

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



By William Pitt

Burn out the tent caterpillar nests. The sheep should never be handled roughly.

The non-layer makes a good eater for the table.

Gunpowder and lard is good for scratches on the horse.

Horses with tender shoulders should have sweat pads used upon them.

With the lightening of the work lighten up on the feed ration for the horse.

A handful of oil meal daily in the horse's ration will help put a gloss upon his coat.

The wife will prove your best counselor. Listen to her and many a legal complication will be spared.

Milk is good for the hens as well as the pigs. See if you cannot spare them some. It helps to make eggs.

How are the drains about the house? Time to think about getting them in good shape for the winter months.

Hold the wheat in the bin rather than sell at too low a price. It is almost certain to run into money before the year is over.

Food left in the trough by the hogs is the best kind of evidence that you are feeding too generously. Feed only what will be eaten up clean.

Without some system of accounts how could the merchant do business safely. And yet such business accounting is as important for the farmer as for the merchant.

Be sure the bit is not so narrow as to irritate and pain the mouth of the horse. Such condition leads to uneasiness which often may result in the horse taking the bit in his teeth and bolting in sheer desperation.

To produce good eggs and get them on the market in the best possible condition one must provide good housing, food and water regularly, and above all keep the nests clean. Eggs should be gathered daily, and when the temperature is high they should be gathered twice a day. Reject all doubtful eggs and keep the eggs in as cool a place as possible.

The simplest form of silo is the stave silo. It should be made from two-inch narrow plank, properly beveled and held together by strong iron bands. The staves, after beveling so that when fitted together they will form a circle of the desired size, are placed on end on a solid foundation and properly fitted. These are strengthened and held in place by strong iron hoops, which are so made that they may be tightened or loosened at will. Doors should be built at intervals from the top to the bottom so that the silage may easily be got out. It is not necessary to put a roof on this silo, but it is much to be preferred. This style of silo should be kept well painted, both inside and out. If properly built and taken care of a stave silo is durable, rigid and air-tight.

Gapes in young chickens is caused, according to Prof. H. A. Surface, state zoologist of Indiana, by eating of earthworms. There are parasites in the earth-worms which find their way into the windpipe of the chicken and lodge there, where they take the form of little red worms. The best preventive is to keep the chickens from the surface of the ground, or use salt or strong water on the soil, so as to kill the earth-worms, or strew strong lime or something of the kind on the ground, so that the chicks will not get hold of the worms to eat them. After the chicks have been attacked with gapes, however, you can dislodge the worms by making a very small loop of twisted horse hair, draw out the tongue of the chick slightly, insert the horse hair loop in the windpipe opening, which will be seen between the forks at the base of the tongue, and, twisting the hair around, withdraw it. The worms are likely to be found within the loop, or some of them, will have been thus removed, and the operation can be repeated. Another remedy is to dip the tip of a soft feather into kerosene and insert it in the windpipe opening to dislodge and kill the worms. Such treatment, although severe, is better than letting the worms remain undisturbed, to severely annoy the fowls and even kill them. Mixing turpentine or other substances in the food of the young poultry has not proven satisfactory as a remedy for gapes.

Pumpkins are fine food for fattening hogs.

Variety of feed should be provided for the hens.

Cut out the old canes from the berry bushes and burn them.

Keep the pullets pushing ahead. Extra feed now means early egg laying.

Now is the time to cull your stock and get the flock in shape for the winter run.

Half-starved sheep will clean up a brush lot but will not make any profit for their owners.

Clean up the rubbish in garden and orchard and burn. In this way many a harmful insect is destroyed.

A tired horse is in no condition for food or water. Give a little time to rest and cool off before watering and feeding.

Keep some of the oat sheaves for the poultry this winter. They will enjoy thrashing out the food for themselves.

A small grain ration every day will be more than returned in the milk pail if the cow is in the profit earning class at all.

The bad habits we notice on other members of the family are often but a reflection of the things we do and have taught them.

Milk should be cooled as soon as possible after drawing from cow. It will keep longer and have a finer flavor when thus handled.

Bees, it is said, never puncture grapes. They do sip the juice, however, after birds and wasps have punctured the skins. Place the blame where it belongs.

Unsound feet in a horse are generally indicative of a constitutional weakness which is sure to appear in the offspring. Therefore be sure the mare and sire are both sound.

The return from a piece of land is not so much dependent upon the soil as upon the kind of management which that piece of ground receives. Many a seemingly worthless piece of land has been made to produce a profit under skillful handling.

Here is a dust powder which is non-poisonous and is sure death to cabbage worms, etc.: Air-slacked lime with a good sprinkling of fine table salt. It can be placed in a can having a perforated top and sprinkled upon the plants troubled with the worms. This is a good idea to save for next season.

Much has been said in the papers about "petroleum butter," and the curiosity if not the anxiety of the dairy farmers has been excited. Dairy Commissioner Foust of Philadelphia secured a sample of "petroleum butter" and had it analyzed. He found it was composed of 80 per cent. vaseline, two per cent. salt and 19 per cent. cornstarch. The rest was water. The sample looked much like vaseline and is said to taste like it. Mr. Foust decided that it could not be sold as butter.

A garden without fruit trees and berry bushes is only half a garden. There should be enough for family use in season, for canning and preserving and such like for winter use, and some to sell. Starting with strawberries, which come in very early and the first fruit of the season, there should be added raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, currants and grapes. The great advantages of small fruits are that they occupy small space, are easy to grow, they begin bearing early and the fruit is the most delightful and the most wholesome of all foods. They are an ornament to any farm or home grounds.

David Buffum has this to say in the Atlantic Monthly regarding the "mission of the land," and he is about right: The mission of the land is to produce and keep on producing food, live stock, lumber and other commodities for the service of man. He who owns land and is indifferent to this, is guilty of a moral wrong; and he who takes good land out of commission and suffers it to lie unproductive and useless is guilty of a greater one. This is the only criterion by which we can properly judge of the right of an individual to own land in large tracts. The good results attendant upon small individual holdings are natural. The purposes of nature in the upward evolution of man are usually better carried out in this way, and not because, as is so frequently argued, every man has an inherent right to its ownership. The lazy, the incapable and the densely ignorant assuredly have no such right, and land is too precious and its mission too high to be thus wasted. If the owner of a great country estate can farm his land as well as or better than if it were in small holdings; if, following the precept of Swift, he make two ears of corn or two blades of grass grow where one grew before; if he supply his section with a better breed of horses, cattle or sheep, well and good; no one with any knowledge of economics could say he was doing any injury to the world or mankind. It is not the amount of land that he owns, but what he does with it for which he is morally responsible.

THE ONLOOKER

WILBUR D. NESBIT

A REALY LABORDAY



The grocer has closed up his store for the day— Sing hey for the grocer, sing hey!

The plumber has fastened his shop, as you know— Sing hey for the hardware and plumber, sing hey!

I am at work with a zest and a will— For grocer and plumber have each sent a bill.

The woman is resting his pick and his saw— Hurrah for the ice-man, hurrah, boys, hurrah!

The butcher is marching; I saw him go by— Sing hi for the heavy-set butcher, sing hi!

But I am at work while the drums loudly beat— For here are the bills for the ice and the meat.

The milkman is clinking no bottles today— The coalman is marching and marching away.

The shirt man is holding a banner aloft— The hatter is out with his coat and vest doffed— But I am not marching, nor making a speech; Confronting me now is a statement from each.

The garden truck man is right close to the band— Sing hey for the bulwarks of our native land!

The dairyman trudges on soldierly legs— Hurrah for his dignified butter and eggs! But I am as usual bent to the grind— The dairyman says I am too far behind.

O, what was the thought that I meant to enshrine— In these little rhythmical hitings of mine? I meant to write something of labor and brawn— But some way or other the muses have gone— Perhaps they are marching far over the hills— While I sit and contemplate all of the bills!

OLD MAN GIDDLES OBSERVES.

Every man has a right to his own opinion, but that is no reason why he should not keep it to himself once in awhile.

A boy wearing his first long pants strives to have a great many errands downtown.

The ordinary man would state, if pressed, that he thinks his singing voice is superb.

Too many of us confuse our own stubbornness with strength of character and make nuisances of ourselves.

We must all admire the intellectual swiftness of the chronic liar who is able to lie out of his lies.

The ordinary man thinks the heathen have an awful good time on the money he donates for them.

In Advance.

Our friend Mr. Duzitt astonishes us by hailing an expressman and addressing him with a fluent outburst of profanity. The expressman gives him an astonished look and drives on hastily. We say nothing, feeling that discretion is the better part of friendship for the moment.

Next we met his grocer, and that gentleman also is treated to as fine a display of double dashes as it has ever been our fortune to hear.

Then the butcher, who comes in for another consignment of swear words.

Mr. Duzitt then leads us into a drug store, where he goes to the 'phone and rings up the manager of the telephone company, whom he consigns to the deepest and hottest part of the hereafter.

Thus it goes for an hour or two, our wonder growing with leaps and bounds, until finally we made bold to ask what it all means.

"Just this," he explains. "I'm going to stop swearing to-morrow, and I'm determined that all these people shall have their proper amount of cursing from me before I acquire any handicaps."

Made Him Worse.

"I hear that old Mr. Scrimgee is much worse than he was last week," says the friend. "What caused the relapse?"

"He asked the doctor what to do for his dyspepsia, and the doctor outlined a diet of crusts and milk—and the added expense of the milk got on Scrimgee's nerves," explains the other man.

Mementoes and Mementoes.

"Monk Greenland's barren ice and snows," says Peary left his toes; And now, the silent drifts beneath, Peary's Cook has left his teeth.

THE DANGER SIGNAL



"Yes, Freddy, I'm a sick man!" "Wot's der matter?" "Why, I'm gettin' that restless an' wakeful, dat I can't sleep, only at night!"

A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE.

Backache, Pains in the Kidneys, Bloating, Etc., Overcome.

A nurse is expected to know what to do for common ailments, and women who suffer backache, constant languor, and other common symptoms of kidney complaint, should be grateful to Mrs. Minnie Turner, of E. B. St., Anadarko, Okla., for pointing out the way to find quick relief.

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Ours and Theirs.

"A play on names unconsciously perpetrated by my youngest son was very funny," said a Flatbush man the other day. "We live next door to a family named Feitenour, and the other night while my family was busy reading in the library we heard a racket on the back porch. My son went out to investigate, and on his return my wife, always inquisitive, asked what had caused the noise."

"'Nothin' but a couple of cats,' Jim told her, and then I heard her ask: 'Did you see whose they were?'"

"'Yes; one was ours and the other was Feitenour's.'"

Poker Finance.

Mose Coonley (a winner)—Guess I'll cash in, boys.

Abe Mokeby (also to the good)—Guess I'll do de same.

Jefferson Yallery—Me too!

Bill Bingy (the banker, a big loser)—Well, I guess yo' each done got an' udder guess a-comin', gentlemen! Owin' to dis heah attempted an 'uncalled-for' run on de bank, de intertention am now suspended an' won't resume opprations till de panicky feelin' hab fully subsided an' de foolish depositahs continues doin' business as fohmally. And it's youah deal, Mose Coonley!—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Feeding Farm Hands.

Every farmer's wife knows what tremendous appetites farm hands usually have; but while they eat well they work well, too.

Here's a good suggestion about feeding farm hands. Give them plenty of Quaker Scotch Oats. A big dish of Quaker Scotch Oats porridge with sugar and cream or milk is the greatest breakfast in the world for a man who needs vigor and strength for a long day's work. The man that eats Quaker Scotch Oats plentifully and often is the man who does good work without excessive fatigue. There is a sustaining quality in Quaker Scotch Oats not found in other foods, and for economy it is at the head of the list. Besides the regular size packages Quaker Scotch Oats is packed in large size family packages, with and without china.

A Work of Supererogation.

Henry dislikes being bathed and argues with his mother over every square inch of his four-year-old anatomy.

One night, when his patience was especially tried by what he considered wholly unnecessary work, he exclaimed:

"Oh, mamma, couldn't you skip my stomach? Nobody ever sees my stomach!"—Judge's Library.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Interchange of Opinion.

Said William's Wife—William can make money; but he will never be able to save any.

Said William's Mother—That is just what I warned my son when he wanted to marry you.—Baltimore American.

There are \$15,000,000 worth of buttons made in this country every year, yet lots of men use nails to connect their suspenders with their trousers.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed.

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THE DIAGNOSIS



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The Thirst for Gripe.

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