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ABOUT THE FARM.

SOME REASONS WHY FARMERS FAIL.

Dull Implements—Chicken Cholera—Worms in the Garden—Poultry Notes, Etc.

The following reasons are given for the failure of some farmers:

They will not make compost.
They breed to and from scrubs
They do not curry their horses.
They have no shelter for stock.
They put off greasing the wagon.
They are wedded to old methods.
They give no attention to details.
They have no method or system.
They see no good in a new thing.
They let their fowls roost in trees.
They weigh and measure stingily.
They leave their plows in the field.
They hang their harness in the dust.
They take no pleasure in their work.
They never use paint on the farm.
They prop the barn door with a rail.
They milk the cows late in the day.
They starve the calf and milk the cow.
They think small things not important.
They let their gates gag and fall down.
They do not keep up with improvements.
They don't know the best is the cheapest.
They do not read the best books and newspapers.
They think the buyer of a successful neighbor's stock at good prices is a fool, and the seller very "lucky."
They sell hay, grain and straw on the farm instead of turning them into meat, cheese and butter, and increasing their supply of manure.
They think $1 invested in whisky and tobacco is better than in a subscription for a good weekly home and agricultural paper.

Sharpen Them Up.

How often we see a farmer trying to plow with a dull plow, or dragging over the ground with a harrow, the teeth so dull that it is a heavy drag to the team, while the work done is of the poorest quality. Or another one cutting wheat or meadow with a reaper or mower so dull that it is not only a heavy load, but more or less grain or grass is left because the sickle is too dull to cut it. It costs but little to sharpen any of the farm implements, while the improved quality of the work done will more than pay for the difference in a short time, while added to this is the saving of labor both to men and teams. You can not do as smooth, nice plowing with a dull plow, or work the soil into as fine a tilth with a dull harrow teeth, or save all the wheat or oats in a field when you are cutting with the sickle dull. In either case the expense of sharpening can be made up in a half day's work. And it is a false idea of economy that induces the farmer to keep working with a dull implement under the idea that he is saving a little by putting off having them sharpened. And the same rule holds good with the small garden tools. You can not do fast or efficient work with dull hoes or rakes. It takes but a few minutes to sharpen either, and you can work with much more ease and comfort and do considerable more work in the same length of time than will fully make up for the time required to sharpen up the tools. Take a little pains to sharpen and brighten up the tools and see how much easier and better the work will be done.—*Home and Farm.*

Chicken Cholera.

The following is said to be a never-failing remedy for chicken cholera: Make a strong tea of the common Jimson weed (Jamestown may be the proper name), crush up leaves and limbs, boil it and mix up corn meal or anything you feed on and give the chicks; if they fail to eat it readily, pour a tablespoonful down their throats.

The following is pronounced not only a preventative but a cure: Take the weed known as dog fennel, or dog daisy, and make a strong tea and give to the chickens to drink instead of fresh water. Keep them confined and allow them to have no other water and they will soon drink the tea. It will cure the sick ones and prevent the well ones from taking the cholera. It is a good plan to gather the weed and dry in the shade, so as to have in case of need.

Cabbage Worms.

A Kentucky correspondent of an agricultural paper, writing about the cabbage worm, says: "Five years ago I was troubled with the pests so that I almost despaired of saving any cabbage. I have half an acre in my garden. I sowed about four bushels of salt on it broadcast after it was broken up, and have had no worms since. I do this every year. I was troubled with worms in my strawberries and I salted them; have had none since. When cabbage is already infested with worms, the safest and quickest way to get rid of them is to pull off an under leaf and fold it over the head of the cabbage. Do this late in the evening; go early in the morning and every worm on the head will be on the folded leaf. All you have to do is to set your foot on them and kill them."

POULTRY NOTES.

The cross of the Langshan with the common fowl gives splendid broilers. They mature early and are of good flavor.

It is well to remember that the best economy of the poultry yard demands that it have daily care throughout the heated months.

Separated early and raised up by themselves, *pullets* are worth at least a quarter more for use than if allowed to run with a lot of cockerels.

A healthy fowl will drink fifteen to twenty times per day, and in a close coop, or in hot weather, still oftener. Therefore, when fowls are shipped all possible pains should be taken to properly fasten water cups in their cages.

The most desirable eggs for setting are those the freshest laid. A liberal daily sprinkling of tepid water upon them when incubation is near its accomplishment, say a week before hatching, is an aid to the free issue of the chicks at maturity.

In many parts of France turkeys are very largely used for the hatching and rearing of chickens, the advantage of these birds being their docility, their capability of covering a large number of eggs and caring for a large number of chickens. It is no uncommon sight to see turkeys, with fifty or sixty chicks, being driven in the morning to a wood adjacent to the residence of their owner, where they are left all day to the charge of decrepit old women and children.

Newspaper and Church Enterprise.

Newspapers are in every essential respect as much a business operation as churches. If the newspaper, on account of its being an organization for the making of money, is unfitted to act as a director of public opinion and teacher, then is the church debarred from being a teacher or director, for the same precise reason. Everybody, whether a member of a church or not, comprehends that the church has a business basis to which the question of a preacher is wholly subordinated. The preacher who is wanted is the one who can "build up" the church; who can fill up the pews, secure their rental, and enlarge the income-paying power of the congregation. There are churches in Chicago which have tried and dismissed several pastors within two years, and in no single case was there any complaint as to the piety, the fervor, the devotion to duty of these men. They simply failed to draw.—*Chicago Times.*

An Actresses Unhappy End.

Shocking in its incidents and its endings is the recently terminated stage-life of Mlle. Massin, one of the most beautiful women that have ever adorned the Parisian boards. Twenty years ago she formed one of the galaxy of female loveliness that then ornamented the Theater du Gymnase. Celine Montaland and Blanche Pierson were numbered among her friends, but even with such rivals her charms shone unparalleled and uncontested. Perfectly beautiful in form and feature, with large azure eyes and a profusion of golden hair, she was exquisite to look upon, no matter what character she personated or what costume she wore. She retained her wondrous charms untouched by the passage of years. When Zola's novel of "Nana" was dramatized for the Theater de l'Ambigu, Mlle. Massin was chosen as the representative of the heroine. She achieved a success in the part, and it was whispered that in that drama she had only set forth her own life, for "la belle Massin" was as depraved as she was fair. After that remarkable impersonation she vanished utterly from the surface of Parisian life. What had become of the ci devant beauty who had so suddenly blossomed out into a fine melodramatic actress? Nobody knew, or, rather, nobody cared to ask. Only the other day I heard what had become of the vanished charmer. Some time ago she was stricken with paralysis; the disease has ended by affecting her brain, and the brilliant beauty, the gifted actress, so heartless, and yet so fascinating, is now a hopeless idiot. To the honor of humanity be it recorded that help has been found for her in her misery. One of the wealthiest men of Paris has caused the poor invalid to be transported to one of his chateaus, and has declared that she shall remain there, and shall be tended and cared for till she dies. It is said that this gentleman once bestowed on the fair actress an attachment as generous as it has proved to be genuine. However, she neither appreciated nor reciprocated his affection, and they had not met for years when the tidings of her illness and imbecility called him to the aid of the woman he had once loved.—*Lucy Hooper.*

Why Eve Didn't Need a Girl.

A lady writer in one of our exchanges furnishes some of the reasons why Eve did not keep a girl. She says: "There has been a great deal said about the faults of women, and why they need so much waiting on. Some one, a man, of course, has the presumption to ask, 'Why, when Eve was manufactured out of a spare rib, a servant was not manufactured at the same time to wait on her?' She didn't need any. A bright writer has said: 'Adam never came whining to Eve with a ragged stocking to be darned, buttons to be sewed on, gloves to be mended right away—quick, now.' He never read the newspapers until the sun went down behind the palm trees, and he, stretching himself, yawned out, 'Is supper ready, dear?' Not he. He made the fire, and hung the kettle over it himself, we'll venture, and pulled the radishes, peeled the potatoes, and did everything else he ought to do. He milked the cows and fed the chickens, and looked after the pigs himself, and never brought home half a dozen friends to dinner when Eve hadn't any fresh pomgranates. He never stayed out till eleven o'clock at night and then scolded because Eve was sitting up and crying inside the gates. He never loafed around corner groceries while Eve was rocking little Cain's cradle at home. He never called Eve up from the cellar to put away his slippers: not he; when he took them off he put them under the fig tree beside his Sunday boots. In short, she did not think she was especially created for the purpose of waiting upon him, and he wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten his wife's cares a little. That's the reason Eve did not need a hired girl, and with it is the reason her descendants did."

Modern Morality.

Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, in her book "George Eliot's Poetry and Other Studies," draws a sharp contrast between the spirit of mediæval chivalry and modern morality. The former is thus epitomized "to speak the truth, to succor the helpless and oppressed, and never to turn back from an enemy." The main points of the code of chivalry are summed up as fidelity, clemency, courage and courtesy. The contrast is thus presented:

Our morning papers bring us all we need with their long black list of betrayed trusts, of cowardice, of falsehood, of political intrigue. And if the velvet curtain that backgrounds our "best society," but rise a little, ah, me! what skeletons dance behind the scenes! When in our arrogant nineteenth century hearts we shall have fully apprehended the truth that intellectual accumulation is not moral attainment; that civilization is not Christianity; that culture is not character; that, however lit up by the blazing chandeliers of science and culture and art, which swing from our frescoed ceilings in place of that single star of chivalry which beamed down through the rafters to the mediæval chavalier, we have not, therefore, gained one particle the more illumination of soul. Then, indeed, we shall not disdain to turn our proud faces backward and learn how to salt our unsavory knowledge with the wisdom of times chidden, the creed of the chavalier.

A Sunshiny Husband.

A sunshiny husband makes a merry, beautiful home worth having, worth working in and for, says an exchange. If the man is breezy, cheery, considerate and sympathetic, his wife sings in her heart over her puddings and her mending-basket, and renews her youth in the security she feels of his approbation and admiration. You may think it weak or childish, if you please, but it is the admired wife who hears words of praise and receives smiles of commendation, who is capable, discreet and executive. I have seen a timid, meek, self-distrusting little body fairly bloom into strong, self-reliant womanhood under the tonic and cordial of the companionship of a husband who really went out of his way to find occasion for showing her how fully he trusted her judgment and how fully he deferred to her opinion.—*Household.*

Canned Fruit.

We are indebted to Pompeii for our great industry of canned fruits. Years ago when the excavations were beginning a party of Americans found, in what had been the pantry of a house, many jars of preserved figs. One was opened, and they were found to be fresh and good. Investigation showed that the figs had been put into jars in a heated state, an aperture being left for the steam to escape, and then sealed with wax. The hint was taken, and soon after fruit canning was introduced here, the process being identical with that in vogue at Pompeii twenty centuries ago. There are many ladies among us who can tomatoes and peaches for domestic use, and do not realize that they are indebted for this art to the people of Pompeii.

Expectations Not Realized.

In his delightful article "On Horseback," Charles Dudley Warner lets fall a remark that restrains one's enthusiasm over certain recent dialect novels and poems. Mr. Warner has been "doing" Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee on horseback. Referring to a settlement in North Carolina, and particularly to a modest, pleasant-spoken girl, he says: "Neither she nor any other people we encountered had any dialect or local peculiarity of speech. * * * The novelists had led us to expect something different."

The Editor's Gentle Reminder.

We have received one ticket to the reception by the graduating class at the rink to-morrow evening. As only one was sent it was probably intended for the office boy. The editors take their wives with them when attending a reception of this kind.—*Peabody (Mass.) Press.*

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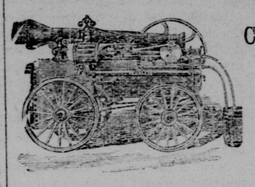

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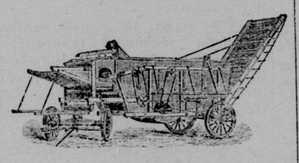

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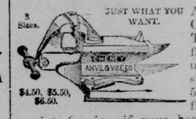

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