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KNOW ENOUGH TO QUIT.

In a majority of cases when a fellow has scamped and worked hard a score of years to accumulate a competence for old age he has acquired physical and mental habits which make it hard for him to let loose and take life easier, to enjoy the well earned fruit of his thrift and industry. But now and then one meets the man who knows enough to quit before the capacity to enjoy the good things of life is extinct. We ran across him the other day. A dozen years ago he bought a ranch; was long on perseverance and industry, but short on cash. In the years succeeding he worked hard and let nothing keep him from developing his property in the best possible manner, and it is fair to assume that his good wife and the children shared in this work so far as they were able. The years of hard work did much to undermine his health, and a few months ago he sensibly came to the conclusion that he would sell his holding and take life easier. He disposed of his property at a good figure, moved to town and bought a commodious residence property. He has ordered an automobile and will add this pastime to others which are within his reach. This man has good horse sense. Far better for one to do as he has done than to keep on in the treadmill until health is gone and everybody in the home has become sick of the grind and scrimp and has little zest for what the coming days may hold. Many would get a vast amount of happiness out of living if they did as this man has done and let up before it is too late to do any good.

ORCHARD HEATING DEVICES.

When the fruit ranchmen in several sections of the west where spring frosts are likely to occur were first confronted with this menace to their industry they seemed to consider themselves victims of natural forces and well nigh helpless. But within the past few years necessity has proved the mother of invention, and they have devised methods whereby they have been able to protect their trees at blossom time against damage by frost. Among these devices oil pots—simple lamps adapted to the burning of crude oil—and little stoves for the burning of soft coal have proved effective methods of keeping the temperature above the freezing point. In some other sections where wood is plentiful as good as even better results have been secured by building from twelve to fifteen small wood fires per acre. In one case in which these wood fires were used by a friend in a western valley last spring he protected his ten acre orchard for seven nights at a cost of \$5 per acre during the frosty period. He had previously tried oil pots and coal and yet found wood fires more effective in giving the desired result. While little has been done along this line in central and eastern orchards, there are many springs when the prospective crops could be protected by just such means.

PRACTICAL CONSERVATION.

The most direct and practical way for the average corn belt farmer to do a little conserving of natural resources on his own account is to make a more economical disposal of the products raised on his own farm. For some this will mean putting a stop to the grain selling type of farming in vogue for years and the feeding of raw products to beef steers, hogs and dairy cows. For others who may have already taken this step ahead it will mean the justification of the silo for the more complete utilization of the large quantity of corn which is banded in such a slovenly manner in so many sections. For some others it will mean a more rational disposal of the household fertilizers, much of the strength and value of which are lost by leaching and exposure to weather, and the best way out in this is the use of a manure spreader at the proper time. These types of conservation of resources may not be very spectacular or elicit a great amount of public applause, but they will do more to increase a fellow's financial rating and cause prosperity and plenty in the land than any other single project which is today receiving attention.

COMFORT IN THE HOME.

Order and neatness in the home are desirable conditions, but in some homes they are insisted upon at the expense of other things that are of vastly greater importance—peace and quiet, harmony and all around enjoyment of home life. It is easy perhaps to overlook the fact that the folks in the home and their well being are more vital considerations than carpets, furniture or absence of dust and dirt. There is a happy mean between order and disorder, comfort and misery, and good sense will usually indicate where it lies.

While the mistletoe occupies a sort of poetic place in people's estimation and is the cause of interesting transactions at the holiday season and on sundry social occasions, it is produced at a fearful cost in tree life, particularly of a few varieties of oaks, on which it sponges for its existence. White oaks three feet and more in diameter and solid to the core are done to death by this parasitic pest. While the seeds of the mistletoe are deposited by birds on fences, buildings and even on the trunk and limbs of fruit

trees, they seem to take root only on rough surfaces, the limbs of the oak being especially favorable in this particular. Once the root of the little plant gets a foothold it grows vigorously, its tissue becoming closely knit with that of the limb on which it grows. In sections where it is found it is often gathered at holiday time and shipped to the larger markets, where from \$8 to \$10 per ton is paid for it.

It seems more than the average man can do to operate a gasoline engine day after day and still maintain his church standing.

The cheapest fruit trees are those which make the most vigorous growth in a given time and not necessarily those which have been bought at the lowest price.

The flock of hens and the family horse or cow will greatly appreciate the fresh lawn cuttings, and, more than this, their condition will be better for having the relish.

The wooden barrel or pail can be kept from going to pieces during the hot weather if it is kept covered, enough moisture circulating to keep the staves from getting loose.

A pound of tobacco stems or leaves or a package of strong smoking tobacco steeped in a small quantity of warm water and diluted to five gallons is an effective spray for the green aphid, which does much damage to fruit trees in many sections.

A well known poultry breeder and judge of poultry a good many years ago expressed the view that the word "standard bred" as applied to poultry might be properly applied to fowls which would score 85 per cent or better on the basis of the standard of requirement in vogue for the breed in question.

Where bearded barley forms part of the roughage ration or where foxtail is mixed in with timothy and clover it is well to keep rather close watch of the horses' mouths, as the beards are likely to become bedded in the tender portions of the gums or of the inner lips. Should such a condition be found the cause of the irritation should be removed and if feasible a kind of hay substituted which is free from the offending cause.

According to a recent decision of the department of agriculture the name Rocky Ford muskmelons can hereafter only be used in advertising melons produced in the celebrated Colorado melon district, while similarly the phrase Indian River as applied to oranges may only be commercially applied to those raised along this particular river in Florida. Heretofore these terms have been very freely and generally used. The decision of the department will mean an added value in these terms or trademarks to those who are legally entitled to use them.

Not satisfied with working off on unsuspecting patrons trees that are not true to name, some fruit tree representatives will even go so far as to substitute seedlings for the variety ordered. The seedling tree, the shoot from a root which has not been root grafted, budded or top worked, is usually distinguished by its finer leaf with rougher edge, its tendency to send out frequent shoots at right angles to the main stems or branches and its disposition to revert to the original thorny crab stage. Such seedlings in an orchard plot are absolutely worthless and should be top grafted with some known and valuable variety.

It is a pretty dull child that does not know by two years of age whether it or its parent is master of the situation so far as family discipline is concerned. It is not a pleasant thing to have a settlement with a child, but if this is done as it should be it will often prevent a great deal of worry and annoyance as well as be of great benefit to the child. Force of character, dignity and consistency in discipline are the factors that are chiefly needed.

The Danish Co-operative Egg Export association awards annually premiums for the best managed and most profitable poultry flocks. Last season the flock winning first prize consisted of sixty-three Brown Hens. Their feed consisted of wheat, oats, bran, ground bone, beets, hay sweepings and a small amount of barley meal, oatmeal and biscuits. The hens averaged 158 eggs each for the year, and the receipts from all sources were such as to give a net profit per hen of \$1.93. Besides a yard and garden, the hens had the range of a pasture and were given liberal feeds of chopped greens.

Experiments which have been conducted by a number of state experimental stations in the matter of smudging fruit trees to prevent frost damage would seem to indicate that it is not the heat generated by the smudge or fire that keeps the fruit from freezing, but that the smoke generated forms a blanket which keeps cold air from penetrating the smoke zone and holds down the heat radiating from the earth. The smudge, according to this view, is a means of heat conservation rather than heat production. It also further serves the purpose of obscuring the light of the sun in the early morning hours, thus preventing a rapid thawing of blossoms that may have been frostbitten.

As a result of experiments which were conducted at the Colorado horticultural station last season by Professor Weldon, field entomologist, it was found that flowers of sulphur, one pound to three gallons of water, with enough soap so that the sulphur would mix with the water, was a very effective insecticide when used as a summer spray for the brown aphid. Apple, peach, plum, cherry, pear and almond trees were found more or less affected by the pest. Tobacco preparations were found effective in killing the mites, but not the eggs, several treatments being required to dispose of the mites. Oil sprays penetrated and killed many of the eggs, but were found unsafe to use with water, strongly impregnated with alkali.

In many markets clean eggs are worth from 3 to 5 cents per dozen more than dirty. In this respect, owing to the failure of so many to gather eggs when strictly fresh, an immense amount is lost by the egg producers of the country.

When the new growth of raspberry canes has reached the desired length it is well to snip or cut off the terminal shoot. This will make a much sturdier bush and will also result in the development of many strong lateral shoots, which will bear much larger quantities of fruit next year as a result of the pruning operation.

The latest thing in the shape of an anti-trust proceeding is a movement which bids fair to be started against the California Fruit Growers' Exchange as an organization in restraint of trade. Considering the fact that the railroads and commission men seem to be back of the proposed action, the affair can hardly be viewed in any other light than highly amusing, whatever the real merits of the situation may prove to be.

The other day we saw a pear orchard which its owner had started to head close to four feet high, the trees having the appearance of slender whipstocks with tufts of feathers at the tip. In a section where the prevailing summer winds are from one quarter this will mean that all of the tree will have to be staked up to be kept in an upright position, and this at best will be a bogged up job. Later on as they come into bearing it is questionable if there will be sufficient strength of trunk to bear the fruit without breaking down. In this instance the situation is aggravated because all the lower buds on the trees have been snipped off, so that the growing of a lower headed tree is well nigh impossible.

The chestnut blight, a fungous growth known as the black knot variety, threatens the ultimate destruction of virtually all the groves of native chestnut trees in the north Atlantic states unless methods can be adopted to hold in check or eradicate the pest. This particular blight spreads by means of spores, these being carried by birds, by squirrels and sometimes by the wind. The spores or seeds get a foothold and develop in the cambium layer, which is located just beneath the outer bark. So far no effective means has been discovered for checking the disease, though it has been suggested by those making a study of the question that filling all of the chestnut trees in a five mile zone encircling the affected area might prove a barrier to the spread of the disease, as it would give the fungus nothing on which to subsist. So far as known, the chestnut is the only tree affected by this particular pest.

While a sour soil may be indicated by a refusal of the clover family to grow thereon, the question may be easily and accurately determined by making a test with blue litmus paper. This may be got at any drug store and is inexpensive. A boring should be made with a two inch auger in the part of the field which shows most evidence of sourness and two good sized balls made of the earth obtained near the surface and of that ten or twelve inches down. These balls should be split and strips of the litmus paper laid between and kept there about fifteen minutes. If the paper is turned pink in color the evidence is conclusive that the soil is sour and needs sweetening with an application of lime, which may be applied in the shape of the raw ground stone or the pulverized burned product, there being little choice between the two. The chances are that if the soil is sour it is also run down and would be benefited by an application of stable manure, which will greatly increase its productivity.

J. E. Trigg

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