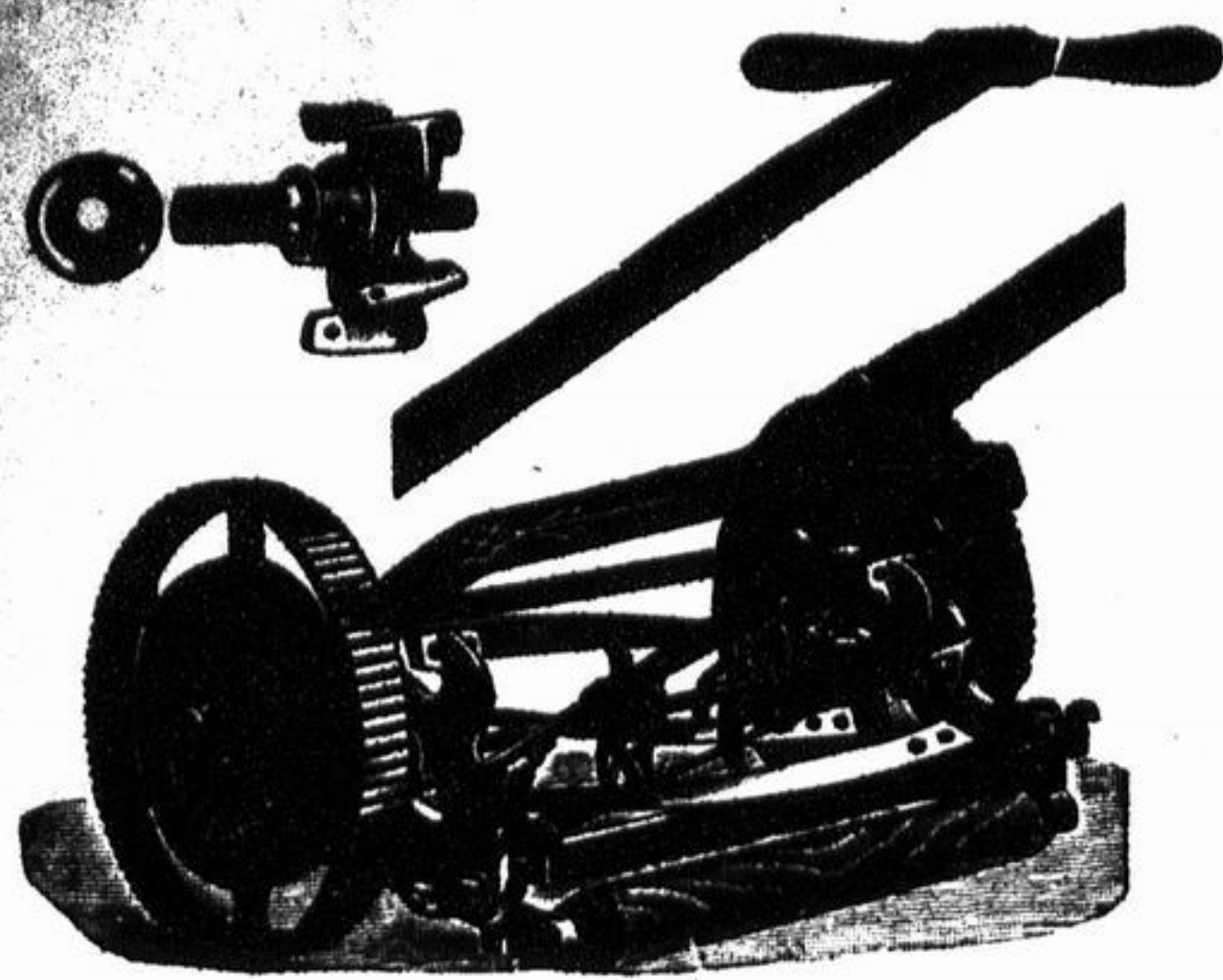


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MOLASSES AS STOCK FOOD.

The first suggestion of the use of molasses as a stock food was made by Hermsstadt in 1811. The first recorded ration was used in 1830 and consisted of chopped straw and 220 pounds of molasses per day for 2,000 sheep, eighty head of cattle and twenty horses. In 1850, rations mentioned by Stockhardt, Hennenburg and Stohman consisted of molasses, oat-straw and hay. They limited the amount of molasses to 8 pounds per 1,000 pounds live weight of the animal fed. By 1860 the use of molasses became quite general in Germany, France and Russia, and by 1870 its use had spread to England. Owing to the cost of molasses and the variability of the product, the demand for it did not increase rapidly until about 1890, when the increased production caused a marked decrease in price. It is estimated that now about one-third of the molasses produced in Europe is used as forage for stock. It is fed directly to cattle, but usually diluted and absorbed on cut straw, hay and cereal waste or peat. In Louisiana and Texas when feeding molasses about five pounds per day is used for cattle, and about twelve pounds for mules. This is mixed with hay and grain or sprinkled on cane tops. The amount of the other feeds needs required is considerably diminished by the use of molasses.—Queenslander.

solution of coppers added to the drinking water. They are kept here for a week or two, or until they show a complete recovery. If, on the other hand, after two or three days' observation and treatment, no improvement is manifested, the bird is killed and buried.

SHELTER FOR PIGS.

It is well to have some shelter built in the pasture to protect the sows and pigs from the hot sun or storms. A few boards in a fence corner, or set on posts, will make a shelter for them.—Farmers' Home Journal.

SAVE THE TROUGH.

Many a breeder saves at the feeding trough, but loses much more in the sale in consequence thereof; it is false economy to starve the pigs that you are intending to sell as breeders.

FARM NOTES.

Put a few rusty iron nails in the drinking water.

Charcoal is an aid to digestion. When duck eggs are set under hens, it is best to make the nest on the ground to get the moisture.

Giving meat as a stimulant, and changing the food will keep hens in a laying condition.

Geese begin to lay early in March and will lay from fourteen to eighteen eggs; if the goose does not show signs of becoming broody, set under hens. Dry ashes and lime sprinkled plentifully under roosting perches daily is highly recommended as a deodorizer and preserves and increases the value of manure.

Don't winter over a lot of good for nothing lazy loafers. Pick out the laying hens or paying hens and kill and eat or sell all others. Unproductive hens make too big a "leak" to allow in any well regulated poultry house.

Ducks, if reasonably cared for, ought to pay well until July. Turkeys and geese are profitable on one farm. Think of those good feather beds the ducks and geese supply feather for.

Like everything else on the farm the success of poultry depends on the management. The farmer or breeder who keeps culls is feeding off the profit. The farmer should dispose of all surplus cockerels and save feeding them at a loss.

Put a tablespoonful of sulphur in the nest as soon as the hen or turkey is set. The heat of the fowls cause the fumes of the sulphur to penetrate every part of their body and every louse is killed, and as all nits are hatched within ten days, when the mother leaves the nest with her brood, she is free from nits and lice.—From "Poultry Notes," by Grace Eby, in the Indiana Farmer.

SCHOOL GARDENS IN TEXAS.

Agricultural Branch of the Training of San Antonio Children.

The school garden system of San Antonio, Tex., is on an established practical basis. It is said that this city has more gardens attached to its schools than any place of its size in the world. There are 949 of these cultivated plots attached to the twenty-nine public schools. The gardens are in charge of school superintendents, but the work of planting, cultivating and harvesting the products of each is carried on by the pupils of the school to which the garden belongs. The gardens vary from one-tenth to one-quarter of an acre. It is estimated that the total acreage is more than 100, or equal to that of a good sized farm.

The boys of the schools take a great pride in their gardens. The teachers declare that since the gardens were established the boys are much more industrious in their studies, that they learn more readily and that they all show evidence of material improvements in their health and physical condition.

The climate of San Antonio is peculiarly adapted to the operation of the school garden system. The work can be carried on during practically the whole school term. Certain vegetables can be grown successfully during the fall and winter. The spring gardens are planted early in February and the products are matured and harvested by the time the school term ends in June. An enormous quantity of vegetables is grown. The boys take such a keen interest in the work that they give little time to playing the games that usually consume a good part of the time of young students. There is much rivalry among the different schools over the gardens.

Text books on agriculture now are used in the public schools of San Antonio. The youths are given a basic training in farming and gardening and are enabled to put their knowledge to practical use in the gardens that are provided for them. Energetic boys, who become interested in the work do not confine their labors to the school garden but many of them have converted unsightly back yards and vacant lots at their homes into cultivated plots.

Expense of a Liner. A budget has been issued which shows the expenses and receipts of great transatlantic vessels such as the Lusitania and Mauretania. Coal alone for a round trip from New York costs \$25,000, foodstuffs cost \$20,000, salaries amount to \$10,000, and other expenses run the bill up to \$90,000 for a single trip. The receipts from passengers are \$14,000, and other incomes bring the total up to \$156,800, so that the gain is about \$66,800.—Pittsfield.

Cardiff exports 12,000,000 tons of coal yearly.

HINTS FOR FARMERS.

The following is furnished by the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.:

WOMANLY WISDOM.

There are dishes to wash, there are chickens to feed; There is milk to be strained in the pan;

There are dinners to get and the flower beds to weed.

And a stocking to darn if she can. There's a baby to soothe, with a little brown head

That cuddles up close in her arm,— But oh, what a glory about her is spread

Who rules as a queen on the farm! A stitch to-day may save a rip to-morrow.

Let somebody else light the kitchen fire with kerosene.

Woman, if you have a good husband, make the most of him; you may never have another as good as John.

Keep your cats so well fed in bird-nesting time that they will be too lazy to go after the young birds. Cats are among the worst enemies of birds.

A good coat hanger can be made of a barrel hoop sawed in half. Smooth the ends and pass a cord, by which to hang it, through a hole bored in the middle.

Broiled calf's liver is excellent. Have it cut in rather thick slices, pour boiling water over them, wipe dry, dip in melted butter, dredge with flour and broil over a clear fire until just cooked through.

A happy man or woman is a better thing to find than a five-pound note. He or she is a radiating focus of good will; and his or her entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted.

Some one once brought a bedding in to my mother's house. There was great excitement in the camp when she found it out. The candle was lighted and a search made. No peace for anybody till mother was certain that not another bug was left on the farm.

Let your boy go hunting, but arm him with microscope, opera glasses and camera, rather than slingshot, rifle or croquet mallet. From the use of the first weapons, he will learn lessons of patience, industry and beauty. With the latter he will receive an education that will make him hard and unfeeling. If not actually cruel.

When making lye from hardwood ashes, use a barrel having holes bored in the bottom. Have it raised in a slanting position on four bricks resting on a wide board, with a channel cut in the board for the lye to run off into a kettle. Soak the ashes first by pouring on a little water at a time, and then a gallon every hour or so until the strength is exhausted.

If leaves of broad grass on the trees and stalks spring from the ground; if dishes would but wash themselves. The three times daily round.

If clothes were all self-laundered, too.

And beds were all self-made.

And garments ready to the hand.

Hang tempting in the shade.

There would not be a thing to do.— But, I would not like that, would you?

The farmer's wife has been given a good deal of advice as to how she may make pin-money, but she wants more than pins. She would like a few ribbons and a spring bonnet, to say nothing of gloves and shoes and a few yards of edging and flimsy lace. How would it do for the husband to cut off his tobacco expenditures, and help out the good woman in her struggle for pin-money?

Some of those dainty housekeepers who wonder why the farmer's wife spent so much time over the frying pan and the oven have had no experience with appetites that have been whetted by hours of following the plow or cultivator. A man who has been afield all day, does not want to sit down at a table on which there is nothing more substantial than sardine sandwiches and angel cake.

DAIRY HINTS.

Dairying is like riding a bicycle,—if you don't keep moving you will fall off.

Keep down the garlic, or the garlic will keep down the price of your milk and butter.

A herd of dirty, emaciated cows is a plain advertisement of the owner's lack of brains or his downright shiftlessness.

If the cow's bag gets caked before she begins to give milk, you may have trouble. Better milk her once or twice than to run so much risk.

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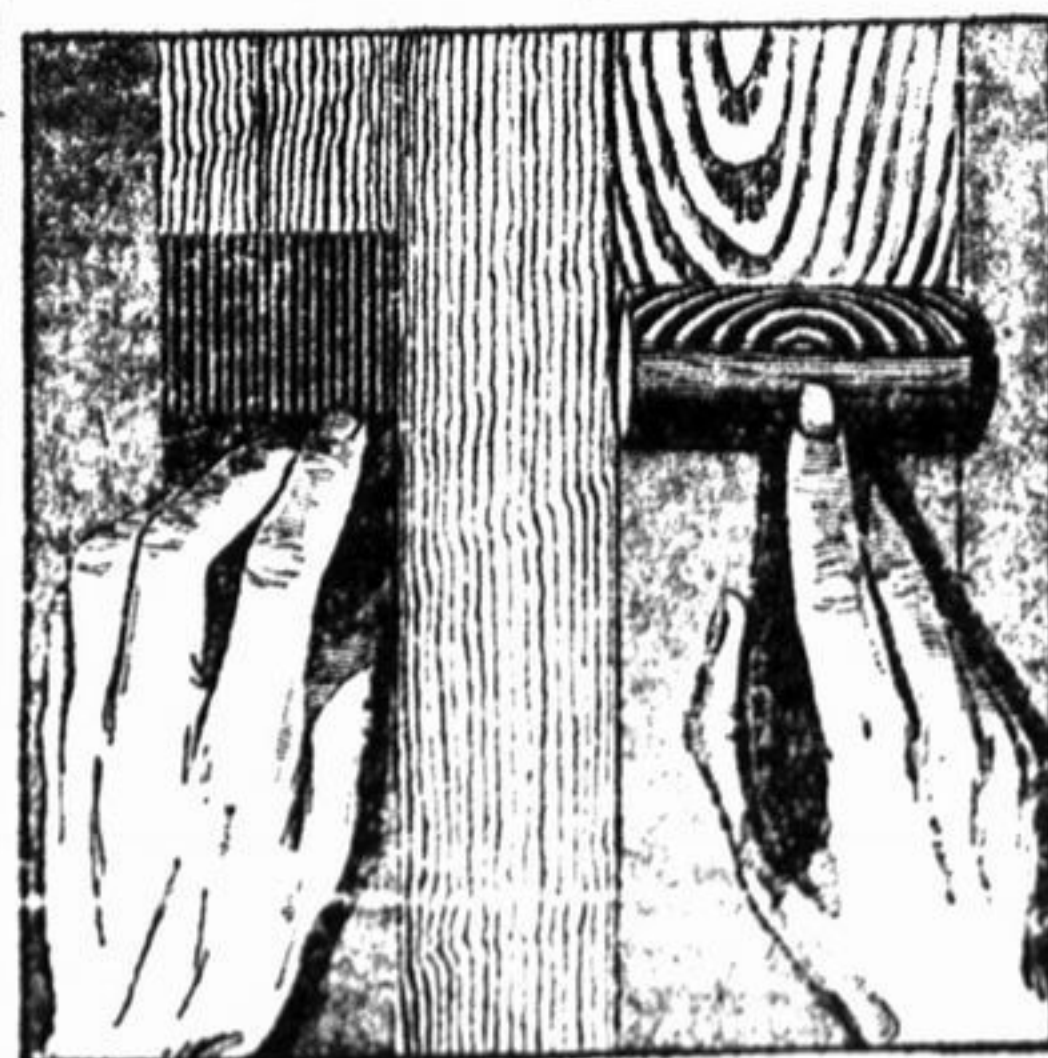


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