grow anywhere, but will give best results on clay soil. A good method is to select your best of the previous fall, enrich with thoroughly rotted manure and spade deeply; this will leave ground in nice shape for early spring planting. Do not spade ground in spring, as a stiff, firm soil is best. Never use fresh manure. Early in spring, the earlier the better, sow your seed in double rows about ten inches apart. Hollow out drills, so they will be about two or three inches deep in stiff clay, or four or five inches deep in light, loose soil; firm soil in the trench will be made much more important; on this sow your seed twice as thick as you want them to stand in row to be sure of a full stand; cover seed about two inches deep and firm soil. Do not hill up, as it is better to have a slight depression so as to catch most of the water after rains. Thin plants to two inches apart before they commence to vine. Hoe only shallow between plants. For support use poultry wire or brush. For a long season of bloom, mulch and water in dry weather, and pluck flowers freely. They soon stop blooming if you let seed form.

Law Is Unconstitutional. Judge S. F. Prouty of the District Court at Des Moines decided that the law taxing insurance companies 1 per cent on their receipts "in lieu of other taxation" was unconstitutional as to the quoted clause, and that local taxing boards might levy, assess and tax them. The growth of a large number of companies in different localities in the State. The judge did not decide whether the State tax was unconstitutional in toto, but at least agreed that it was so held when the question is raised.

Discovered New Railroad. Two new railroads have been discovered by the State of Iowa. One is twenty-eight miles long and is a blind spur running from Garner to Tipton. The other is a branch line from the latter to Tipton. The former was apparently operated before Jan. 1, while the latter the railroad commission says was not. The former, if it is in fact, is subject to assessment and taxation by the State, and the executive council is now investigating it. It is called the Cedar Rapids, Garner and North-Western.

Feet Sugar Factory Assured. A sugar factory for Mason City is now assured. The project has been incorporated and has already been filed with the county and State, and the incorporation will be from April 10, for a period of twenty years. The company is capitalized at \$500,000, and the actual cost of the plant will be about \$350,000. The plant is to be located at Emery, half way between Mason City and Clear Lake, on the Mason City and Clear Lake Electric Railway.

A Suicide at West Bend. At West Bend, the dead body of Charles Fall was found in the barn of J. E. Dick, hanging from a beam in the loft. The surroundings show that the unfortunate man had very deliberately prepared for the deed of self-destruction. Fall was a native of Keokuk to thirty years of age, and is believed was prompted to suicide by the continued teasing of a number of boys, who worked upon his fears and his ignorance.

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