

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

The best peace maker on a farm is an account book.

A level-headed man avoids many ups and downs in life.

Some men imagine they are honest just because they have no good chance to steal.

By the compost heap the farmer is able to multiply his available manure many-fold.

The union must have well defined policies, and those policies kept before the people.

If we would only do our thinking before acting we would save a lot of brain fag later on.

The union without politics is like a ship without a rudder—sure to get on the rocks and shoals and sink.

Trouble is like a cowardly man. It puts up a big bluff but shrinks as we approach it with determination.

No farmer in this twentieth century is too big for his job. The job is more likely to be too big for the farmer.

To assist members in buying and selling is another specification of the aims and intent of the Farmers' union.

The man who is always telling you things "in the strictest confidence" seldom imparts any information that is profitable.

Its hard work fighting the weeds these days, but they are just as troublesome to our neighbors in the next township.

The hill ahead always looks steeper than it really is and August weather is generally a little hotter than any we ever experienced.

The owl isn't as smart as the blue Jay, but because he keeps his mouth shut he has created a reputation for wisdom far beyond his deserts.

The Farmers' union is like the church; it needs preachers; men who can teach the people business; unless this is done the union will eventually fail.

AGENTS SELL FARM PRODUCE

Number of Farmers' Co-Operative Associations Making Rapid Increase All Over Country.

The number of farmers' co-operative associations through which produce is marketed is increasing continually. Various fruits and vegetables, grain, tobacco, peanuts, rice and other products are sold by the agents of such associations, says Market Growers' Journal. In the state of Colorado alone there were in 1907 at least thirty-three such organizations, and the products handled by them included cantaloupes, peaches, honey, potatoes, and miscellaneous fruits and vegetables. A number of California associations have united to form larger bodies through which sales are made, while the local organizations pack and load the produce.

At least two produce exchanges have been conducted successfully for a number of years by truck growers of the peninsula lying between the Chesapeake bay and the Atlantic ocean. The cranberry crop is marketed largely through farmers' organizations, and similar associations, too numerous to be listed here, are improving conditions of marketing in other parts of the United States.

The extent to which the co-operative movement among farmers is distributed may be illustrated by the apples from Hood River, Ore., which are marketed in this way; fruits and vegetables from Yuma Valley, Arizona, celery from Florida, cantaloupes from Tennessee, onions from central and western Texas, tobacco from Kentucky, grain from Minnesota and North Dakota, rice from Texas, peaches from Georgia, vegetables from Louisiana, and various articles from Michigan, in addition to a large number of products from California.

Two of the important results of co-operation in marketing have been the shipment of better grades of fruits and vegetables, and the command by the farmers of a greater influence in the market on account of large quantities of produce being controlled by a single authority.

Co-operative Trucking.

Co-operative trucking associations are becoming very numerous. They have distinct advantages which should not be overlooked. These associations are generally managed by shrewd business men who understand the markets and they usually procure better prices than is possible when the individual growers operate separately. One of the strongest associations in the country is at Freehold, N. J. It was the means of materially increasing profits of the growers in that section last year.

Select Good Men.

Time is running swiftly by and August will soon be here. The union brotherhood will soon be called upon to choose standard bearers for another year. This is a very serious matter. The union needs and must have able, substantial men, men who know how to do things and then get up and do them. Broad-gauged men, who are able to take care of the situation.

BENEFITS OF FARM SOCIETY

Agricultural Organization Should Be Center of Information and Encourage Cooperation.

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There are now more farmers' organizations than at any previous time in the history of the United States. Organizations have sprung up flourished for a period and then declined and have in some cases been completely wrecked. When wrecked the element of destruction has most frequently been politics. Of late these organizations have had more appropriate and legitimate objects and are not only enduring better but doing vast more good than ever before. The average member when he joins one of the larger organizations looks too far away from the benefits he expects. He has a misconception of the good he will get or is entitled to. Too many units of this character check the progress of the organization.

Too often the aims and objects of these farm organizations are set forth in general terms and the locals are not active enough in working out the details. These details are the life blood of the locals.

The organization's first object should be the betterment of the unit, the individuals composing the organization. Until special efforts are put forth to this end only a part of the attainable good will be secured. One of the great difficulties confronting the local is found in the failure to hold together and their failure is due to lack of local interest and benefit secured through the following of definite objects.

There is no more effort being put forth which has for its object the improvement of the farmer than ever before, and this effort is more directly aimed at the individual. The good it will do depends upon the reception by the individual.

An important element of success in an organization of any kind is found in a few progressive individuals who will devise, improvise and lead without selfish motives. These too often are the last to put themselves forward. They should be found and brought forward.

An agricultural organization should in a sense be a center of agricultural information. Members should be appointed to seek new facts of benefit to individuals, to interpret bulletins newspaper articles and other sources of information that all may be benefited. Such an organization should have an important bearing upon the rural schools and see that agriculture is taught by teachers competent to give such instruction. Encouragement and aid to young men in their efforts to become educated would be a legitimate field for action.

Co-operation in buying and selling has been neglected, yet great good may be secured through the buying of seeds, plants, fertilizers, live stock, implements and many other things.

The introduction and breeding of animals and plants by different individuals of the organization, each doing that for which he is best prepared, will develop a specialization calculated to benefit a whole community. Experiments and tests of various kinds may be allotted select members for demonstration. Hundreds of these could be carried on in the community and the results reported to and discussed by the members of the organization. Demonstration work, such as tillage and fertilizers, the trial of new varieties of vegetables, fruits, field crops, poultry and live stock, if properly undertaken, would give new life to the organization and to the community in which it existed. Should a community find that a certain variety of cotton, corn, oats, potatoes, etc., or a certain breed of some of the domestic animals, developed especially well, and large quantities or numbers of these were produced, that community would, in the course of time, become famous for its specialty.

Such an organization should be a center to which reports of outbreaks of animal or plant diseases and pests should be made so that concert of action may be taken to combat them. State or national aid in such cases could far more easily be secured through such an organization than by an individual. Such an organization should have a prominent house owned by the society in which a reading room and library should contain literature and records to be kept. There should also be a museum in which farm products are kept on exhibition to be shown at county, state or national fairs. The state fair would be a success beyond expectation if there were many efficient locals.

Beware of Office Seeker.

The picnic days are here and the song of the office seeker will soon be heard in the land. He is now trying his voice so as to sing in dulcet strains his love for the common people in such a way that he can make them believe that he intends to do what he says he will. Better keep all of that class away from Farmers' union meetings and listen to plans for the upbuilding of the great organization that is the farmers' hope.

Turn Oat Stubble.

No delay should be made in turning the oat stubble while there is sufficient moisture in the soil to hasten decomposition of the vegetable matter. Plant the land in cowpeas, soy beans or peanuts. These leguminous plants will greatly assist in improving the soil.

SLEEPING IN THE OPEN AIR

Useful Book With Full Directions Given Away by Philanthropic Association.

"Direction for Living and Sleeping in the Open Air," is the title of a pamphlet being sent out by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis to its local representatives in all parts of the United States. The pamphlet is meant to be a handbook of information for anybody who desires to sleep out of doors in his own home. It emphasizes the fact that outdoor sleeping is as desirable for the well as for the sick. The booklet will be sent free of charge to any one applying for it at the headquarters of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in New York, or to the secretary of any local or state antituberculosis association.

Some of the subjects of which the pamphlet treats are, how to take the open-air treatment in a tenement house; how to build a small shack or cabin on a flat roof in the city; how to make one comfortable while sleeping outdoors either in hot or cold weather; how to arrange a porch on a country house; and how to build a cheap porch; the construction of tents and tent houses; the kinds of beds and bedding to use in outdoor sleeping, and various other topics. The book is well illustrated and attractively prepared.

She Lives in Bingville.

A south Missouri paper is carrying this ad: "Attractive woman, not a day over thirty, would be pleased to correspond with eligible man. Not absolutely necessary that he should be young. Would prefer one with property, but one with a good paying position would be satisfactory. The young lady is of medium height, has brown hair and gray eyes, not fat, although, most decidedly, she is not skinny. Her friends say she is a fine looking woman. Object matrimony. Reason for this advertisement, the young woman lives in a little dinky town, where the best catches are the boys behind the counters in the dry goods and clothing stores, and every one of them is spoken for by the time he is out of his short pants. Address Hazel Eyes, Box 23, Bingville, Mo."—Kansas City Star.

Autoing and Optics.

"Is not auto driving terribly hard on the eyes?" we asked.

"Well, I guess not," replied the chauffeur, withering us with scorn. "Why, before I got to runnin' a car I was thinkin' o' gettin' specks, my eyesight was that poor I couldn't see the contribution box in church until it was so near past me it was too late to dig for any money. But I hadn't been runnin' that wagon two days till I could see a policeman's little finger stickin' out from behind a tree four miles away. I could even see which way a copper's eyeballs were turned if he was standin' in the shade three miles off. Hard on the eyes! Well, not much! It's the best medicine for weak eyes that was ever invented, don't you forget it."

It Would Depend.

"Would you marry a man who wore side whiskers?"

"I might if I thought it would be worth while to reform him."

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Hints For Hostess

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

for Those Planning Seasonable Entertainments

What does that mean? Visions and other horrors? Piles of cake, what to go around once, the hard boiled egg in the market." The —so half the quantity. —wasted and you went home hungry declaring it was the last picnic you would ever go to.

Well—picnics can be made most delightful. First of all the party must be thoroughly congenial, all well acquainted, even one stranger is apt to make things somewhat formal, but of course this all will depend on the person. Ten or twelve is a good number. The place to go to must not be too far away and if possible should be near water—if only a small stream. The girls should meet and decide upon the lunch—each one knowing definitely what they are to furnish. One will bring the sandwiches, another the cake, pickles, olives, cheese, crackers and jelly, with sugar for coffee and salt being divided between two more. Potatoes to roast and butter falling to another. Corn if in season makes an agreeable addition.

To one may fall the responsibility of seeing that the dishes, coffee pot and table linen are provided. All these little items are carefully talked over. Paper napkins can be used and plates for each one cut out of white stiff paper, with quotations written around. If liked, smaller plates can be made for butter. Small pieces of soft paper should also be provided with which to hold the potato, for they are to be roasted. To the girl who furnishes the sandwiches I will tell her just how. Get a can of corn beef, remove any gristle, chop very fine, then make a dressing, like for cabbage salad. One egg, lump of butter, salt, pepper and mustard, with one cup of vinegar, diluted with water if too strong, is a good rule, boil until it thickens, being careful not to let it curdle; pour this over the meat and mix thoroughly with a spoon.

The bread must not be too fresh, but not dry. Cut in thin slices, spread with butter, then the meat. Cut off the crust or not, as you like. To look pretty, these sandwiches can be tied with ribbons in piles of a dozen, pack in a covered paste board box which can be thrown away, saving one basket to carry home. The hard boiled eggs can be left in the shell and each one ornamented with a quotation, or taken out of the shell and wrapped in tissue paper. Cabbage or salmon salad or any kind that is liked can be made and carried in a glass fruit jar. The small dainty pieces of celery are nice if the distance is not far so they will keep fresh, but if the pieces are wrapped in wet paper, then a napkin or a towel put around them they will be found very nice and crisp. Lettuce sandwiches are appetizing if made properly. Use only the small tender leaves, place with a dash or salad dressing between two thin slices of bread.

The can opener and an olive fork must not be forgotten, although a hot pin has been made to serve very well for the latter. Some like radishes,

and even onions are not disdained. Supposing the boys furnish the conveyance and driver. Each one must be ready when the wagonette arrives. The baskets are snugly stored away and the merry party start. After arriving the fire should be built and when it is one mass of red coals, take the potatoes, put each one deep down under and each ear of corn unhusked. It will take about forty minutes to cook these properly. Meanwhile the table is prepared and when all is ready, not one thing is found missing. People never know what there is in a potato till they have eaten one roasted, with salt and butter.

After the baskets have all been re-packed with the little that is left, dishes, spoons and jars returned to their proper owners, comes the camp fire, around which they all gather, songs and stories told, till the stars and moon illumine the sky and all are reminded that picnics must end. To start at three or four in the afternoon gives ample time, providing the distance is not great, which should not be the case. Generally the mistake is made of going too far and staying too long and having a large party. Fruits, such as bananas, cherries, plums and apples make a welcome addition.

A Conundrum Tea.

Of all the novel and interesting ways of entertaining one's guests I think the Conundrum Tea party took the best, for one given recently was the talk of the town, for several days after its occurrence.

The guests were 26 in number, alling two tables and as two sisters were the hostesses, one presided at each table. Everything in the way of china and floral decorations were simply perfect. At each place was found a card with the name of the person who was to occupy the chair, but besides the name, there was a conundrum. Each guest had the privilege of guessing her own first and if she failed it was passed on to the next person.

The one who guessed the largest number of conundrums received the first prize and the one who answered the least received the "consolation" prize. There were prizes provided for each table. I can assure you there was no lack of conversation. After tea, the prizes were distributed, games were played and from the lateness of the hour when the guests departed I am sure every one had a delightful time.

MADAME MERRI.

FANCIES OF FASHION.

Butterfly motifs are extensively used.

Wide stitching is again in vogue for girls.

There has been a revival of silver fillgree.

Some of the chiffon veils are hemstitched on all four sides.

Parasols and stockings match the gown, whether the shoes do or not.

White wash ribbons are fast replacing the colored ones for lingerie.

Some Girls' Dresses.



THE first is a simple sailor dress suitable for either linen or serge, the plain skirt is turned up with a deep hem; the blouse is slipped over the head, therefore no fastening is necessary; white drill or linen collar and cuffs are worn. Materials required: 4 yards 44 inches wide.

In the second we show a useful gymnasium dress; the tunic is drawn in at the waist by a belt, and is trimmed with braid at the lower edge, so also are the collar and cuffs; these are of white cloth. About 2 inches of the knickers show below the skirt. Materials required: 5 yards 46 inches wide, 1 dozen yards braid.

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VISIONARY.



Jiggson—If a man could only sell coal at the north pole or ice in hadest!

Wiggson—But that's out of the question.

Juggson—I know; but, gee! just think of the prices he could get!

Back to the Tall Timber.

Alfred—Are you going to pass your vacation at the seashore?

Gilbert—No, thank you. It's the woods for mine this year.

Alfred—Don't like the shore, eh?

Gilbert—Oh, I like it well enough, but it's too risky. I passed my vacation there last year and had several narrow escapes.

Alfred—From drowning?

Gilbert—No; summer girls. Seven of them proposed to me.

Not an Objection.

"I think he'd like to join your club, but his wife wouldn't hear of it."

"She wouldn't hear of it." Why, I know of half a dozen men who would join our club if their wives couldn't hear of it.

The satirist can talk about the "average man" with impunity, because every man considers himself above the average.

HARD TO PLEASE

Regarding the Morning Cup.

"Oh how hard it was to part with coffee, but the continued trouble with constipation and belching was such that I finally brought myself to leave it off.

"Then the question was, what should we use for the morning drink? Tea was worse for us than coffee; chocolate and cocoa were soon tired of; milk was not liked very well, and hot water we could not endure.

"About two years ago we struck upon Postum and have never been without it since.

"We have seven children. Our baby now eighteen months old would not take milk, so we tried Postum and found she liked it and it agreed with her perfectly. She is today, and has been, one of the healthiest babies in the State.

"I use about two-thirds Postum and one-third milk and a teaspoon of sugar, and put it into her bottle. If you could have seen her eyes sparkle and hear her say "good" today when I gave it to her, you would believe me that she likes it.

"If I was matron of an infants' home, every child would be raised on Postum. Many of my friends say, 'You are looking so well!' I reply, 'I am well; I drink Postum. I have no more trouble with constipation, and know that I owe my good health to God and Postum.'

"I am writing this letter because I want to tell you how much good Postum has done us, but if you knew how I shrink from publicity, you would not publish this letter, at least not over my name."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.