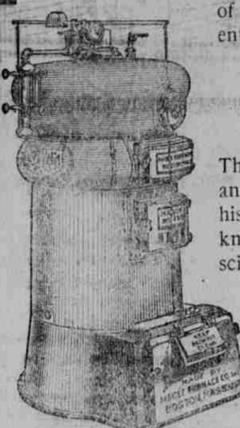


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Tomorrow has been designated by Governor Gates as Arbor Day. If you cannot plant a tree, you can at least go out and burn a worm's nest.—Hardwick Gazette.

The foregoing is the best thing said about Arbor day this year and the best thing about it is that it isn't too late yet to take the advice offered.

The tendency of American newspapers to inflammatory writing relative to the sinking of the Lusitania is not wise and is not justified by all the facts surrounding the case. England made war on Germany because she thought the interests of Great Britain were on that side and England was the first to establish a war zone in the North sea. Later England undertook to cut off the German civilian food supply. Germany retaliated by submarine warfare on British shipping but gave worldwide notice of her intention and repeated the warning over and over to the neutral nations. England is more responsible than Germany for the conditions and circumstances that led to the loss of American lives on board the Lusitania. The English attempt to starve the German people appears to have failed and she might well long ago have accepted the German offer to stop the submarine warfare if England would lift the embargo on non-contraband commerce. It was a fair offer and England is criminally responsible for the loss of lives that has ensued. England has persisted in a wrong course in the hope of embroiling the United States and other neutral nations in trouble with Germany. England having so far failed to cope with Germany is today eagerly hoping that the Lusitania horror will call the great resources of the United States to her assistance. It would be the most monumental piece of folly for the United States to yield to the desires of England in a sudden burst of anger that ought to bear equally on England and Germany, and would, but for the fact that the preponderance of American feeling tends naturally to the race from which the most of us came. Not only is England largely responsible for the conditions which brought the tragedy but with the mightiest navy the world has ever seen she has assured the world that transatlantic travel was safe and then failed to take ordinary precautions to make her word good. All this is no apology for Germany. On Germany must rest the opprobrium of sacrificing innocent lives to strike at her foe. It is a moral blot to descend to the warfare of savages even to strike at an enemy that has dropped to the same level. President Wilson should make dignified but energetic protest to both Germany and England for their excesses which have led to the loss of American lives. Also hereafter American officials and port officers should be empowered to compel the shipment of war and contraband material only on ships which do not carry passengers and which are owned or insured by the countries which buy the goods. At the same time passenger traffic and mail service under the American flag should be maintained with Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria, convoyed and protected by American ships of war.

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## FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN

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Spain is said to be the home of 3,500,000 milk goats. These animals weigh from sixty to ninety pounds and give about two quarts of milk per day.

In planting timber tracts on the farm it is just as well to plant nut trees along with other kinds. Not only is the wood of such trees valuable, as a rule, but the yield of nuts will be most welcome.

A state wide campaign has been inaugurated by Governor West of Oregon with a view to having the idle laborers who congregate in the larger cities during the winter months go out on to the ranches of the state, where their help is needed.

A friend who is using a silo for the first time this winter, on being asked by the writer the other day how he liked it, said the stock was crazy for the silage and that the only thing he was sorry about was that he didn't have two silos instead of one.

Those who have the care of horses should not fail to remember that glanders, one of the most fatal diseases with which the equine family is afflicted, is easily communicated to human beings, who suffer intensely and usually die as a result of the infection.

If the small boy wants a little diversion for the spare hours which will do him no hurt and will furnish good fries and stews for the table, get him a ferret and let him hunt rabbits with it. The little animals can be got at from \$2 to \$5 and are good for a number of years.

In Maryland during the year 1912 21,257 persons were engaged in the oyster industry. They gathered 5,512,421 bushels of the bivalves and were paid \$2,724,641 in wages. Virginia had 16,487 persons engaged in the same industry, and the output was 6,206,008 bushels of oysters.

By order of President Wilson, Pyramid Lake, in Nevada, has been set aside as a breeding ground and refuge for sea birds. This lake is considered one of the wonders of the west, its islands having been the resort of thousands of sea birds, including pelicans, seagulls, terns and others.

A Leghorn hen belonging to Purdue University, Indiana, has made a record of 43 eggs in a period of two years. The feed for this period (152 pounds) cost \$1.93, while the eggs brought \$10.00 at 27 1/2 cents per dozen. This gives a margin of \$8.75 above cost of feed, or a yearly profit of \$4.39.

Until quite recent years English people, and particularly the working classes, have looked upon sweet corn as a food fit for animals rather than human beings. These poor folk are probably excusable, never having had a mouthful of succulent Golden Bantam corn between their molars.

In Turkey they have lately been using a substitute for cement that has been giving excellent results. It consists of slaked lime, linseed oil and cotton fiber. Oil is first poured on some cotton, after which the lime is dusted on. The ingredients are then thoroughly mixed and kneaded until of about the consistency of dough.

The common bedbug, which has the fancy scientific designation of Cimex lectularius, is now thought to be a frequent carrier of tuberculosis and spinal meningitis germs. Henceforth the clean and orderly housewife will have a twofold reason for waging war on this ugly pest—her own reputation and also the health of the members of her family.

A good many cases of irritation of the skin during the winter months are due to spending so much time in rooms in which the atmosphere is too dry. This can be easily overcome by keeping a dish of water on the heater all the time and filling the water pan in the furnace frequently. Another advantage of moist air in living or working rooms is that when this condition prevails several degrees less heat seems to be required to make the air comfortable.

Experiments which have been conducted the past season by the department of plant pathology of the University of Wisconsin show definitely that the disease known as onion smut can be effectively controlled by treating the seed with formalin solution, made by diluting two ounces of the chemical in a gallon of water, the solution being applied by means of a homemade drip tank attached to the seeder. One acre field sowed with seed treated in the above manner yielded 532 bushels of onions, while another sowed with the same kind of seed untreated yielded but 283 bushels.

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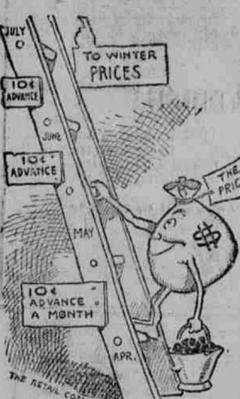
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