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The rage of moleskin in England is said to be due to Queen Alexandra. Hearing that the farmers in Wales were suffering because of the devastation of their crops by moles, the queen ordered a moleskin muff. Immediately every other woman wanted a muff of the same, and the moles have been having a sorry time of it ever since.

It is said at Washington that the river and harbor bill, known as the "pork barrel," will be very small in amount this year, chiefly through the opposition of Speaker Cannon. Instead of \$50,000,000 it is likely to be held down to \$4,000,000. There are groans and predictions of trouble over this policy, but it is likely to prevail, for the Panama canal expenses are too heavy to permit of any great outlay in other directions.—New York Globe.

When Senator Fairbanks first went to Washington he was unacquainted with the extent to which poker was played by government officials. He was asked to recommend a man for appointment in the treasury department. "But he plays poker," protested the senator. "That makes no difference," said Senator Pettus. "If all the poker players in Washington were to lose their jobs on that account there wouldn't be enough of us left to organize a debating society."

Statistics show 200,000 doctors in the United States. It is affirmed also that these gentlemen collect \$150,000,000 per annum. These figures are amazing, to characterize it mildly, and go to prove that sickness has come to be a fad. All of which recalls a singular incident in Kansas. A town of 800 inhabitants for two years had neither doctor, illness nor death. In spite of factiousness, but with excellent logic nevertheless, a medical journal commenting on the fact, enquired: "Was this condition a cause or an effect?"

There are always a great many stories concerning very old people told, here are a few new ones: A man, aged 77, was asked if his father lived to be old. He replied by saying that the old gentleman was upstairs putting his grandfather to bed. Another story not quite so old, is a Kentucky man and wife, aged 90 and 94, had just buried a son aged 78. On the road home from the funeral the old lady remarked: "John, somehow I never did think we would ever raise that child."—Dan Patch, D. M. News.

Paul Dwight Moody, 24 years old, youngest son of the late Dwight Lyman Moody, seems inclined to follow in the footsteps of his father and become an evangelist. He is teacher of bible study in Mount Herman school for boys near Boston. He is also teaching English there. The young man is vastly more tolerant of so-called liberal thought than was his distinguished parent. In fact, it may be said that he begins where his father left off, acknowledging that there are things in the Scotch phase of theology which are too strong for him.

Cardinal Gibbons was an interested spectator in the reserved gallery in the United States senate for a time the other day. His red cap was the brightest spot of color in the chamber. Senator Warren of Wyoming and Senator Berry of Arkansas spoke while the cardinal was there. Father Stafford of a local church pointed out the celebrities to the cardinal. "What are they talking about?" asked the cardinal as he was coming out. "Oh," said the doorkeeper, "it doesn't matter. They have to talk just so much every day."

Joseph Homan Manley, a resident of Augusta, Me., a member of the republican national committee, and an ardent total abstinence advocate, has just attracted renewed attention to himself by an article defending the prohibition policy of Maine. He makes the surprising assertion that in the 400 towns and seventy-nine plantations of the state there is no liquor sold, even in secret, and that there are no hidden sideboards of illicit bars in the great hotels at the resorts. Only in the twenty-two cities is the law violated. They have numberless rural communities, he says, where the people have never used liquor and are thankful for it.

Among those provisions of nature which seem to us as especially designed for the use of man none is more striking than the seeming magnetism of the earth. What would our civilization have been if the mariner's compass had never been known? That Columbus could never have crossed the Atlantic is certain; in what generation since his time our continent would have been discovered is doubtful. The fact that the earth acts like a magnet, that the needle points to the north, has been generally known to navigators for nearly a thousand years, and is said to have been known to the Chinese at a yet earlier period. And yet today if any professor of physical science is asked to explain the magnetic property of the earth he will acknowledge his inability to do so to his own satisfaction.—Harper's Magazine.

Johnny's Poem. He says to me, Last week, he did, "I guess he split the ground, you know, how we fellows use to skate some forty years ago." An then he got out his Old Skates, though he said, "Oh, dear me, an' went out in Our Back yard where nobody could see." The Rain had left a little Pond that wasn't very wide, but it had frozen up tight and hard and says, "I'll bet the way, then 'ra, he put his Old Skates on and says, 'I'll bet the way, and struck out Once! I'd hate to tell just what I heard him say!" but my! you Order see him hit! I guess he split the ground, for chunks of ice flew in the air as he landed all around. When he got up, he rubbed himself an' whispered, "Jolly good! they Freeze too slicker than they did when I was young, I see!" —Cincinnati Times-Star.

If you are thinking about the construction of a new dairy barn, be sure to talk with your neighbors on the subject. They may think of points that would otherwise be overlooked. To begin making plans a year or two before you are ready to build, is not a bad idea.

Some dairymen dispose of their calves as soon as they are dropped, because they claim it does not pay to keep them. While it is true that a man may be so located as to make it rather expensive to raise calves, yet heifer calves from good milk cows, if the dams have been properly bred, should not be disposed of in this manner.

Calves may be economically raised on skim milk and ground flax and even if the dairyman has not enough pasturage of his own to provide for such calves during the summer he can always make arrangements to have them cared for during that season of the year. If a man wishes to build up a good herd, the safest plan for him to pursue is to rely on the heifer calves of his own breeding for that purpose.

Liberal Feeding As An Important Item in Profitable Stock Feeding.

Other things being equal, the most profitable animal is the one kept every day at the maximum gain consistent with health. When the animal is starting for market it should be kept improving daily until sold. This gain should be at a profit and the feeder should understand just where he is at. This can only be done by a careful study of the cost of production, the requirements accurately determined coupled with straight thinking.

A great deal of supposed disease with which live stock is affected is nothing more or less than debility. An animal that has been indifferently treated or poorly or unduly fed is subjected to an unreasonable strain and in consequence becomes in a measure at least, run down. In this unthrifty condition it is apt to manifest symptoms which are often construed to mean positive disease. A little better treatment and more generous feeding would in a majority of cases prove a cure. —Farmer's Tribune.

Rape in Corn.

I bought thirty-five pounds of Essex rape seed and sowed it broadcast on ten acres of corn ground, sowed the seed on the 24 day of July, just before the last cultivation. The evening of the 3d we had a shower of rain, and in four days it was up. It grew to a height of eighteen to twenty inches. On the 4th day of November I turned forty head of cattle into the field of rape. After hunking out the corn this field has furnished abundant pasture for the past twenty days and came in handy at a time when most needed. I estimate the gain on this pasture at least 800 pounds of beef, worth present three cents per pound or a total value of \$24.00, which is good enough. I husked 500 bushels of corn from the piece. The land had been in clover pasture for two years past and was broken up this spring.

If possible let us have a few reports of experience with rape seed sowed in small grain where a heavy growth of straw developed. —Lawrence Johnson. —Wallace Farmer.

Some pork producers are favoring the bacon breed more than they did some years ago.

Hog cholera germs thrive in wet and filthy places. If your hogs are properly fed and their surroundings are dry and clean you are not likely to lose so many animals should your place be visited by cholera then will be the case if the hog pen is neglected.

Economical pork production is just as important as economical beef production. It would be well to think about hog pastures for the coming season. Clover, rape and root crops are all valuable aids in cheapening production.

Are you aware of the great value of skim milk as a hog food? If not, talk the matter over with your neighbors who feed it. Perhaps it will pay you to separate your milk and keep the skim milk on the farm if you are not already doing so.

Why not arrange a few small pieces of land on which to have rotation pastures for the coming season. When one pasture is eaten down, turn the hogs on the next and plow the first up and seed it to another crop. It will pay.

The old saying "cleanliness is next to godliness" applies to the hog pen as well as to other matters. Those who have studied the nature of the pig most carefully declare that there is not a cleaner animal on the farm than the pig if he is only given half a chance.

Great Semi-annual Sale of Furniture. The increasing volume of our business has compelled us to enlarge our quarters, and consequently we have just doubled our floor space, occupying the handsome double store in the Pythian Block. In order to properly celebrate the occasion, we announce a Spring Sale which will continue for two weeks.

Ending Saturday, April 2, 1904. CHAIRS. Elegant diners, quarter-sawn oak, hand-caned seats, 4 sets, former price, \$17.50, per set of 6, this sale, \$12.25. Diners, in elm and oak, wood or cane seats, formerly from \$9 to \$12, per set of 6, now from \$9 to \$5. 7 large rockers, cane or wood seats, in oak and elm, formerly \$4.50 to \$6.50, this sale \$3.25 to \$2.90. 10 elegant quarter sawed oak, large, full-polished rockers, worth \$6.50, this sale, \$5.

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CARE OF GIRLS' CLOTHES.

Importance of Providing Children With Neat Dresses. The making and care of children's clothes are frequently causes for much anxiety to mothers, and the wise mother has learned that it saves labor and money to get good wearing articles.

Where there is a large family the hold overs may be handed down to the younger members, and a child's pride in her mother's dress may have to wear become color and made up stylishly. The children's clothes of today are nothing more than tiny reproductions of their mothers' and fathers' gowns and suits, which makes it an easy matter to cut down an old garment into one of a smaller size.

Some mothers seem to think if the girls have a nice Sunday dress, but most anything will do for school, but school dresses really ought to be as stylish as possible, for the girls cannot help feeling humiliated if their dresses are faded, shabby or outgrown. Care should be taken to have their school dresses as stylish as possible, for it helps their self respect as much as it does ours to know we are not looking odd or dowdy in any way.

A little girl is often mortified by the remarks of her schoolmates when her frocks do not compare with those worn by her associates, and it is not unusual for Children delight in dainty things, and a plain garment can be made a joy to their eyes with a little bright trimming and a few extra touches. But these dresses should, above all else, be simple and graceful.

ODD SOUND EFFECTS. Peculiar Results You May Obtain With a Piece of Cord. Some remarkable effects are obtainable from the use of a piece of strong string about two yards long. At one end of the string make a loop big enough to go easily over a person's head and at the other a tiny loop only big enough to hold an ordinary pencil. Ask some one to cover his ears with his flat hands. Now pass the large loop of string over his head, and draw it tightly across the backs of his hands. Keep the string taut, and gently turn the pencil in the small loop round and round. The person with the loop about his head will hear a noise like the firing of a battery of guns. Then gently flick the string with one hand, when he will hear the boom of the sea-shore. Now take a spoon or anything hard and with it scrape the tightened string spasmodically. The effect produced is that of heavy thunder.

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