

The Garden.

The margin between the possibilities and actualities of the average farm garden is a thing of goodly dimensions. It is, naturally enough, a difficult thing for the farmer to realize to what extent of practical usefulness he may put a single acre of ground provided he is willing and careful to bestow upon it the right kind of attention. This, says West Kentucky Farmer, is so because of the fact that in his farm work he looks more to general results. But when he comes down to work on a smaller scale he finds things quite different. It is only recently that a committee took upon itself to investigate somewhat as to what was actually being done on some of the small truck farms near one of the large cities, and they reported that one farm of forty acres yielded annually \$16,000 worth of fruits and vegetables; another of six acres yielded \$6,000; another of ninety acres returned \$20,000, and another of twenty acres returned \$8,000. These figures represent good receipts, but even after making reductions for fertilizers and other necessary expenditures, the net returns, though not stated, were no doubt handsome. Apart, however, from the profits from exclusive truck farming, the garden acre on the farm may be made an important item in the domestic economy of the home, if we take into consideration all the expense attaching to the purchase of garden produce necessary to the health, comfort and well-being of the family.

Cure for Sore-mouthed Horses.

Many horses, especially during the first year of their working period, are constantly in possession of a sore mouth. This, if continued for several months, is liable to leave the animal with a chronic habit, such as throwing the head while hitching or unhitching. The most effective plan of cure which we have ever tried consists of winding any ordinary bit at the corners and down on the same for about one inch, with tanned sheepskin (which can be procured at any harness store), being sure that it is not too thick and heavy. With this well wound on have a cup of sulphur, and each time the bit is placed in the horse's mouth moisten the leather and rub on a little of the pulverized article. It is well also to lengthen the bridle as much as possible during the time and not drive with a tight checking rein.—C. H. Whitcomb in *National Stockman*.

An Essential to Success for Eggs.

Green bones are rich in nitrogen and serve as food. When a bone contains a large share of adhering meat it is all the more valuable. Bones serve several purposes when used for poultry. Being phosphate of lime, they are capable of being digested, which is not the case with oyster shells and grit; and they supply the birds with elements that may be lacking in the food. They also assist in grinding the food, taking the place of grit, and are readily accepted by all classes of poultry. In fact, it is safe to claim that there is nothing that can be used as egg-producing food which serves the purpose so well as green bone. Its combination of qualities, nitrogen, lime for egg-shells, cost and adaptation to all fowls and all ages, give it a place even higher than meat, which contains nitrogen, but no lime or other mineral material.—*Farm and Home*.

Live Stock Pointers.

A small amount of the right kind or food is better than too much inferior stuff.

The best means of obtaining a profit with any class of stock is to keep the best and keep it well.

If the farmer cannot afford to breed and raise pure-bred stock, he can at least breed and raise good grades.

In order to push growths, it is quite an item to teach the lambs to eat as early as possible and then feed them well. The best feeding at all times is that which gives to each animal just what its system can best assimilate and make use of.

Clean up the hog pens, the horse and cattle stables and disinfect thoroughly with carbolic acid before the spring opens.

Do not let the boys tease the young animals on the farm. It is very funny to see the "babies" strike with their front feet or playfully butt with their tender horns, but this habit once learned means a love for it. Soon the animal learns its own strength, and then some day there is a tragedy on the farm. Once let the teasing start and the boys will not be disposed to stop.

The cheapest feed is not that which costs the least, but rather that which in proportion to its cost gives the best results.

Early maturity is one of the best ways of lessening the cost of raising stock, and good feeding is essential to early maturity.

His Resource.

BY FENELLA.

A man set out to steer his way
O'er fortune's stormy sea,
But didn't know just what, in life,
He was cut out to be.

He started up a general store
And sold for "strictly cash,"
But by the time he'd run a year
His business went to smash.

He waded into literature,
His surplus took a drop,
And, to his sorrow he found out
He'd have to starve or stop.

He thought he'd try the law a while,
But over his first brief,
With business mixed with literature,
His client came to grief.

So, in despair, he drifted on,
When 'lection time came round
He drifted into politics,
And there a haven found.

The man who failed at everything,
Because he hadn't sand,
Soon made the best electioneer
There was in all the land.

William Was a Squealer.

One day there came along to our camp at Red Horse flats a man who seemed to be looking for somebody, and when Judge Watkins asked him to state his case he said: "I was told down at Lamo Man's bend that you folks hung a critter up yere last week. Was he a red headed man, with a cataract in the left eye?"

"I think he was."
"Have a squeaky voice and lame in the left leg?"
"Yes, that's the critter. That's his grave over on that level spot."

"So you buried him?"
"Of course. We allus do that, though we don't go down over two feet if the ground is hard. Stranger, was you interested in that man?"

"A leetle bit," replied the man. "He was a pard of mine, and his name was William Hope. Reckon he stole sunthin', didn't he?"

"He did."
"That was William's best bolt. Did he die game?"

"Waal, as to that," said the Judge, "will it hurt yer feelin's if I say he didn't?"

"Oh, no, no, no! William was allus braggin that if the time ever come he'd die in the gamest sort o' way, but I had my own opinyun about him. He squealed, didn't he?"

"He did. He hadn't no more sand than a rabbit. He cried and took on till he made us all tired."

"That's how I thought 't would be. All brag and no sand. Did he die easy?"

"Tolerable easy, I believe."
"Think he was gwine to a better land?"

"Yes, seemed to think that way, though he was alone in his opinyun. Anythin else, stranger?"

"No, I guess not. As I said, he was my ole pard, but I allus thought he'd squeal when the rope begun to choke, and I'm sorter pleased to know I wasn't mistaken. No; nuthin more. I'll jest go over and look at his grave and see if he seems to be comfortable, and then go back to the Bend. Much obleeged, sir, that you hung him, and much obleeged that you went to the trouble of plantin him. Good day!"
M. QUAD.

Feeling His Way.

"Madam," said Hungry Hawkins, fingering his tattered gripsack as the sharp-nosed woman opened the door, "I am introducing a new patent gun cleaner that is one of the finest things you ever see. It's the very thing if your husband or—"

"I ain't got no husband nor no gun."

"Well, perhaps you would like to look at our latest dog collar, silver plated, name engraved free of cost, selling at the low price of—"

"There ain't no dog on the place. I don't want to buy anything, so—"

"Lady," said Hungry Hawkins, "then you want to get a move on yer, and hustle me up the best breakfast yer know how, or you'll hear somethin drop—See?"

Ready to Listen.

"Can I talk to you a few minutes?" asked the life insurance agent.

"Yes," replied the superintendent of the factory, "if you don't mind walking about the building with me. I really haven't the time to sit down."

"That's all right, said the agent. "I'd rather move around a little, anyhow."

The superintendent led the way out to the pattern room, thence into the woodworks department, stopping every moment or two to converse with some operative, and took his caller at last into the room where the huge triphammers were filling the air with their unearthly din.

"Now," he said, yelling into the ear of the life insurance man, "I'm ready to listen to you. Go ahead."—*Chicago Tribune*.

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