

THE FARMING WORLD.

PUSHING THE LAMBS.

How a Rapid Growth can be Maintained Readily.

The principal object to be secured in raising early lambs for market is to mature a fine animal of good size and condition as early as possible.

One important item is to give the lambs an early start. The first few days is the most important time, and if by neglect it is stunted at this time, no after treatment will entirely overcome the effects.

When the ewes are fed liberally with ground feed and the troughs are of sufficient length to admit of the lambs eating by the side of their dams, the lambs will learn to eat when very young.

Whenever they have learned to eat fairly well, a separate place should be provided for them, where they can be fed by themselves.

While it is an item to feed liberally, it can hardly be said to be a good plan to keep feed before them all the time.

The quicker they can be taught to eat and the better they are fed the better growth it will be possible to secure, and the less drain it will be upon the ewes.

By feeding the ewes liberally so that they can supply plenty of milk, and feeding the lambs liberally, a quick growth can be readily maintained, and usually the earlier they are ready for market and the better their condition the higher price it is possible to obtain.

TEAMS ON THE FARM.

They Should Be Well Mated as Regards Strength and Gait.

An important item in getting the most work out of the teams is to have them mated properly. While it is very nice to have a team of the same color, size and marking, it is common sense and good judgment to have them well mated as regards strength, gait and powers of endurance.

A high-spirited, quick-motioned horse should not be compelled to work by the side of a slow, lazy animal. To make the most out of them mate the horses, or rather the teams, with a view to equality of gait, strength and endurance.

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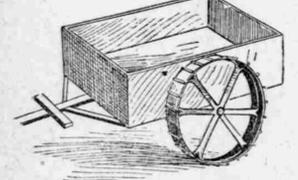
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While on a recent trip through a portion of our county I saw a contrivance that struck me as a good thing. While nearing the home of a farmer I saw in the road the marks of moving manure wheels, and as they were so far apart I could not conceive of them as belonging to a mow—especially at this time of year—so I concluded to investigate it if I could succeed in tracing the tracks to the hiding place of the object in question.

FOR CARTING MANURE.

Handy Contrivance Put Together by an Ohio Farmer.

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When stock are kept in a good, thrifty condition, there is much less liability of their becoming infested with vermin.

The best table fowls—the games, Dorkings, Houdans and Langshans—do not have yellow legs.

Young pullets rarely make good mothers; old hens are better.

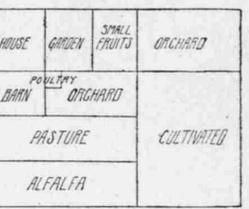
TWENTY-ACRE FARMS.

In the Irrigated Districts of the West They Pay a Handsome Profit.

Intensive soil culture has become the rule in some sections of the west. One man cannot irrigate and cultivate more than a 25-acre tract.

A 20-acre farm might be divided into seven very convenient lots. The house and lawn should occupy one acre, and be inclosed by a neat picket or wire fence.

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PLAT OF 20-ACRE FARM.

ly should be a meadow for pasture. The remaining six acres will make enough of a field for the cultivation of corn, wheat, potatoes and root crops.

The products of six acres under cultivation in the west where irrigation is practiced may safely be estimated as follows: Two acres of wheat, 100 bushels; one acre of corn, 50 bushels; one acre of oats, 70 bushels; one-half acre of potatoes, 150 bushels; one-quarter acre of beans, 15 bushels; one-quarter acre of onions, 100 bushels; one-quarter acre of barley, 60 bushels; one acre carrots, turnips and rutabagas, 1,000 bushels.

Three acres in alfalfa will yield two crops of hay and one of seed. The hay will average two tons an acre each cutting, making 12 tons of hay. A three-acre alfalfa pasture will keep two cows, two horses, 20 sheep, 20 hogs, with several calves.

The five-acre orchard should have one acre devoted to strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries and currants. A half acre should be planted to about four varieties of grapes. The balance of the orchard area should contain choice trees of various fruits, with the outer rows composed of nut-bearing trees.

Experienced farmers in Utah who practice intensive cultivation give the following figures on yields to the acre: Strawberries, \$600 to \$1,000; small fruits, \$300 to \$800; apples, 400 to 600 bushels. The stone fruits produce in proportion to other varieties.

The 20-acre farmer can pay all his expenses, ride in nice carriages, wear good clothes, support and educate his family, and save from \$500 to \$1,000 a year for the time of need. This cannot be accomplished by wild speculation. It requires a careful attention to the details of the little farm.

It requires a careful attention to the details of the little farm. No hard, slavish physical labor is required. Why should men toil and worry over their thousands of acres and come out behind at the end of the year when the new agriculture shows them how to live happy and contented on a 20-acre farm?—Joel Shomaker, in Farm and Fireside.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

Four ducks are plenty for one drake. Usually fat fowls are uncertain breeders.

Dark feathers usually cover a dark skin. With early broilers sex cuts no figure.

Lazy hens lay on fat, but busy hens lay eggs.

If breeding for profit breed to please the market.

Dry-picked poultry generally brings the best price.

Coal oil applied to the roosts will kill all kinds of parasites.

Hens often fail to lay in winter because they are too fat.

Hens that are laying regularly should have a little extra food.

Provide the laying hens with plenty of shell-producing material.

Tobacco stems put in with the straw in the nests will prevent lice.

Early hatched chickens should not get chilled this month, or brood diseases will be the result.

CLEVERLY MANAGED.

The Master Stroke of a Matrimonial Match Maker.

In an Illinois town a Miss Blizard lately demonstrated practically beyond question the truth of the old saying so strenuously insisted upon by many women: "The quickest way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach."

Miss Blizard kept a select boarding house, and among her patrons were Mr. William D. McBride and Miss Addie May McDowdell. In view of subsequent developments, the assumption is warranted that Miss Blizard, liking those two young people very much indeed, reached the inevitable feminine conclusion that the best thing such a nice couple could do was to fall in love with each other as promptly as possible, get married and live happily ever after.

It was a genial and friendly conclusion to reach, and it should not be unsafe to say that, having arrived at it, Miss Blizard lost no time in herself assuming the role of the "god in the machine," and so guiding events as to inevitably bring about the final blissful denouement upon which her kindly heart was set.

But she did more. With the pulse of the situation under her touch always, it would seem that Miss Blizard knew to a nicety just when the crucial moment was reached, and at that crucial moment, knowing that Mr. McBride's sex made it imperative that he should take the initiative in bringing matters to a climax, the crafty Miss Blizard played her strongest card. She prepared a little supper aimed at the very citadel of Mr. McBride's affections, and at that supper she saw to it that Mr. McBride was helped to the choice of each and every dish. The happy man was feasted like a lord, with pretty Miss McDowdell facing him as he feasted.

Miss Blizard rose from the table a winner. During the very progress of the momentous repast, Mr. McBride's heart melted within his bosom, and, gazing fondly upon Miss McDowdell, he then and there challenged her to become Mrs. McBride. The challenge was accepted, a license procured, a minister was summoned, friends were bidden to the joyous scene and the knot was tied.

Miss Blizard derives a rosette immortality. Her healthy confidence in the irresistible nature of the conjunction of good things to eat with a pretty girl to look at warrants the conspicuous perpetuation of her memory.—St. Louis Republic.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

Some Small Items of Useful Information.

A mirror should never stand or be hung where the sun's rays fall upon it. The light and heat produce a chemical disintegration of the quicksilver at the back, which injures the reflective power and makes the glass seem dim and dull.

Many cooks believe the white meal, made from southern corn, is superior to the yellow, made from that grown at the north. Nevertheless a Johnny cake doesn't seem to advertise itself as such unless it is a golden yellow. The yellow meal is very sweet and nice.

Beans soaked 24 hours in tepid water and then cooked a short time only, merely long enough to make them tender and well done, and beans put on to cook with little or no soaking and boiled a long time, are quite two separate and distinct dishes. And if you don't believe it you may demonstrate it by experiment. Those soaked the longest will be by far the most appetizing.

In cooking the breakfast table cereals, the object is to give them a chance to absorb water and to cook the starch thoroughly. The larger and drier the grain the more time must be allowed for the accomplishment of this result. Whole grains are improved, by a previous soaking; those that are finely ground must be mixed with cold water to prevent the formation of lumps. Others should be sifted through the fingers into boiling salted water. Cook fast at first, then more slowly over boiling water, covered, and without stirring.—Detroit Free Press.

Drinking Contaminated Water.

Water that is left standing in the kitchen or bedroom, and, above all, in the sick room, over night is liable to contamination by the absorption of impurities afloat in the air in such rooms and to be rendered wholly unfit for use. No matter that the water is cold, even to near freezing; it is so much more liable to absorb and hold in solution the foul gases and organic particles to which it has been exposed. It is dangerous to use such water. Water should not be so left, but if it should chance to be it should be thrown away. Freshly drawn water only should always be used for culinary purposes as well as for drinking whenever practicable. Moreover, the faucets over sinks and wash basins are always more or less liable to contamination, hence the first water that flows on opening them after they have been left all night without use should always be let flow away—it is dangerous to drink and unfit for the tea kettle or for cooking water; even boiled disease germs are unwholesome.—Sanitarium.

Waist Linings.

An absurdity in wash waists which has appeared is that of organdie or linen with a tight lining. The success of the shirt waist depends upon the ease with which it can be fastened on and its comfort while on. A tight lining defeats these objects. Lace in vulgar quantities also is seen upon some wash waists intended for common use. The tasteful woman probably will avoid lavishment in lace should she use it at all on her laundered blouses. She no doubt will find it more satisfactory to keep to individuality in color than to indulge a vagaries of cut.—St. Louis Republic.

Gained Twenty-Four Pounds.

A Woman Who Was Utterly Broken Down Restored to Health and Weight.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind. A New Era reporter recently had the privilege of partaking of a bounteous noonday repast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kenady, near Hope, Ind., a few miles across the line in Bartholomew Co. At the table sat the eight-year-old daughter of this happy couple, who had just returned from school. It was raining at the time and consequently her clothing and pains all over her body.

"Arthur," said Mrs. Kenady, "as soon as you finish your dinner I want to go over to the drug store and get a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The rheumatism is setting in on Lucey as sure as you're living, and I wish to stop it at once in its early stages, and save a long sickness and physicians' expense."

"The mother got the child good and warm and had her remove her wet clothes, and then she related her peculiar experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She said: 'I had him get those pills for Lucey because I know they will cure her, for they cured me, as all my neighbors will tell you.'"

"After the birth of my youngest child here, about two years ago, I was completely broken down. I took medicine from the physician who had attended me through my confinement, but grew worse and worse until I could scarcely go about at all. I went to see doctors, with about the same result. Pains were so similar to my body, and the least exertion or mere bending over would cause me to have smothering spells, and the suffering was terrible—almost unbearable. I thought it was caused by my heart, as I often had fainting spells. When everything else had failed to relieve me and I had given up all hopes of recovery, I chanced to read some testimonials in the New Era and the Indianapolis News, and the suffering of the people who made the statements were so similar to mine, that when I read that they had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I at once resolved to try the medicine. I procured a box and took the pills according to directions, and soon felt much better, and could go about with ease. When I had finished six boxes, never missing a dose after each meal, I was cured. I have taken them since, when I felt badly, and I now feel as well as ever."

"It is a pleasure now to do my work. When I began taking the medicine I weighed 100 pounds, now I tip the beam at 133. I can eat anything that comes along, and sleep like a log. Before I used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I could scarcely eat anything or sleep at all. I had no appetite, and what I ate wouldn't stay on my stomach. I feel that the medicine saved me from an untimely grave, and wouldn't care to be where I could not get it. Father used the last of a box a few days ago for a sick headache, and hasn't been troubled since. That is why we are without them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excess of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mamma—"I don't see why you call Daisy Martin selfish. I think she is a very nice little girl." Ethel—"Oh, mamma, but she is selfish! She's always at the head of the class, and she won't let any of the rest of us get ahead of her."—Harper's Bazar.

Home-seekers' Excursion Tickets.

On February 15th and 16th, March 1st, 2d, 15th and 16th, April 5th, 6th, 19th and 20th, May 3rd, 4th, 17th, and 18th, 1897, Home-seekers' excursion tickets will be sold by the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus R. Co. to nearly every point in the West, North and Northwest, South and Southwest at rates of about one fare for the round trip.

Parties contemplating a trip will do well to see or write to any C. A. & C. R. Y. agent for rates of fare, limits of tickets and full information, or, to the undersigned, C. F. Daly, General Passenger Agent, Cleveland, O.

Beggar (piteously)—"Ah, sir, I am very, very hungry." Dyspeptic (savagely)—"Then have the decency to keep your mouth shut, and let me enjoy my own fortune to yourself. I haven't had an appetite for years."—Tit-Bits.

Groan If You Must.

But also appeal to a means of relief of the torture—if physical—which produces the groan. Rheumatism is a prolific source of agony in its acute inflammatory or chronic forms. But it may be annihilated at its birth with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, unlike the poisons in minute doses often prescribed for it, is perfectly safe. In malarial, kidney, bilious, dyspeptic or nervous ailments the Bitters is a certain source of relief.

Incomparable.

The service of the Queen and Crescent fast train sleepers. Through Pullman drawing-room sleepers. Standard vestibule day coaches (lavatories and smoking rooms). Elegant cafe, parlor and observation cars. Twenty-four hours Cincinnati to Florida or to New Orleans. W. C. Rineason, Gen'l Pass'r Agt., Cincinnati, O.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities in Cincinnati, Chicago, and Baltimore. Includes items like LIVE STOCK, CALVES, HOGS, SHEEP, LAMBS, FLOUR, CORN, and various grades of grain.

Safe Cure

It has stood the test of time; it has saved thousands of lives; it has restored millions of sufferers to health; it has done what was never done before; it has made men stronger and healthier; it has made women brighter and happier; it stands alone in all these qualities. Do you not think it would be wise for you to avoid the dangers of the season? Insist upon having it.

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