

**FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN**  
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CENTRAL POINT  
ROGUE RIVER  
VALLEY  
OREGON  
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Poultren of Mountain View, Cal., claim to have developed a breed of chickens that have red, white and blue feathers, and they call it the "Patriot."

The general traits and feeding habits as well as needs of chickens, ducks and geese are so different that it is quite impossible to get the best results from all three classes when they are housed in the same quarters.

A good idea of the returns that are at present being received by the owners of California grape ranches is shown in the receipt of \$7,000 for the product of thirty acres of Thompson seedless by a grower living not far from Modesto.

It would be an interesting study to trace the causes of the deterioration of the human race from the time that the "German" of Caesar used to bathe in the river in midwinter to the present, when many take soapbaths to bed with them when it is 10 above zero and have five quilts for a covering.

To prevent damage to orchard trees by the few rabbits that may have escaped gun or trap a few limbs of poplar or alder should be scattered on the runs where the rodents enter the orchard. They are fond of the bark of both of these and will usually strip it off before touching the trunk of the fruit trees.

At the southern corn show, which was held recently at Atlanta, Ga., the first prize for yield in the boys and girls' corn growing clubs was awarded to a Miss Hyante of Raymond, Covington county, Ga., who is credited with having grown an average yield of 133 bushels per acre. The next best yield was secured by a boy who reported 130 bushels per acre.

Owing to their heavy natural coat of wool, breeding ewes do not require the same degree of protection during the winter as do brood sows, but their housing should be so arranged that they can have a dry bed in which to rest during the day and sleep at night and will be sheltered from direct winds and sleet or rains. If these conditions are provided they should be allowed to range at will during the day and will be much the better for the exercise which they get.

From figures recently published by the census bureau appear abundant reasons why turkeys for the gracing of the Thanksgiving and Christmas tables have been from 20 to 30 cents a pound instead of from 12 to 15 cents, as used to be the case some years ago. These figures show that in 1910 there were 3,688,780 turkeys on the farms of the country, while in 1900 there were 6,594,095. If this movement should continue for another ten years we won't be able to touch a turkey with a ten foot pole.

The Colorado experiment station has tried a number of methods of exterminating prairie dogs and other grain eating pests and has found the following the most satisfactory: To sixteen quarts of corn or other small grain add one ounce of strychnia sulphate, one teaspoonful of sirup and one quart of boiling water. Stir the grain until all of it is moistened and then distribute in the places desired where poultry or other stock cannot get at it. The same bait is excellent for pocket gophers, the grain being inserted in the runways.

Some grocers are beginning to see the wisdom of classifying the eggs they sell at retail, marking those strictly fresh that are such and labeling as storage eggs those that have been kept for a considerable time. This is simple honesty to the consumer, enabling him to know what he is getting and to get just what he pays for, while it recognizes the superior value of fresh eggs and enables the producer to realize for them what they are fairly worth.

Reports have been frequent lately of instances in which small grain has mildewed when put in granaries with solid cement floors built directly on the ground. The trouble seems to be caused by the cement gathering dampness. This trouble can be overcome by laying the cement on forms which can be removed when the cement has hardened, or a plan recommended and seeming to have much in its favor is the laying of several tiers of the horizontally on the area to be used as a floor and lay the cement on this, which would give ample circulation of air and would make the floor as completely vermin proof as would a bed of solid cement.

A friend who tried most all combinations of feeds for his flock of hens finally caused them to get down to business by cutting out a good deal of the corn which they had been getting and substituting in place of it bran, skim milk and tankage, the kind that is put up at the packing houses as a feed for hogs and poultry. When the hens had been on this ration for a short time they surpassed in egg production any previous record. The better results secured were not due to the fact that the latter ration was particularly expensive, but simply to the fact that it was a ration that gave the flocks the food elements they needed in egg production.

A good many people get into all kinds of trouble by trying to maintain an angel's food type of living on a gingerbread or corn bread salary. It is the same kind of folks who sport an automobile when they could hardly pay for a Shetland pony outfit.

Scalding water, fresh air and sunshine are three of the most valuable aids in the maintaining of a clean and healthful environment for and a healthy condition in the farm animals, and they are three aids that many a farmer appreciates to a pitifully meager degree.

Potato raisers in the United States will have to take a back seat, for here comes a report that a trucker in Alaska cleared \$3,700 from three acres planted to spuds. It is quite likely, in the absence of definite evidence to the contrary, that the sale price was the important factor in determining the return from this tract.

It is estimated that as a result of extensive drainage projects which have been started in southern Louisiana 9,000,000 acres of the most fertile land in the world will be rendered productive and that the annual value of the crops that can be raised on these reclaimed lands will be worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Those Medicine Hat blizzards usually strike the states east of the great continental divide the same week that the folks living in this blizzard stricken area get word from their friends spending the winter in California about having green peas and new potatoes for dinner and home grown roses or other flowers on the sitting room tables.

A scientific study of the fungus diseases which attack potatoes tends to greatly strengthen the practice of importing seed from sections considerably north of the point where the planting is to be done. In the case of securing new seed corn experience has proved it generally unwise to ship it from any distance either north or south, but that it can safely be brought from points east or west for a distance of from 200 to 300 miles.

The difference between the grade of butter known as "western extras," which is now topping the market at close to 40 cents, and the poorer grade of uncertain pedigree, which is rank and loud and sells for not more than half as much, is just a matter of dirt and carelessness. The dirt gets into the milk while it is being taken from the cows and by being handled in filthy utensils, and carelessness is pretty thoroughly mixed in with the dirt.

It is a fact doubtless not generally known that for many years prior to the early seventies the postal rate on merchandise used to be 8 cents a pound, or just half what it is today. At about that time some one supposed to be financially interested in the express companies got this rate changed to 16 cents a pound, and here it has stuck ever since. It would be interesting to know the number of millions of dollars that this one simple change in postal rates has extorted from the people of the country in the interval since.

Professor Bolley of the North Dakota Agricultural college, who has achieved a national reputation in connection with his discoveries in regard to the causes and cure for flax with the discovery of the formaldehyde treatment to prevent smut in small grain, urges rotation of crops for the simple reason that it tends to insure soil sanitation. He explains the meaning of this phrase by saying that rotation of crops tends to hold in check the various fungus pests that do great damage where the same crop is grown on a piece of land during successive years.

The individual gas heating and light plant for the country or town home is a mighty nice thing, but often very dangerous. An Illinois farmer installed one not long ago, and the other day when he was away from the house the plant exploded, wrecking his home and killing his daughter and sister and severely injuring his wife and other children. The gas plant was in the basement. The top of the container became loose and filled the basement with gas, which spread to and was ignited by an open fire in the kitchen above. As before stated, a gas plant is a nice thing, but, like a Jersey bull, it will bear close watching.

A group of American and Canadian capitalists will shortly establish in Brazil the largest beef producing plant in the world. The syndicate has bought 9,000,000 acres of land of the Brazilian government on which cattle can range the year around without danger from freezing or storms. The project will be started with the largest number of cattle it is possible to buy, and its capacity is placed at 500,000 head. The headquarters of the company will be Sao Paulo, 250 miles north of Buenos Aires. Murdo McKenzie of Colorado, a former president of the National Stockmen's association, will head the company at a salary of \$50,000 a year.

Announcement has been made recently of the discovery of half a dozen lemon trees in the citrus fruit belt in southern California that bear fruit of an almost completely seedless type. The owner of the ranch on which these trees are located is not sure of the exact origin of the scions from which the trees in question developed, but believes they were from stock imported from southern Europe. The seedless lemon produced by these trees is of good size, full of juice and of excellent quality. A seedless lemon is an object that has long been sought, and it is predicted that within a few years this seedless variety will supplant the common kind, just as some years ago the navel orange took the place of the seeded fruit.

**Beware of Strong Drink.**  
(Edward Roland Sill.)  
At the punch bowl's brink  
Let the thirsty think  
What they say in Japan.  
First the man takes a drink;  
Then the drink takes a drink;  
Then the drink takes the man.

*J. E. Trigg*

**Much Money is Lost By Worthless Corn.**

Illustrated posters urging farmers of Adams county and elsewhere in the state to test their best corn and showing how \$4 are lost every time an ear of corn is planted that will not grow, are being distributed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company with a desire to promote the material welfare of farmers and aid in agricultural development. Among other things, the poster contains the following: "If you are in doubt as to the condition of your seed corn, it would be well for you to make a shallow box, some two or three inches deep, large enough to make a test for 10 acres; that is, 12 squares one way by 10 across. The box should be about 36 by 40 inches. Fill the box about half full of moist dirt, sand or sawdust. We prefer sawdust, because it is lighter and can be handled in the house. Press it well down so that it will have a smooth, even surface."

"Take a white cloth about the size of the box, rule it off checker-board fashion, making squares two or three inches each way, numbering 1, 2, 3, etc. Take a flour sack, or make a pad to fit the top of the box, padding it with an inch or two of moist sawdust or sand.

"Remove six to 10 kernels from each ear selected numbering each ear and putting the kernels from each in the corresponding square in the oox. Place the box in a warm place, where it will not chill. Keep the pad dampened and warm, and in five or six days you can roll up the pad carefully, and you will find that your seed will show its quality; kernels which show both sprouts and rootlets in healthy condition are fit for planting; ears from which the kernels show sprout only, or rootlets only, may or may not grow, but it is best not to take any chances with such ears.

"All weak and dead ears should be thrown into the feed box and the test repeated until you are sure you have enough perfect ears to plant your acreage.

"If every grain of corn planted should grow, you could double your corn crop. The process of testing is so simple that any child can learn it in 10 minutes. The children of the public schools can be taught to test, and, if you plant only tested seed, you can depend upon an increase of 10 bushels per acre. The average corn county has 100,000 acres of corn land; 10 more bushels than you ever had before would mean 1,000,000 bushels, which at 50 cents, the very conservative price, would add \$500,000 to the annual wealth of your county. What applies to corn applies to other grains. Teach the children to test it all."

**Engineer Farm Necessity.**

The multiplication of engines on the farms of the West has made it necessary for agricultural schools to add to their curriculum a course in mechanics known as instruction in engines of convenience. It won't be long, it is predicted, before every farmer will have an engineer. In some parts of the West harnesses have been almost supplanted by gasoline motors. Many farmers who still use horses utilize them for only a few of the numerous services which these animals formerly were called upon to perform. On some large farms, where the automobile is regarded with awe, the gasoline motor is used for power purposes around the farm, the only use for horses is in hauling loads and taking the folks to town.

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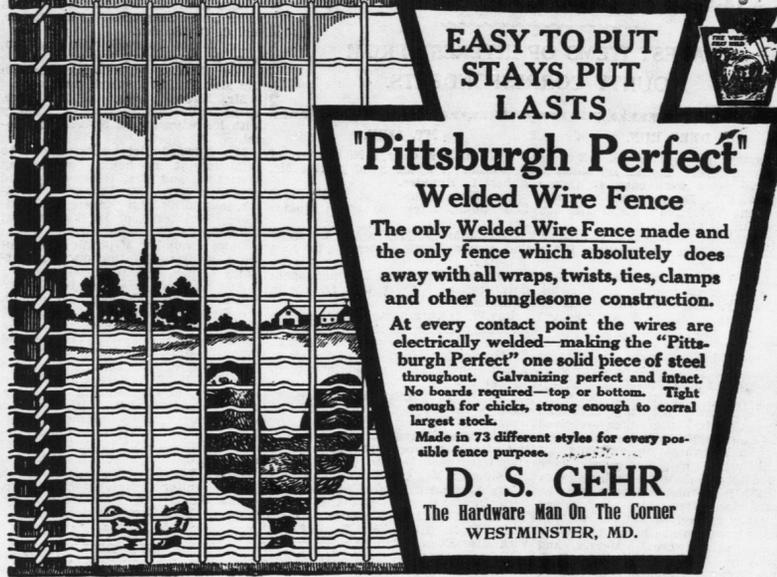
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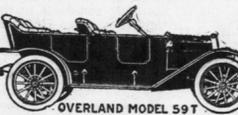
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