CALF'S FIRST DRINK.

Always Begin the Lesson When the Animal Is Hungry.

By T. A. BORMAN.

In giving the calf his first meal artificially, which is from a milk pail, let the calf get hungry before you attempt to feed him. A hungry calf will learn to drink much more quickly than a calf which is not hungry. In fact, it is next to impossible to make a calf drink until he is hungry. It, therefore, will save wear and tear on the temper and the calf will be treated just as well if he is not allowed to eat until he feels the need of a meal.

When feeding the calf the first time do not offer him more than a half gallon of milk, and let that be at as nearly the natural temperature as possible. Back the calf into a corner. Stand astride his neck, insert the two first fingers of the right hand in his mouth and if hungry the calf will suck the fingers. If the calf is not hungry he will not suck the fingers, and it is useless to attempt to feed him at this time. When he begins sucking the fingers lead his head into the pail, and he will get a taste of the milk, which means that the job is then more than half done, and after a few seconds withdraw the fingers. If the calf fails to drink at the first attempt repeat the operation until he gets a good swallow of milk, when the task is completed. The calf when hungry soon finds that he can drink.

If at the first feeding the calf should consume a half gallon of milk, do not attempt to feed him again for at least ten or twelve hours. Let him get hungry. He won't die of starvation even though he did not drink a drop at the first attempt. This is my plan, and I have reared a good many calves and have seldom failed to have the calf drink on the first trial.

Charcoal For Swine.

Live stock at times show a decided craving for ashes, charcoal, soft coal and even dirt, and every breeder

A CHARCOAL PIT.

should see that some of these substances are placed where the animals can get them. Hogs especially need charcoal as a purifier and to ward off disease, and every farmer who keeps them should have a convenient arrangement for burning corncobs to make charcoal.

Dig a hole in the ground five feet deep, one foot in diameter at the bottom and five feet at the top for the charcoal pit. Take corncobs which have been saved in a dry place and, starting a fire in the bottom of this pit, keep adding cobs so that the flame is gradually drawn to the top of the pit, which will thus be filled with cobs. Take a sheet iron cover made so as to amply cover the hole and close up the cobs that are on fire, sealing the edge of the lid with earth.

At the end of twelve hours you may uncover and take out corncob charcoal. A good mixture is made as follows: Six bushels of cob charcoal, eight pounds of salt, two quarts of air slaked lime, a bushel of wood ashes. Break up the charcoal. Mix thoroughly and place mixture where hogs may partake of it at will.

THE SWINEHERD.

Make the old sow take plenty of exercise before the birth of the pigs. Afterward, as soon as able, pigs should be given all the exercise necessary to develop their young bones. They should have a frame capable of supporting a great deal of flesh.

Sleeping Quarters For Swine.

The pigs must be kept warm and dry if any gain is expected. Give them a bed in a room adjoining the feeding place. A pig will never foul his sleeping quarters if allowed any sort of chance to keep them clean. It is well to put the bed on a platform built in one corner of the pen. It can be made simply of planks with a cleat nailed around the outside to hold the straw in place. Supply plenty of clean, dry straw. Be sure that there are no draft holes anywhere in the pigpens.

Cooked Clover For Sows.

Clover hay cut fine, cooked and steeped in boiling water makes an excellent change of food for brood sows or for cows that have recently calved. It is also excellent for young stock of all kinds. If slightly seasoned with salt and a small quantity of bran and cornmeal added to it, it will provide nearly a complete food.

Skimmilk and Corn.

Skimmilk is very valuable to the farmer as food for hogs. Few, however, could give an estimate in dollars and cents. It has a real value the same as grain in this connection. There is no feed that can be used for hogs in connection with skimmilk equal to corn, says a breeder. The milk balances up the corn just right. When fed with this grain as high as 60 cents per hundred has been realized from skimmilk, though this is an extreme case. It is safe to say that it is worth 30 cents per 100 pounds to feed to thrifty shotes, and it should always be fed in connection with grain to make the most out of it. It is one of the byproducts of dairying that go far to make the business the profitable one it is.

Where Chess Is Most Popular.

Games may come and games may go, but chess bids fair never to loss its popularity. Nowhere else is it so popular as it is in the village of Strobeck, near Halberstadt, in Prussian Saxony. Some time in the eleventh century Count Gunnelin, held a prisoner in a stone tower in the village, amused himself by carving a set of chessmen and teaching the game to his jailers. The tower, which still stands, is known as the Chess tower. The jailers taught the game to their friends, who were so pleased with it that they devoted an their spare time to practice. This delight in chess continues to the present in Strobeck. Every person plays. The village hotel is called the Chess inn, tournaments are held every year, and prizes are given to the best players. If a young man goes to an adjoining village for a wife who cannot play chess he must pay a fine, to be used toward the expenses of the next tournament. This subtle ordinance has spread a knowledge of the game among the young ladies of all the surrounding villages.

Bruges.

What is the right pronunciation of this word? It is usually pronounced by English people as if it were French, with a soft, sibilant g, and in one syllable. Is there any justification for this? In the first place, why is it not Anglicized, like Waterloo? And if not English, why French? Why not Flemish? In Bruges itself you do not hear the French pronunciation. It is the Flemish—Bru-ya. Ask at the station if this is Bruges (a la Francaise), and they will hardly understand you. They will say, "It is Bru-ya." In Longfellow's "Carillon," and also in "The Belfry of Bruges," the word has two syllables. Is this intended to be read with the Flemish pronunciation (Bru-ya) or in the English fashion (to rhyme, say, with "subterfuges")? It cannot be the French. It may be said that an American poet is no rule for English people, but the word also occurs, I believe, in one of Browning's poems (I cannot remember which) with two syllables.—London Notes and Queries.

Orchestral Oversights.

The snare drummer happened to catch a selection that called for the use of half a dozen or more instruments. To make the shift from one to another he had to hustle in a fashion that nightly impressed persons sitting near. When he had finished the lively operation he was puffing and blowing and the perspiration was coming out in streams. A man just outside the orchestra rail leaned forward and, pointing to the score, remarked:

"That was good work, old man, but you missed one place."

"I did!" responded the drummer in surprise. "Why, I thought I played everything that came my way."

"No," the other resumed, "you didn't do everything, and I saw the leader glance at you. Right there, in the middle of that measure, is a place where it says you should have gone down cellar and shaken the furnace, and you didn't pay any attention to it."—Providence Journal.

Suiting His Theory.

"When I hear of a new theory," said a scientist, "I am reminded of the two geologists. At a certain summer resort one brilliant afternoon the younger geologist from his bedroom window saw the older man rolling a great rock down the side of a mountain.

"He watched the work for nearly three hours. The old geologist, thin and little and white whiskered, had a hard time of it to guide that rock almost as big as himself. But he persevered. He got the rock down where he wanted it just as the dinner bell rang.

"The younger man said to him wonderingly at dinner:

"'What were you doing with that rock this afternoon, professor?'

"'Why,' the professor answered, 'the fact is the thing was 600 feet too high to suit my theory.'"

Willing to End the Company.

A Chicago man who once permitted himself to be persuaded to back a theatrical company was seated in his office one day when he received a telegram from the manager of the show. The troupe was somewhere in Missouri, and the telegram read thus:

"Train wrecked this morning and all scenery and baggage destroyed. No member of company injured. What shall I do?"

The answer sent back by the Chicago man was as follows:

"Try another wreck and have the company ride in the baggage car."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Gently Broken.

"You were a long time in the far corner of the conservatory last evening," suggested the mother. "What was going on?"

"Do you remember the occasion on which you became engaged to papa?" inquired the daughter by way of reply.

"Of course I do."

"Then it ought not to be necessary for you to ask any questions."

Thus gently the news was broker that they were to have a son-in-law.

Art of Eating.

Eating is not merely an enjoyment. It is a science that must be learned, an art that must be acquired by intelligent patience. The man who at middle age has not discovered what and how much is suitable for him has not finished his education.—Health.

Lots of Reasons.

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He Knew English.

Book learning, strictly speaking—that is, learning solely from books—leads one into many a hole. In "The Balkan Trail" Frederick Moore tells the story of an Italian official of the Ottoman bank who had taught himself English and was enraptured at the chance to practice it on English people.

It was with much pride that he addressed us at supper, but we had no recognize the language he spoke and expressed in French our unfortunate ignorance of foreign tongues.

"That is your own tongue," said the Italian, but even of this statement we understood not a word.

He drew a pencil from his pocket and on the back of a letter wrote:

"I am speaking English."

We were astounded.

"Perhaps I do not pronounce correctly," he wrote next. "I have learned the noble language from books."

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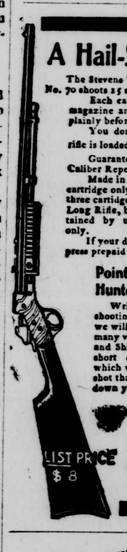

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