Hunting And Fishing In The Autumn.

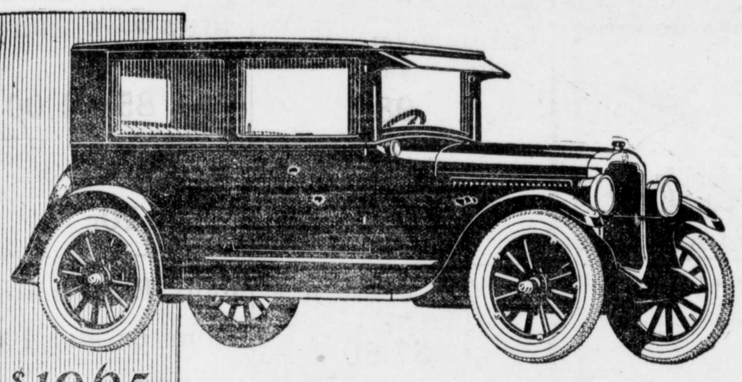
When the Summer is about to disappear,
And signs of Fall draw very near,
The Gun, Rifle, Traps and all,
Are placed in action to make the game fall.
First on the list is the playful squirrel,
And at them many a shot they do hurl,
For he jumps and dodges among the trees,
As much as to say "shoot if you please.
And whereas quite a few with aim so true,
Hit their mark and don't get blue,
The majority go day after day,
And come back home, no game to display,
The Dover being practically the first is a cunning bird,
And then the Bob-White's Sweet whistle is heard,
Next is the rabbit, who raises his ears.
One minute you see him, but he soon disappears.
For when it comes to geniune fun,
You certainly have it, when the dogs start to run,
To hear them bark, howl and whine,
Is what makes the sport so wonderfully fine.

And as we pass over the hill, locating the trail,
You can see the old dog, standing a flock of quail,
The next thing you know, like an auto running on high,
They are off with a flop, to escape you they try.
The next in rotation and doubtless give you more luck,
Is possible the Wild Goose or else the Wild Duck,
And to be a member of a Ducking Club and enjoy the sport,
And to see the game fall after the guns report.
Is enjoyed by many notwithstanding the bad weather,
Although most of them shoot right off together,
Not knowing of course, who hit or who missed,
But all explaining their efficiency with a tongue they can twist.
If half of the game that is shot on the street,
Was killed in the blind when the hunter meet.
The butchers would close up and their business quit,
And try something else to make a got of it.

For every Saturday night a certain group of men,
Gather together and Oh; the tales they do spin,
Each one of course, try to outdo the other,
And even get so serious as to call each "dear brother."
But whether it is fishing, or gunning all the week long,
One man is right there and his name is Walter B. Strong,
And his side pard is always ready for for the fun,
Whose name is well known, which is Edmund B. Pennington.
But when it comes to killing rabbits and hitting the fur,
They all take off their hats to Capt. Jack Jester,
Who with his partner Edward Robinson, Sr., as he is known
Certainly can make the Jack Rabbit groan.
Joseph Brice seems to think he can make the partridge drop,
And hates to admit it, when licked by Chas. Jessop,
However when Ed Wilkins takes aim and pulls the trigger.
The number of ducks that fall, it is impossible to figure.

George French enjoys fishing, like a lady love flowers,
And catches lots on the street corner in company with Thos. Bowers,
Ernest Strong is some hunter especially after squirrels,
As they just run from him, like he ran after the girls.
S. W. Granberry for sometime has been fishing, but in vain,
So I think he has decided to try off the coast of Maine,
W. H. Elliott is another, whose catches are terrific,
As he has enough bait to catch all in the Atlantic and Pacific.
Capt. W. C. A. Thompson at fishing, seems never to get tired,
And the tales if he'd tell them, would beat the Bentztown Bard.
I could name scores of others, who are great at their favorite sport.
But I expect I had better close and seek another port.

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In Germany the coon is called Wasch baer, in reference to his curious fixed habit of sousing his food in water before eating it. The coon gathers much of his food in shallow water, such as frogs, crawfish, stranded fish, and probably clams.

Very likely he acquired the habit of rinsing the mud and sand off his aquatic prey before he ate it. This habit has become so fixed that a captive coon will souse a piece of meat, whether the meat needs washing or not writes D. Lange, in the Dearborn Independent.

Esseepan, as the Chippewa Indians call him, is not a very profound winter sleeper. In the South he is active all winter, and in this latitude his tracks may be found on the snow in March or on the mud along river banks and the lake shores long before the ice has melted on the lakes.

The animals are naturally nocturnal, and are seldom seen in the daytime, and this habit has undoubtedly contributed to the preservation of the species. Coons are still found over the larger part of the United States and Mexico, but they are dwellers of the forest and cannot live where there are no trees.

Farm Bureau Essay Contest is Getting Under Way.

A regular avalanche of literature has gone out from the State Farm Bureau Office giving all necessary information concerning the National and State Farm Bureau Essay Contest which will begin on October 1 and end November 10.

In the hope of enlisting hundreds of farmer boys and girls in this contest, a number of valuable cash prizes have been offered in addition to several nice trips for the prize winners, one of these will be a free trip to Chicago during the week of the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation December 8, 9, and 10 and another to Cambridge, Md., during the annual meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, next January 7, 8 and 9.

The contest is going to mean a whole lot to the youth of our rural communities in the way of education and experience and it is going to mean even more to the Farm Bureau in Maryland because it will develop future leaders to carry on the work of the organization.

The subject of the essay to be written must be a choice between these two: "Why Dad Should Join the Farm Bureau" and "Why Dad Is A Farm Bureau Member." Further information concerning the contest may be had at the nearest Farm Bureau Office.

Poultry Note

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST OUR RAISERS OF POULTRY EVERY WHERE

Feed the early pullets well with grain. Keep them from laying too soon and allow this egg to go into building big bones and bodies. To do this feed two-thirds grain and one-third mash by weight.

Good housing, sweet soil, proper brooding and right feeding are essentials to success in growing chicks and poults and yet each and all are insufficient if the parents stock can possibly transmit disease germs. We have learned much of late years of the laws of heredity in breeding for increased and sustained egg production but we know of a surety today but little more about disease inheritance than we did a decade ago.

Get your runs ready for next year's chicks by planting them in rye and covering them with lime before the rye comes up.

Regarding the White Diarrhoea bacteria, the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station Bulletin No. 363 has this to say: "The infection is usually introduced into a poultry farm thru certain individual female breeders, the ovaries of which carry these bacteria. Infected hens, which by the way are called 'carriers,' produce eggs during the hatching season which are infected with the bacteria. Chicks hatched from these eggs will usually develop bacillary White Diarrhoea. A small percentage of these chicks will survive the disease. The female chicks that survive may grow to adult stage and become 'carriers.' To eliminate these 'carriers' the Station advises the application of the Rettgers blood agglutination test for all females used as breeders. But as this test calls for expert and experienced operators and laboratory equipment it is not reasonable to expect that white Diarrhoea will cease to be an unusual menace thru its good offices."

We have seen it advocatd to kill off every chick in a brood in which White Diarrhoea has appeared but this is foolish and an unwarranted economic loss, for even the "carriers" may be good layers and, in every brood there will be some individuals that neither inherit nor acquire the disease. There is no reason why the survivors of an outbreak of White Diarrhoea should not be retained as producers of market eggs or sold as broilers or fryers but personally I would bar the cockerels from such a brood from the breeding pen as well as the pullets.

As regards the value of White Diarrhoea Remedies advertised from time to time in poultry and farm publications, it will be noted that those remedies offered by reputable concerns stress the fact that their remedies are esteemed more highly as a preventive treatment than as a cure. In fact several of the best known, state plainly that a chick in the advanced stages of White Diarrhoea cannot be cured and should be destroyed. But they claim that their preparation if used as directed prior to the appearance of the disease in a brood of chicks, will render far less likely a virulent outbreak and offer the chicks greater power of resistance to the inherited disease germs. No remedy, however, renders less imperative disinfection and sanitary environment and the immediate removal from the brood of sickly chicks. As to Ceccidiosis and Blackhead, it appears to be the concensus of opinion that these diseases are not hereditary but that infection has its source in soil to which chicks or poults suffering from the disease have had range over. But we do not feel that authorities and investigators have fully established the fact that these intestinal parasite disorders, while differing one from the other—yet having much in common—are in no sense hereditary.

Farm Bureau Booster Meetings.

The State Farm Bureau office has evolved a plan to stimulate interest and enthusiasm in the various Local meetings out in the state and this plan is nothing more or less than the holding of booster meetings in each Local community.

The principal feature of the plan is to have, in conjunction with the meeting, a real supper with plenty of appetizing eats; a program of entertainment which will include plenty of pleasing music, both vocal and instrumental and then to have several short, snappy addresses by Farm Bureau officials or by leaders in any other line of specialized work. This, scheme, it is believed, will prove effective in bringing out not only the old "faithfuls" but the other fellows and their families who have been making the summer meetings conspicuous by their absence.

With more than 200 Farm Bureau Locals in Maryland, and with the holding of such booster meetings, it is believed the present attendance at the regular meetings will be greatly increased and the working power of each Local proportionately increased. The State office is also suggesting that if it can be arranged, to make this special meeting a time for the annual election of the officers of each Local and to discuss the working plan and program for the ensuing year. Howard county worked this plan last year with marked success.

Cecil Murder Case Settled

Charles Kassing, a young white man who was tried in the Cecil county court last week, charged with murder in causing the death of "Italian Joe" Daraine, on the Smylix farm, in February, 1923, and found guilty of manslaughter, was brought into court Saturday and sentenced. The court took into consideration that the accused had already served 18 months in Elkton jail and imposed a sentence of two years in the state penitentiary. He was in the local court when James Webb, also an accomplice was tried. Mrs. Dora Vaughn indicted as accessory to her brother James Webb, and Charles Kassing charged as principals in the murder was put on trial before a jury after the regular panel had been exhausted and many talismen challenged Mr. Clayton for State; Messrs. Crothers and Brown for defendant. Mrs. Vaughn's connection with the murder was shown in the Kassing trial on Tuesday. Her trial lasted through most of the day, the jury finding a verdict of "Not Guilty."

Easton Has Large Pecan Tree

Princess Anne recently boasted the largest pecan tree in this part of the country, but a representative of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, was at Easton recently and looked at the pecan tree at Oak Hill, the residence of Dr. J. W. Corrigan. He took measurements and photographs, and now it is found that the Corrigan tree is larger than the one at Princess Anne. It is believed that this tree is the largest planted pecan tree in the United States It measured 15 feet 4 inches around the trunk, breast high, and the height is 125 feet. It has a spread of 200 feet or more. Twelve bushels of nuts have been gathered from this tree in one season. Lightning struck the tree some time ago, and this year a violent wind-storm broke off a lower limb, but the tree remains vigorous and bears an abundance of nuts.

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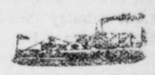
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