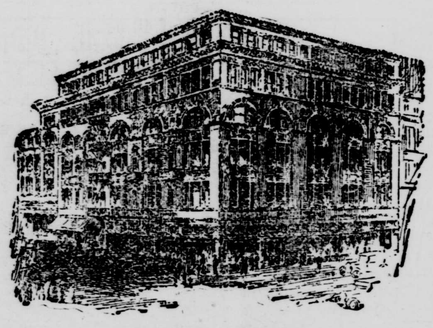
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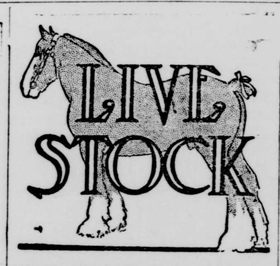
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NEED QUALIFIED SHEPHERDS

Important That Sheep Raising Be Encouraged Where Conditions Are Suitable for It.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"I am not convinced that a general campaign to increase the number of small-farm stocks of sheep is thoroughly wise unless the field for such an effort is first prepared," said Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry, in an address before the More-Sheep-More-Wool association. "There must be established a popular understanding of principles which experienced sheepmen are likely to take for granted.

"With dairy herds we find that best methods of production seldom prevail when only a few animals are kept. The owner of a very small herd is not often interested in better breeding, feeding or disease control. He is not a dairyman. But when he has a herd of a dozen cows or more he becomes a real asset to a great dairy business.

"So with sheep. We must aim, it appears to me, not so much for an increase in the number of flocks as an increase in the number of sheep kept by men who are real shepherds or have the qualifications and desire to become shepherds. Nor should we forget that farmers in general may not be versatile enough to add a profitable



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flock of sheep to their present live stock. It is, therefore, important that sheep raising be encouraged chiefly where the land and other conditions are suitable for it."

MANY ASSOCIATIONS FORMED

One of Purposes Is to Eliminate Scrub Sires and Replace Them With Purebreds.

Fifty-nine live-stock breeders' associations, with a reported membership of 1,524, were organized during the last fiscal year with the help of the United States department of agriculture extension specialists. In addition numerous calf clubs were organized among the boys and girls. Much of the work is being done in regions where the beef-cattle industry is practically new.

One of the purposes of beef-cattle extension activities is to eliminate scrub bulls and replace them with purebreds of good quality. The federal workers co-operate with the state agricultural colleges through their extension divisions and particularly with county agents.

SILAGE FOR LITTLE CALVES

Heavy Ration Fed to Young Animals Has Tendency to Cause Repeated Scouring.

Young calves under a year old do not benefit from a heavy silage ration, because on such young animals it has a tendency to cause repeated scouring. It can, however, be satisfactorily fed to calves between six months and one year old, provided it is limited to a small part—say not more than one-third—of the weight of the entire ration.

GREATEST DEMANDS ON EWES

Imperative That Animals Be in Proper Condition Prior to Lambing for Best Results.

It is during the suckling period that the greatest demands are made on the ewes, and in order to have the ewes in condition to stand this drain on their systems it is necessary for us to see to it that they are in good condition of flesh prior to lambing.

MAKE PROFIT OUT OF LAMBS

Young Animals Must Be Fed for Period in Dry Lot on Harvested Feeds for Top Price.

While it is entirely possible to make money out of lambs by feeding entirely in the fields, yet to make market toppers they must be fed for a period in the dry lot on harvested feeds, some feeders combining field feeding and dry-lot feeding at the same time.

THE FOOT OF FATE

By DORA MOLLAN

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For the third time since she entered the station Edith Redway's overshoe slipped at the heel. For the third time she stopped to give it an impatient tug. At the instant a little hard bulk of paper bound about by twisted elastic, skidding from under the spurning foot of a passerby, brought up against Edith's offending rubber.

She picked it up. Evidently the paper was wrapped about some small object. Whoever had kicked it her way had passed on. Edith dropped the little parcel into her bag and proceeded to her train.

Sinking into the first vacant seat the girl rested her head against the high plush back and wearily closed her eyes. Two weeks with a grip cold as bed fellow had forced Edith to take a vacation.

The listlessness of convalescence possessed her mind and body. Vagrant thoughts came and went, unpursued to any conclusive end. Cousin Marie, whom Edith was going to visit, would ascribe her sickness to the fact that she didn't wear woolens—she would harp on that. Then the illness itself—doctor's bills and meals in her room—a forfeited summer vacation—no money for week-end outings—an employer who expected as untiring service from his office force as from his typing machines!

The approaching summer would loom dreary enough. Edith decided, were it not that a small park, that quaint old square dedicated to the memory of the man who tradition tells us never uttered a lie, lay within easy walking distance of her rooming house. There were green growing things there, and benches where one might sit and watch the passing.

Associated with that park in Edith's mind was a man—a slender young man with dark, dreamy eyes who often walked there alone. He was not like the park's patron saint. He could tell a lie—had told her one. One sunny Sunday morning he had sat on the bench next to her favorite one. Across the walk a toddling, swarthy speck of humanity, fired by the same spirit that sent a famous compatriot sailing over uncharted seas centuries before, set out from the port of his mother's knee on a voyage of discovery, gleefully tottering to the inevitable fall.

Edith and the dark young man had simultaneously rushed to the rescue—half an instant too late. When the excited parent arrived they were making joint efforts to wipe away the evidences of a bleeding nose. The mother's voluble thanks served as an introduction of a sort, and when they seated themselves again it was upon the same bench. They talked of many things—impersonal mostly. But the man had said he walked in the square every pleasant Sunday morning—he would look forward to seeing her the following week. That was the lie. Two pleasant Sunday mornings had passed and he had not been there.

The conductor, coming for her ticket, interrupted Edith's train of thought. As she took the pasteboard from her bag she noticed the forgotten little package. Slipping the elastic binding, she found it to contain a blue plush jewel box, and in the box reposed a ring—a cameo of extraordinarily delicate pink set simply in gold. It bore the profile of a woman, beautifully chiseled. With an inward exclamation of admiration Edith proceeded to closer examination of the ring.

Some characters, engraved on the inner surface, she deciphered as "C. to E; 3—2—11-5." Surely that mystic inscription must mean much to some one. Somewhere, that some one was bewailing the loss of the cameo even while she was revelling in its beauty.

On the sheerest impulse Miss Redway dropped the jewel box to the floor and thrust it under the seat with her foot but not before she had glimpsed the name of a well-known firm of jewelers stamped in gold inside the lid.

She tried the ring on every finger and found that it best fitted the third finger of her left hand. Why shouldn't she keep it? The foot of fate had literally kicked it to her. And, anyway, she remembered reading somewhere that beautiful things should belong to those to whom they brought the most enjoyment. It was easy for a rather discouraged, half sick young woman in Edith's place to anaesthetize her conscience.

But anaesthesia is a temporary condition. Edith completely restored under Cousin Marie's motherly care and on her way home two days earlier than she had anticipated, spurred by the restlessness of the unaccustomedly idle, was sorely conscious of that jewelry firm's name and address.

It met her eyes in the columns of the magazine she tried to read; the wheels of the train pounded out the rhythm of it. The jewelers would be sure to have some record of the person to whom the ring had been sold and who had had it engraved. Surely, not to attempt to trace its ownership through that obvious channel was to steal it; no less. This was Saturday afternoon and too late in the day to do anything about it. But on Monday morning she would give up the ring. Meantime, Edith rejoiced that with a clear conscience she could wear it one more day.

Sunday morning, warm and sunny, advance sample of the best styles in May weather, found Edith Redway strolling toward her favorite bench in the square. And there, looking as candid and trustworthy as if he and truth were one, sat the young man who had lied to her—who had promised and had not come. Steeling herself to ignore him bitterly, Edith was sauntering regally by when he caught sight of her and sprang up, his face alight. It was too genuine; his delight too sincere. The girl yielded to his entreaties to be seated and let him explain.

He had been called away six weeks before, he said, by the almost fatal illness of his mother, and had returned a fortnight ago. He had haunted the square ever since, hoping that she would come. What had happened? Where had she been?

So Edith told him about her own illness and her having to go away and between them they pieced it out that with any luck at all they would have met in the Grand Central, for they must have been there at the same moment on the day of her departure.

It was in the midst of this interesting comparison of data that Edith subconsciously resenting the pressure of too snug kid, drew the glove from her left hand. Her companion halted in the middle of a sentence. "Where did you get the ring?" he asked abruptly.

"It was given to me—by a friend." Edith told the fib desperately. For some vague woman's reason she was impelled to impress this nice young man that she had the sort of friends who would choose such a ring to give her.

But her companion if impressed, was impressed curiously. He glanced sidelong at Edith, at the ring and then straight across the square to the great Washington arch. Also he whistled, low and long and speculatively.

"Do you suppose," he inquired, still gazing across the park, "that the old boy over there on the arch ever told one like that? Honest Injun, where did you find it?"

Instantly Edith's tiny structure of deception collapsed. "I found it in the Grand Central station," she admitted penitently. "Is—is it yours?"

"Oh, no, no," was the hasty rejoinder. "I bought it, though, for a friend. You'll find it marked, 'C. to E.: 3—2—11-5.' The C stands for my name, Chester—Chester Barlow."

"And the E stands, I suppose, for the name of your fiancee?" Edith was carrying it off bravely.

"I hope so, very earnestly. It stands, you see, for Edith—oh, I peeked twice at letters you had been reading, for I had to know. And the numbers stand for the month, the day and the hour when we first met. It's yours. It has always been yours. Will you wear it—dear?"

And Edith is wearing it yet.

WOULD GUARD BURIED CITIES

Archeologist Believes Important Discoveries Are Certain to Be Made in the Holy Land.

A great opportunity offers in Palestine. Prof. Flinders Petrie, the eminent archeologist, has appealed, in a little book on eastern exploration, to the British people to take immediate steps for the preservation of all historic sites and buildings which have fallen to Britain through General Allenby's conquest of Palestine. He says that the buried cities and ruined monuments of the holy land ("Palestine is full" of them) must at all costs be guarded with reverence. Professor Petrie is especially anxious concerning the holy city, and urges that building on the old sites sacred to three religions should be forbidden. Modern scientific sanitation is against piling more buildings on these ruins. There is a clean and sanitary alternative; extend a suburb down the valley of Rephaim to the southwest, where the railway is, or to a better site two miles northwest in the valley running down from Ramah. The present city has "bad water and bad access;" it ought to be kept for its historical value, and modern life ought to be removed to suitable healthy ground. Professor Petrie believes that with careful research, discoveries will be made of importance. The documents of early Palestine were clay tablets which can only be destroyed by crushing. Clay documents of David's or Solomon's reign or of the judges may be found."

Dress in Jugo-Slavia.

The national dress of the women of Jugo-Slavia is very beautiful, and they wear it every day, a custom now all too rare in Europe. Over the long, white skirt, of a hand-made linen, plaited like the Greek, they wear a brilliantly embroidered apron. The blouses, of the same material as the skirt, have long clumsy sleeves, a high collar, hung and dangling with beads of gold, silver or coin. From the neck to the narrow waistline, like the breastplate of the men, are two pieces of meticulous embroidery—these, with white veils on their heads, flowers in their hair, worsted stockings, and you have the peasant women from the mountains. They stand together with baskets of fruit in the sun of the little squares.

No Hurry.

Mrs. Newrich—Our pictures look all right, but we haven't a single old master in our house.

Newrich—Never mind, Jane; they will all be in a few hundred years.—Boston Transcript.

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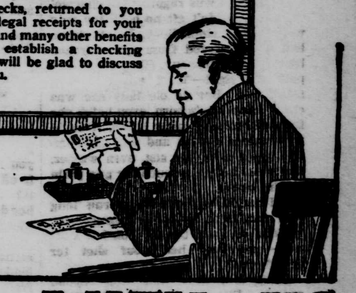
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