

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR FARMERS

Leaks that can be Stopped With Profit to the Agriculturist

Writing to the Country Gentleman Mr. I. N. Cawdrey says:

Leaks are the commonest things in farm work. Blunders, mismanagement and miscalculations always cause a leak. A crop not put in on time or not cultivated at the right time, a field plowed too wet, or a crop neglected and not saved at the right time, constitute our most common leaks. I have heard farmers say that they were losing money by not having a team cultivating corn. This is a leak that cannot always be avoided. But many occur that can be avoided, and no farmer is doing his best unless attempts are made to avoid them.

SEVERAL HORSES

The most important thing on any farm is enough teams. Abundant team help gets the crops in on time, and the grain secured in a hurry when ready to draw in. Every farm of 80 acres should have not less than five good horses, one of which should be a good driver and used for that purpose only when there is hay to rake or corn or potatoes to cultivate, when the driver may be used to advantage. In haying, there should be a team to draw, one to mow and a horse for the tedder and rake. Then things can move right along, and many stop a leak by saving the hay from being spoiled.

Work-teams can be mostly fed on clover hay, which is worth, usually, more for the manure made than it brings in the market. So the cost of hay can be counted as nothing. With plenty of teams and good clover hay, very little grain may be fed; so here is another saving.

WORKING ON A BIG SCALE

Tools that cut wide sweeps across the field, with three or four horses to draw them, instead of one man at each team, are desirable. I have seen one man riding a roller all day and another dragging all day in the same field. Why not put both teams on the roller and fasten the drag behind? Then one man can do the work of two and not be tired out when night comes, from walking all day over plowed ground. Fasten two drags side by side and put teams enough on to draw them, so that every time you go round a field 80 rods long you have more than an acre done. Thirty to forty bouts would mean 15 miles travel, and 30 acres dragged over. This is better than two men following round the same field and accomplishing no more.

More teams doubled up means less hired help. Arrange it so that the men ride whenever possible. Then a boy—or an old man with only one leg, for that matter—can do as much dragging or rolling as the best athlete, after the team is hitched up and he is on the seat. Then in large fields, that are free from stumps and stones, the riding-plow that turns two furrows comes in play.

CARE OF TOOLS

After having all these good tools they should be taken care of, kept well-housed, and painted when needed. If tools are kept well protected from the weather, they will not need painting very often. How many times have I seen a new two horse cultivator standing out in the corn until the corn has grown so high that it was lost sight of! It was left out at night; a big rain came that made the ground too wet, and when it was dry enough, other work began to crowd—so the cultivator was forgotten. Now, why not take the cultivator to the barn every night? Then you can ride to and from the field, and no more gates have to be opened for the cultivator than for the team alone.

SEED CORN

Another important leak is stopped in the way of saving seed, especially seed-corn. Too many go to the crib in the spring to get seed-corn. While they do not scoop it up, but hunt round for the finest and best ears, they do not get as good seed as when saved at husking-time, and if there has been a hard winter, the corn may have been injured by freezing. Last year we put our seed-corn in bushel crates, and set the first one in a barrel, and then stood others on top of this one as high as they would stand well. The crates were filled from the first husking and set in an open shed. By being put on a barrel, mice or chickens could not reach it, and it was well cured and dried out before cold weather set in. It remained in these crates till ready to shell for planting. I always test my seed before planting, waiting till a few days before time to plant, so as to have the conditions as nearly alike as may be. I level a small place on the ground, put 100 grains of corn on it, cover it with a cloth, put a couple of inches of earth over the cloth, then pour on water enough to dampen. In four or five days I raise the cloth, and the corn can be easily examined. After being in the crates last winter, the test showed that 99 kernels of the 100 had good healthy sprouts. The other kernel had been injured in some way or it would have been the planter of the seed.

to drop three or four grains, and had a good stand all over the field, except where it was drowned out afterwards.

Some years ago there was trouble all over with seed corn. Our test showed that only about 45 per cent. would grow. The planters were set to drop 8 to 9 grains to the hill. The result was very unsatisfactory. Some hills had just enough, and some too many, some not enough, and some not any. Ever since that time I have been very careful and look after the seed myself. The same will hold good in saving seed of any kind; too much care cannot be given. Good seed is one of the foundations of a good crop.

GOOD STOCK

Good live-stock is another waste stopped. It takes as much to winter a poor cow as a good one. It takes more feed and a longer time to fatten a scrub hog than a good one. Good live-stock is easily obtainable in every locality nowadays, and a man has no excuse for having poor stock of any kind on his farm. It is not necessary to have high-priced registered animals, but start with good grades and breed up instead of down. Use the best sires and take care of the animal after it is born.

A waste or leak attends nearly every thing a farmer does, and it is the stopping of these and the saving what is made that mark the successful farmer. It requires constant watch and care in everything to be done on the farm.

News of the Week

—Before the British Association in Bradford, Eng., the other day, Prof. Sollas gave his reasons for believing that there is a coal field under the London basin at Enfield lock. It is his opinion that this is the centre of a large carboniferous area, and he advocated borings to determine the truth of his theory.

—Wm. Otterson of Arnprior has what he says is the biggest pig in Canada. It is fully eight feet long and weighs over eight hundred pounds. Godfellow Bros. of Boulton last week disposed of a Shorthorn heifer, eleven months old, to Mr. E. S. Kelley of Yellow Springs, Ohio, for \$1,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a Canadian-bred heifer calf of the same age.

—Two or three weeks ago Mr. Perry Eli of Walkerton, Ont., put an advertisement in the local newspapers stating that he had found a large sum of money. No particulars were given, but a day or two ago he received a letter from one Snodgrass of Chicago, giving the particulars of some money which he had lost there about eighteen years ago. The writer stated that he had been paid \$420 in Canadian bank bills, but before leaving Kincairdine he exchanged it for gold, American gold pieces, twenty in number, and duly labelled. On arriving at Walkerton he had fallen in with a friend and had shared a jug of whiskey with him in the cellar of the house. As Eli found the money on a beam in the cellar of the house, and there was just \$400 in American eagles in the package he naturally concludes that he has found the rightful owner.

—Notwithstanding the extremely strained feeling between the French and English, several very pleasant episodes lately go to show the possibility that better relations may be re-established. Admiral Seymour's cordial appreciation of the work of the French contingent in China during the first attempt to relieve the ministers in Peking was welcomed with undisguised delight. The British representatives at the chambers of commerce meetings in Paris have been heartily received. Last week at the Picard reception in their honor in the exhibition palace illusions and allegorical groups appeared carrying French and British flags. "God Save the Queen" and the "Marseillaise" were sung, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Lord Avebury, better known as Sir John Lubbock, also made a statement which was widely commented upon by the French press. It was a thing which, strange to say, his hearers had not apparently realized—that England absorbed one-third of France's total exports. This appealed strongly to the bourgeois mind.

—Four boys, the eldest of whom is about 13 years of age, placed a number of spikes, covered with sand, on the track at Stayner the other day. Mr. Brown, master mechanic of the division, and Mr. Jas. Gilchrist, bridge and building inspector, had been up the line on their small car driven by gasoline motor, and were returning at the rate of 25 miles an hour. They were just approaching the town from the north and had reached the crossing when the car was derailed both occupants thrown in the ditch and badly hurt. The four young lads had laid spikes on the rails for a considerable distance and had covered them with sand. On reaching the spikes the car was instantly thrown off the track. Mr. Brown had several ribs broken and was severely bruised, while Mr. Gilchrist was badly cut about the head, had a number of ribs broken and sustained other injuries. The boys were caught and their names taken. G. T. R. Detective Coburn was in town in connection with the matter and the company no doubt will have the boys severely punished. Action is probably being delayed in order to discover the extent of the injuries to the victims of the accident.

THE BEST OF ADVICE

To Those Who Feel Sick, Weak or Depressed.

MISS BELLE COHOON, OF WHITE ROCK MILLS, N. S., TELLS HOW SHE REGAINED HEALTH AND ADVISES OTHERS TO FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE.

From the Acadien, Wolfville, N. S.

At White Rock Mills, within sound of the noisy wish of the Gaspean river, is a pretty little cottage. In this cottage there dwells with her parents Miss Belle Cohoon, a very bright and attractive young lady who takes a lively interest in all the church and society work of the little village. A short time ago an Acadien representative called upon Miss Cohoon for the purpose of ascertaining her opinion of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—which remedy he had been informed she had been using. He was very cordially received and found both Miss Cohoon and her mother most enthusiastic and ardent friends of this great Canadian remedy which is now so universally used throughout the world. We give below in essentially her own words Miss Cohoon's story:

"Three years ago this spring my health was very much run down. I had not been feeling well for some time and when spring opened up and the weather became warmer my condition became worse. The least exertion exhausted me and was followed by an awful feeling of weakness and a rapid palpitation of the heart. I seemed to lose my ambition, and a feeling of languor and sluggishness took its place. My appetite failed me and my sleep at night was disturbed and restless. In fact I was in a very sorry condition. I suffered in this way for some time. Then I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and they soon began a change for the better. My strength and spirits improved wonderfully and the old feeling of tiredness began to leave me. My appetite returned and my weight increased steadily. By the time I had used less than half a dozen boxes I felt stronger than I had done for years. Since that time whenever I feel the need of a medicine a prompt use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has always brought speedy relief, and in future when ailing I shall never use anything but these pills, and strongly advise others to follow my example."

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How Culture May Be Acquired.

A few pictures on the walls, a little reading now and then each day, never overlooking a choice bit of poetry, a visit to the art galleries, museums, libraries whenever possible, without neglecting the more practical needs of life, and soon, while the mind is young, the habit is formed, the love of knowledge, books and art will become deep rooted and continue to grow until old age comes. When it does come, it will find gray hairs—yes, and wrinkles, too, perhaps—but it will also find smiles of contentment, with a vista of years gone by that will bring memories of the past "and half their joys renew."

The Translation.

On the gate of the cemetery in Rio de Janeiro is a notice in Spanish, French and English that no dogs are admitted unless led by the owner. This is how the announcement is made in "English": "No dogs admitted unless led by the owner who may desire a dog to follow in this tomb-yard will not be permitted unless him drawn by a cable round his throat."

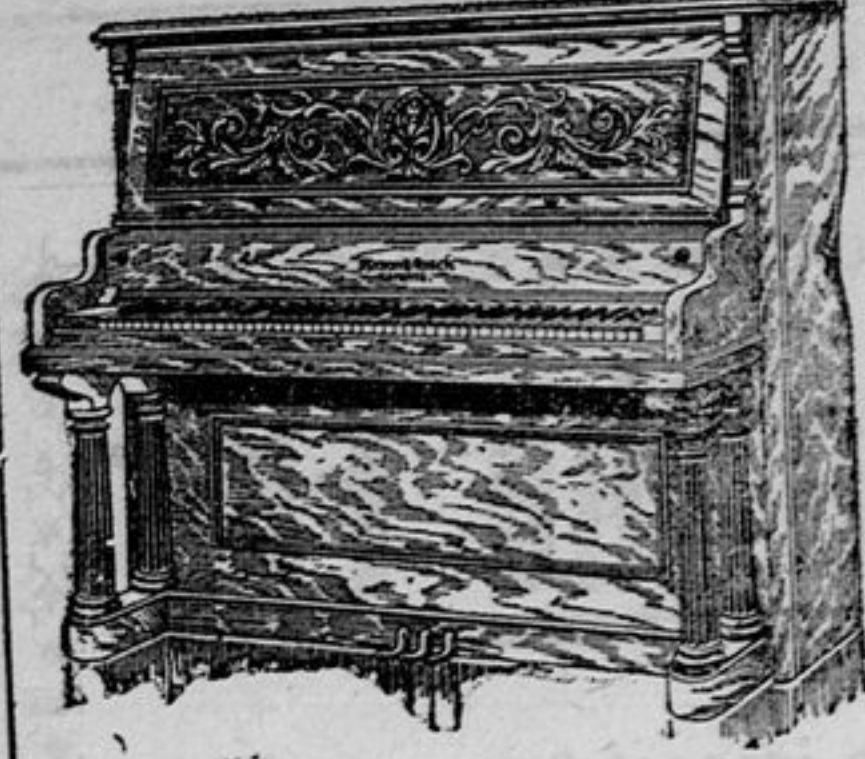
A Philanthropist.

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