

News of the Week

Ninety-five per cent of the Manitoba wheat crops is saved in good condition.

Another big delegation of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska farmers arrived in Winnipeg Thursday to visit the west with a view to settling a large number of farmers from these States.

Rear-Admiral Kane, well-known in America as the captain of the Calliope, which in 1889 steamed out of Apia in the teeth of the terrible hurricane which destroyed the United States squadron, has voluntarily retired from the navy.

Thank God I am under the British flag once more, said Peter Macdonald as he stepped off the ferry-boat at Windsor, and raised his hat as a greeting to his country.

W. H. Ponton's appeal for a new trial of his \$50,000 suit against the Dominion Bank for alleged false arrest in connection with the robbery of the bank's branch at Napanee, was dismissed on Thursday afternoon by the Divisional Court at Toronto, with costs.

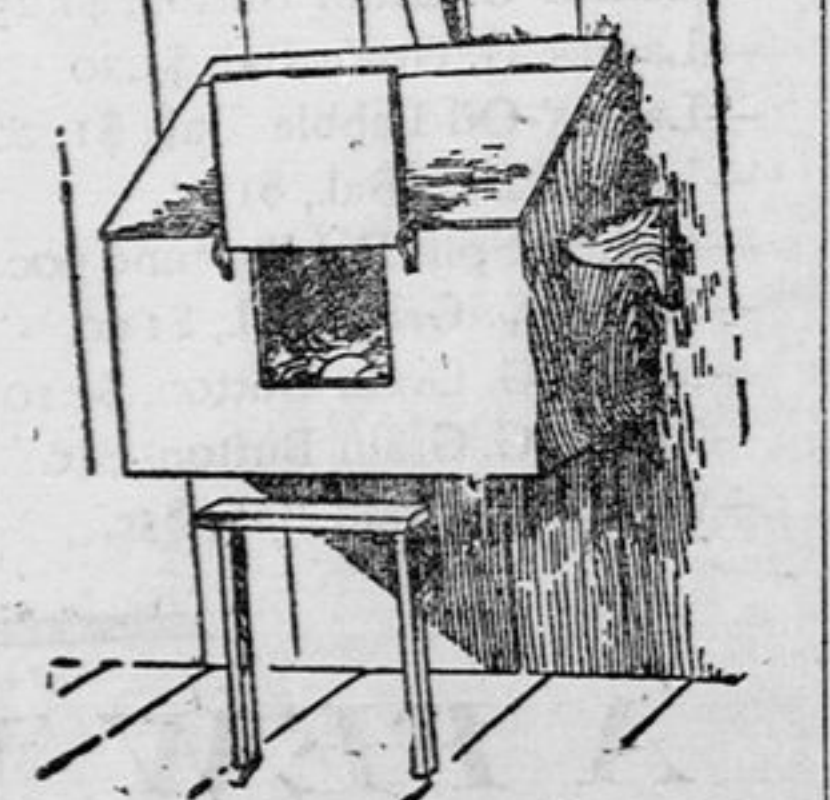
A fatal accident happened Thursday on the flats east of Emerson, when the 12-year old son of Michael Neuman lost his life. The young fellow had taken a horse out to water, and in order to get a more secure hold, had twisted the tie around his wrist.

Mr. John Livingstone, sr., died at his home in Listowel, Ont., on Thursday aged 89. Mr. Livingstone was the last surviving member of the family of Dr. Livingstone, the African explorer, and was two years older than his famous brother.

The summer theatre at Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, was blown down by a terrific storm that passed over that city about 8 o'clock Thursday night. The players were being prepared for the performance, which was to start at 8.30, when the building collapsed.

The dogs out in Mara appear to be proof against the bite of the rattlesnake. Some time ago a Rathburn lady, while hoeing in the garden, came upon a good sized rattler, and endeavored to kill it with the hoe.

Self-Registering Hen's Nest. The cut shows a nest for confining each hen as she goes on to lay. Several times a day the nests can be examined and those hens which have laid can be



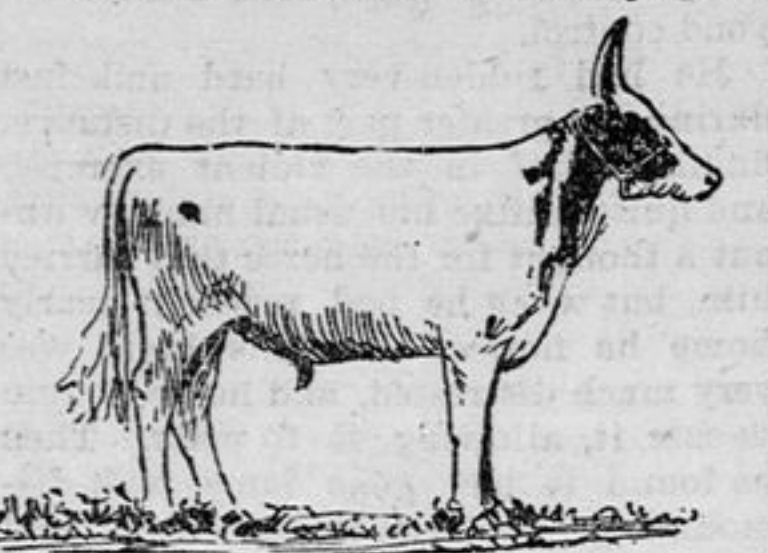
liberated, after taking the hen's number and marking her egg. This one can find the best layers, and breed for better layers each year. The nest tilts enough when the hen steps on the edge of the opening to tip down the thin door that will shut her in. The wedge behind slips down and holds the nest firm, so it will not rock back and forth.

Horses that are subject to colic must be handled with care. It is an easy matter at this time to ruin a horse by overeating.

THE MODERN AYRSHIRE.

F. S. Peer, the Noted Foreign Correspondent of The Farmer's Advocate, Gives Dairymen Valuable Pointers.

Aside from the dairy qualities that every Ayrshire must have to be worthy of recognition, we wish to discuss the question of the value of type or style. Let us say an Ayrshire should be at least a 40-pound cow, that is probably a fair average as to her daily yield.



BEND-OR. Winner of seven first prizes and a championship in 1898. Bred by James Howie, Ellon, Kilmarnock.

style and type. This statement will no doubt shock some (even some Ayrshire breeders), but if \$50 will buy a 40-pound grade or native cow, then so far as the dairy qualities of the 40-pound registered Ayrshire are concerned she is worth \$50, but her type, her peculiar markings, her peculiar markings, the set of her horns, the grace of her lines, makes the difference between a \$50 and a \$150 animal.

There are some men, even Ayrshire breeders, who profess to keep Ayrshires and breed Ayrshires for utility only. They have never stopped to think that style or Ayrshire type is worth more and brings more in the markets than dairy ability. Go to any auction of Ayrshires and see that it's not a question of simply being a registered animal that makes such a great difference in the price of a pure Ayrshire, or grade of equal value at the stall.

Now, an animal is worth what it will bring, and if Ayrshire breeders want to get the highest price for their animals, they may as well face the facts and breed for style and the most modern style at that. Scotland sets the style of Ayrshires, as Paris sets the fashions in dress. Call it foolish or foolish, or what you like—the breeder who produces it in his animals will be the man who makes the breeding of Ayrshires a success.



ORANGE BLOSSOM OF HILLHOUSE. Sire Blood-for-Ever. Bred by D. & S. Westrope, Old Cunnock, Scotland.

need hardly say that of course they must have dairy capacity, and in this respect the Canadian Ayrshires are quite superior to the Scotch Ayrshires. By the use of imported Ayrshires, the Canadian breeders can bring out the style, or up-to-date Ayrshires. They will ultimately have better cattle than can be bought in Scotland. In the States there has been a great laxness among Ayrshire breeders in regard to breeding to type.

The simple truth of the matter is, they are waking up to find themselves so far behind the times that some are talking of American type, and others ridicule the Scotch type. They are, many of them, out of the race altogether. They have been breeding along after utility, and have, it must be said, a lot of rare dairy animals; but, alas, they are not salable for anything like the prices they would be if they had kept up-to-date in style.



LADY FLORA. At two years old. Sire Cock-o'-the-Walk, by Cockabandie. Bred and owned by A. P. Gilman, Kirkcubright, Scotland.

last three years have proven a heaven that is quickly working, and sure to work, in the interest of the up-to-date Scotch type. I know of several breeders that are converts, and all that stops them from making a large importation is the fact, as they have said to me, that if they should get the show ring, judges would condemn them in the show ring; but the seed of corruption, as some of the older breeders

illustrating champion cows of Scotland, with their up-standing horns, and mostly white, are beginning to look attractive. A cow with drooping horns don't look as attractive as she did, and they want to get bulls that are more like the Scotch type, although some of them can not screw up their courage to the point of going the whole figure. Nevertheless, there is a marked tendency among the Ayrshire men in the States to come into line, and when they do the Canadian breeders want to be ready; and while their stock may meet with prejudice at our fairs, and their prizes may be less than they deserve, they can do the Ayrshire interest no better service than to send to the States a representative herd, even if the Ayrshire men have to put their hands in their pockets to make up a loss in expenses over prize money. I repeat that if the Canadian breeders will make an effort in this direction now, I think it will be a good investment. Let me admonish them, whatever they do, to breed to the highest standard. In the Scotch breeders you have an example of the best breeders of dairy cattle in the world. There, as here, it ever has been, and ever will be, the up-to-date, most stylish, most perfect formed animals will bring in the dollars, while breeders who scoff at the idea of style must be contented with the cents. I may repeat, also, in closing, that if the Canadian breeders of Ayrshires will breed up to the highest standard in type, they will produce a dairy cow that is superior to the Scotch animal, because of her better dairy qualities. And when they shall have overcome the general criticism of short teats they will have produced an all-round dairy cow that has no equal in the world, either in beauty, style, grace or utility. Wishing the Ayrshire breeders of Canada the greatest success, and that their grand cattle will soon take the high rank in the States that they so richly deserve, I am,

Very truly yours, F. S. Peer.

WOODY PLANTS.

Florist H. E. Gould, Sussex, N.B., Tells How to Propagate Them.

There are many persons who have a favorite shrub or vine they would like to increase, but do not know how to propagate from them. All such low growing shrubs as roses, weigelas and nearly all low growing, hard wooded plants, as well as vines, that are brought in contact with the soil can be easily and surely propagated by layering, which operation I will briefly describe. Choose well matured wood of this season's growth, bend it down, and at the point where it will most easily touch the soil with a sharp knife cut half way through the branch on the under side, although any other position will answer for the cut; then draw the knife up the branch an inch or two, splitting the wood for that distance; next insert in the split a thin piece of wood to prevent its closing; then excavate the soil directly where the cut portion touches the soil a shallow trench two or three inches deep, lay the cut portion in the trench, pin it down firmly with a forked wooden peg or wire loop, cover with soil, pressing it firmly, leaving a good portion of the end of the layered branch in the air; cut a thick sod and place it upside down over the soil on the cut portion to keep it moist, and in very dry weather water it. If done soon, by September the cut portion will have calloused and thrown out roots, forming a new plant of the same variety, which at the end of the growing season can be detached from the parent plant by cutting the branch off back of the layered portion. It is better to allow such layered plants, if hardy, to remain until the following spring before removing them, but it can be done in late autumn and is a necessity in case of layering hardy plants that have been plunged or planted out for the summer only. If pot plants are wanted from layered stock, instead of placing the layered branch in a soil trench, sink six-inch pots, at the point layered, in the soil to the rim, well drained and filled with any light garden soil, place the layered portion in the soil in the pot, cover as before, pinning it firmly so it cannot move. The roots from the layer in this case will be emitted into the soil in the pot and by autumn can be detached as before from the parent plant already growing in a pot, which can be removed when desired. This is the easiest method of summer propagation for nearly all classes of hard wooded plants for those who only wish a few plants. Soft wooded plants, such as geraniums, that are growing in open ground, are best propagated by air layering in summer. This is done by cutting at a convenient place in the new growth, halfway through the wood. Treated in this manner, in from ten to fifteen days the cut portion will be well calloused, when the cutting can be detached and potted, and if kept in a cool, shady position, well watered, will be very certain to form roots and make a good plant. Layering of hard wooded hardy shrubs can be done at any time of the year when no frost obstructs, but the best success is in summer months with well matured new wood, although with some varieties of plants the old wood will strike fairly well, yet it is more uncertain than the new wood.—H. E. Gould, in Co-operative Farmer.

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