

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Pigeons will not stand overcrowding.

Pedigree alone never filled the milk pail.

Lambs should be docked the second week.

Clean out the swill barrel once in a while.

Keep the best of the pigs for future breeding.

Breeding for size must be followed by feeding for size.

Screen the barn and protect your stock from the flies.

Too much milk or too cold, will cause scours in calves.

Soll must be in good physical condition to grow good crops.

It is not the fat, stock-looking cow which gives the most milk.

Sprigs of mint in lemonade adds a fine flavor to the beverage. Try it.

The feeding of stallions requires more care than that of mares or geldings.

The animal that is allowed to suffer discomfort takes from the farmer's profits.

Hundreds of fruit trees set every year die because of the neglect of the owners.

The healthfulness of the stock depends largely upon the feed and management.

In breaking the cold it is a good practice to drive him with a fast stepping horse.

Better raise on colt right than half a dozen mongrels in an indifferent sort of way.

In Europe the mutual plan of insurance against the damage of hail is quite popular.

Finish fattening the animals you intend to market as quickly as possible. It will increase your profits.

Prove the question as to which is of the most value—deep or shallow plowing—by trying both methods.

Don't trim the young tree too severely, as it needs enough foliage to supply its feeding powers.

The afternoon work will go easier and faster if you take a few moments' rest after the noonday meal.

An alfalfa special is doing the state of Kansas. Keep cultivating the corn until it shallows, but run shallow.

Be neat and tasty in putting up the fruit packages for market. They will sell more readily and for more money.

Put a mud scraper on the porch, and then use it. Wife will be grateful, and you will feel more like a man.

Label the fruit trees when setting out, but be careful that the labels wires do not strangle the trees as they grow.

That high check rein is torture to the horse, and unprofitable to his owner, for it cuts down the efficiency of the horse.

Begin early to wage war on the objectionable features at your local and state fairs. There should be no objection to the right kind of amusement features, but those which involve gambling in any of its various forms, or of the off-color vaudeville shows should be rigidly shut out. Seek by your influence to raise the moral tone of your fair this year. Remember it is the place where your boys and girls are turned loose for a short time, and during that day at the fair there may be things seen and heard which will start them on the wrong road.

How to handle your manure? Much depends on the method as to the results obtained. Prof. Wood of the Maine experiment station says that in order to get the best effect from manure, it should be scattered evenly over the field when it is first carted to the field, whether the manure be fresh or well rotted. Putting small piles in the field and scattering from these is a bad practice. Even if the piles are not allowed to remain long before spreading, the manure will be very unevenly distributed—there will be more in the vicinity of the base of the piles than there will be further away. If the manure is allowed to remain in the piles till several rains have leached through them the ground under the piles will receive more of the plant food contained in the manure than that away from the heaps.

The claim that there was a higher nutritive value in the brown-shelled egg over the white-shelled egg is not borne out by the experiments conducted by the California experiment station to determine this point. There was practically no difference between the two groups as to food value.

The well-fed, well-cared-for colt will show better and sell to advantage over the colt of better pedigree which has been allowed to drift along for itself.

Take a little rest after the midday meal. To rush out into the hot sun and resume the hard work too soon after eating is to invite discomfort, if not illness.

Don't work too hard these hot days, and remember to be sparing of the drinking water. You can water-log your stomach very easily if you drink all you think you want.

If there is no natural shade in the pasture, provide some sort of rough board or thatched shelter under which the stock may take shelter from the fierce rays of the hot summer sun.

A bed out in the field in an all-night pouring rain will not benefit the general health of the cows or aid in filling the milk pail. Better stable them during severe inclement weather.

It is announced that the Farmers' Union of Texas, in addition to its running of cotton gins, oil mills and warehouses, is going into the country store business. The experiment will be watched with interest.

By the action of the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission, denatured alcohol has been placed on the classified list as an article of commerce. Illinois is the first state to take such action.

In making up your fruit packages be sure and give full measure. It will help your standing with your market, and will help him sell the goods, which will create a stronger demand another year for your fruit and bring better prices.

In most breeds cockerels will crow at or before five months of age. But we had a cockerel this year which was scarcely three months old when he began to stretch up and crow. Who has a precocious youngster that can beat that?

The haying is not all done unless you have mowed the corners of the fields. Think the extra hay you get doesn't pay for the trouble? Remember that you not only get the hay, but you remove a breeding place for insect pests.

How are the trees doing you set last spring? Keep your eye on them and give them all the encouragement you can, such as an extra drink in a dry time and the stirring of the soil above the roots to keep a dust mulch there to prevent evaporation of moisture.

Fodder in the silo that has depth will keep better than in one which is larger in circumference and not so high, as in the former the fodder is under greater pressure, packs more closely and thus excludes the air. Remember this when building a silo.

The future of the tree depends much on the proper treatment being given it at the time of treatment of trees at the time of planting. A large part of the root system of the tree has been cut off in digging. Cut off the bruised and broken ends and thin out the crowding and interlacing roots.

In an experiment at the Iowa experiment station sweet milk and shorts as feed for pigs gave the greatest amount of gain. Other stations have found that ground oats and sweet milk gave nearly as large returns. Corn showed the smallest gains up to the time the pigs were four months of age.

R. W. Rives, the American who officiated at the international horse show in London to judge the heavy harness horses and trotters, says American horses do not compare with English horses in any respect. If this is true international horse shows are worth while as object lessons. It devolves now on American horsemen to improve their stock until the present verdict is reversed.

We are informed by a dispatch from Dyar, Ia., that there is a two-headed calf on a farm near there which is thriving. The division of the heads comes at the forehead and the calf has four eyes and two distinct mouths. It eats with both mouths at the same time, but has been seen to drink with one and eat with the other. Many two-headed calves have been born heretofore, but they were either dead at birth or lived but a few days.

Says a horse doctor who has traveled in Norway: "You never see a broken-winded horse in that country. That is because the horses are allowed to drink while they eat, the same as mankind. Our horses, let them be as thirsty as can be, must still eat their dry fodder, their dry hay and oats and corn, with nothing to wash them down. But in Norway every horse has a bucket of water beside his manger and as he eats he also drinks."

How would you like to own this cow? Colantha 4th's Johanna, a Holstein-Friesian, belonging to W. J. Gillett, president of the Wisconsin Dairyman's association, has just completed a 59-day test in which she made the world's record of 242 pounds of butter. The official test was made under the supervision of the Wisconsin Agricultural college and Prof. Well says: "Wisconsin can now boast of possessing the champion butter-fat producing cow of any breed. Colantha 4th's Johanna's official test was begun 49 days after freshening and she produced 651.7 pounds of milk containing 28.176 pounds of butter fat, equivalent to 32.86 pounds of commercial butter in seven days. Her 30-day record was 10.883 pounds of butter fat, equivalent to 129.3 pounds of commercial butter, and her 60-day record was 208.398 pounds of butter fat equivalent to 243.13 pounds of butter."

If the horse has lice rub Scotch snuff into his hair; keep him well brushed and spray his stall with kerosene emulsion. Repeat the treatment twice a week for three weeks.

The Matter of Dress

This is essentially a year of costly simplicity. I never remember having seen so much costly lace used on summer gowns as this year, and besides this introduction of rare old lace the



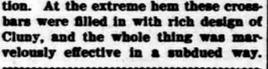
Blouse of Japanese Silk.
The broad kimono straps snap a central insertion of embroidered muslin, and then, in front, the blouse is finely tucked and inserted with lace, groups of tiny silken buttons being another pretty detail of its trimming, while the elbow sleeves are arranged in quite a new way with crossed and many-buttoned straps of silk, to hold in their puffed fullness above a lace-inserted cuff.

muslins themselves have been embroidered—by hand—in a manner so elaborate and fine as to defy description. Some of these embroidered muslin gowns are worn with the smartest little coats-boleros of tussore or chine taffetas. For example,



Blouse of White Silk and Chiffon.
The white silk and chiffon of the blouse is veiled with lace, which makes soft background for bands of delicate green silk, edged with narrow silver braid, and connected just above the waist by other pointed tabs, which give a corset effect. Then below the folded band comes a smart little basque edged with braiding and a knitted fringe, festoons of wee roses, embroidered in pale yellow and pink also entering into the decorative detail.

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Blouse of White Net and Lace.
This blouse is trimmed with Japanese silk, while, outwardly, it is finished with effective touches of pale blue satin, and crocheted lace, and buttons of the blue, all edged with ruffles of Valenciennes lace. The yoke of Valenciennes insertion is outlined with scrolls of gipure applique, and connecting folds of the blue satin, the sleeves being distinguished by the novel and pretty way in which folds of satin are passed through circles of lace, while then frills of lace frame the elbow becomingly; and, finally, there may be noted a deeply draped satin waistband, fastened at the back with two of those button-rosettes.



Blouse of White Chiffon.
The white chiffon, which is patterned with black velvet spots, is tucked and arranged with scarves of beautiful chine ribbon, broadly bordered with white satin, and also dotted with black velvet, white flit lace embroidered in blue silk, being a third fabric and factor of the chine ribbon and spotted chiffon drawn beneath the deep waistband of black flit.

Some of the loveliest muslin gowns for afternoon wear are made of pure white Indian muslin, embroidered in pale-hued silks and inset with Maltese or Brussels lace. Silk embroideries in pale colors look exceedingly well on fragile muslin, though I much dislike them on linen, but they demand an accompaniment of lace motifs and insertions. All the embroidery designs of the moment are arranged to include inserted motifs of lace, and in some cases these designs are carried to an exaggerated degree of elaboration.

When flowers in colored silks are introduced on white muslin dresses the silks are always of the softest and most subtle shades, and I have seen the loveliest effects obtained with embroideries in Japanese style, carried out entirely in two or three shades of the same color. Flowered muslins are also very fashionable for afternoon frocks and a favorite melange is flowered muslin and plain muslin, the latter being in the same shade as the groundwork of the former.

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Blouse of Chiffon Taffeta.
Specially adapted for wear with morning and tailor-made costumes. It is of finely checked chiffon taffeta, and is arranged with a chemise and cuffs of fine gipure, and trimmings of Boutache

braided and buttons, a further finish being given by a smart scheme of stitchings. It fastens at the back.

which showed blurred roses, in faint delicate shades, all over its surface, and at the back this quaint coat was cut in sac form and the sleeves were kimono in design and extremely short. The blouse worn with this most original dress was made of Cluny inset with gipure and with Valenciennes, and there was a folded waistband in a pale shade of rose pink, with the loveliest buckles of tortoise-shell and filigree silver.

The rage for the "grey note" is unabated! Pale grey gloves and shoes, pale grey hats trimmed with shaded roses and lined with dull black, pale grey waistcoats for tailor-made gowns. Two important points of the toilette



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ments in that chamber: "All that Alaska will ever be able to produce will be polar bears and icebergs." For several years a nickname for the region was "Seward's folly." But time has vindicated Seward.—Leslie's Weekly.

They were enjoying a quiet stroll out under the star-strewn veil of evening, and he, bashful youth, eagerly grasped a stray opportunity to keep alive the languishing conversation.

"Yes, Miss Georgiana; that star over there is the planet Jupiter, which they say, is about 400 million miles from the earth; and that bright-red planet overhead is Mars, which just now is only a little over 400 million miles away. It's a great question among scientists whether or not there are inhabitants on either of them."

"Well, George, said the fair listener, in her thirst for astronomical knowledge drawing a little closer to her informant, "if there really are, it doesn't seem to me they're near enough so that they could see us on a dark evening like this, even though they were looking this way."—Judge.

CROP CONDITIONS IN WESTERN CANADA

Lateness of Spring Overcome by Excellent Growing Summer Season.

Once more the farmers of Western Canada rest at ease and grow rich while they slumber. Their season of anxiety is over. For a time it looked as though a backward season was for once going to prevent the western country from maintaining its prominent position as leader of the grain growing countries of the world. The unusual lateness of the spring coupled with the rapid advances in the price of food-stuffs gave the pessimists some reason for their gloomy forebodings, and among even the optimistic Westerners imbued as they usually are with a spirit of buoyancy and hope, there commenced to glimmer a fear that perhaps this year their sanguine expectations were not to be realized. On May day when a large proportion of wheat had usually been sown there was this year very little seeding done. Finally, however, winter which had tarried so late in the lap of spring in all parts of the Continent vanished before the vertical rays of the sun, and the hurry and bustle of spring work commenced on the western prairies.

By the 20th of May 85% of the spring wheat was sown and the fall wheat in the districts devoted to its cultivation was covering the fields with a mantle of green. Wheat sown finished on May 30 and by June 10 the coarser grains were also in the ground. The heavy snowfall during the winter left the ground in excellent shape when once seeding operations commenced and from the time weather conditions permitted the commencement of work until planting was completed, the farmers were a busy class. The area in wheat is not much larger than last year, but oats, barley and flax are much in excess of past records, the farmers deeming it wiser on account of the lateness of the season to put in a heavier proportion of the coarser grains. From the most reliable reports to hand it appears that the acreage as compared with 1906 will show an increase of 12% in oats, 19% in barley and 13% in flax.

Around Akotoks, High River, Nanton, Claresholm and other winter wheat centers, if the present weather conditions continue, the winter wheat will be in head by the middle of July. The backward weather in the early part of May allowed the newly sown grain to get a firm root in the ground, and now with an abundance of moisture and warm weather the growth is remarkable. All danger of injury from droughts is practically over as the green crop covers the ground retaining the moisture required for its growth and preventing the rapid evaporation which might otherwise take place.

Crops in Western Canada mature in one hundred days of good weather, and as the weather conditions have been ideal since seeding, and with spring wheat now from 14 to 18 inches above the ground, a full average crop is confidently expected.

In addition to the cheering prospects of this year's yield the farmers are to be congratulated on the fact that they still have in their possession five million bushels of wheat from last year's crop which they are now disposing of at high prices.

The splendid yield of 90,000,000 bushels of wheat raised in 1906 in the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, together with the almost certain assurance that this year will see a considerable increase, is, as in the past, calling the attention of the world of the "Last Best West," and thousands from the United States and the agricultural districts of Europe are each month securing free grant lands or purchasing farms in the land which has proved itself peerless among the grain growing countries of the world.

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MISS ELIZABETH WYNN
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Courage.
Three tired citizens—a lawyer, a doctor and a newspaper man—sat in a back room recently in the gray light of the early dawn. On the table were many empty bottles and a couple of packs of cards. As they sat in silence a rat scurried across the hearth into the darkness beyond. The three men shifted their feet and looked at each other uneasily. After a long pause the lawyer spoke:

"I know what you fellows are thinking," he said; "you think I thought I saw a rat, but I didn't."

Unkind Advice.
Two Irishmen were eating their lunch, when one asked the other: "Pat, an' what be you thinking about?" Pat replied: "Shure, Mike, I was a thinking how I would be getting me clothes over me wings when I would get to heaven."

"You would better be thinking how you would be getting your hat over your horns when you get to the other place," answered Mike.—Ally Sloper.

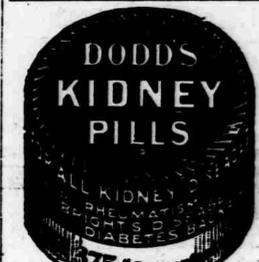
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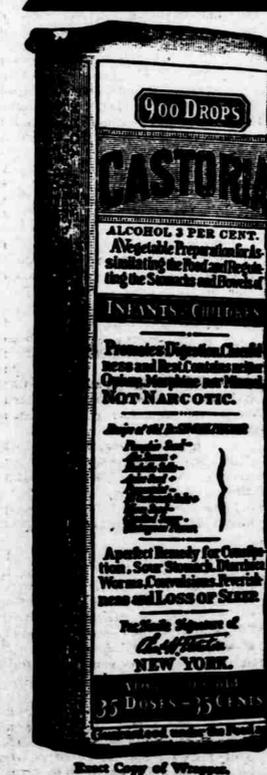
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