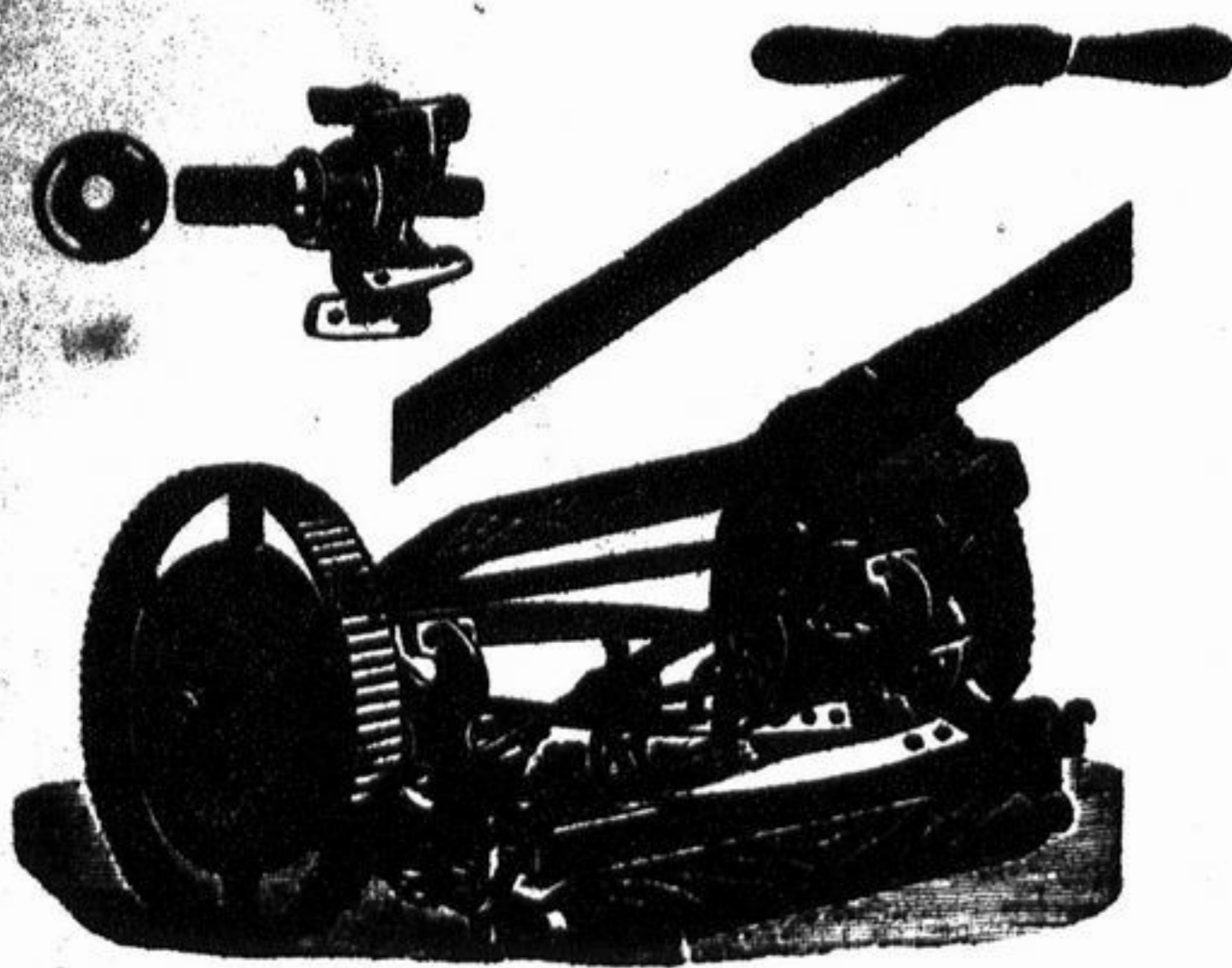


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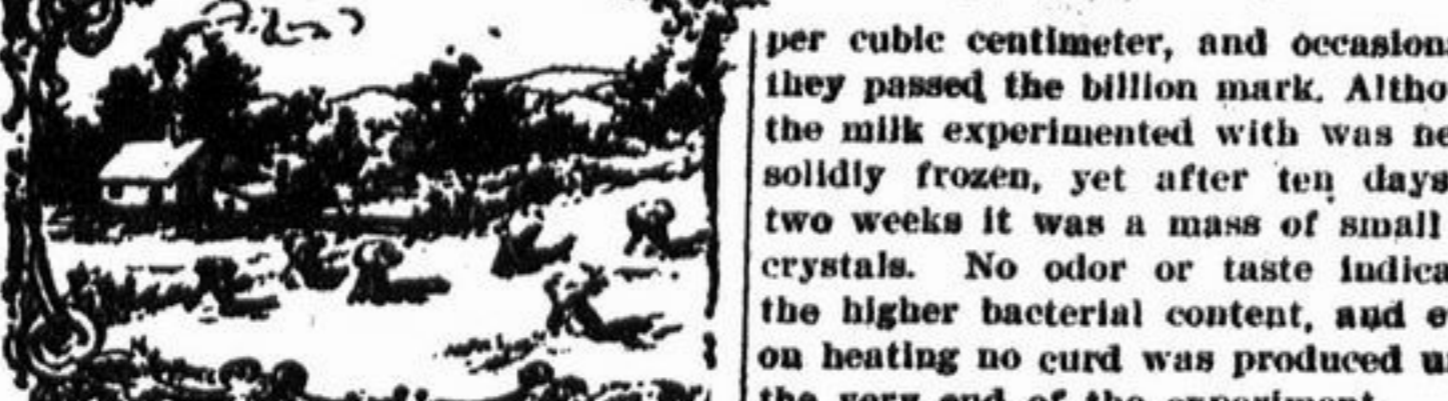
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The Family Melon Patch. Many who pride themselves on a good garden and are fond of melons never attempt to grow them.

Utilizing Waste Timber. The wood chemistry section of the Forestry Bureau has been giving some attention to the subject of production of turpentine from yellow pine waste.

per cubic centimeter, and occasionally they passed the billion mark. Although the milk experimented with was never solidly frozen, yet after ten days to two weeks it was a mass of small ice crystals.

Milk Cooler. This milk cooler is arranged so that the milk flows in a thin sheet over the outside. Cold water enters at the bottom.



Milk Cooler.

Feeding Cows on Grass. Professors Stewart and Atwood, of the West Virginia Experiment Station, last year conducted some careful tests to determine whether it is profitable to feed milk cows grain on grass.

Soil for Strawberries. There is no danger of getting the soil too rich for strawberries. Soil that will raise good potatoes will raise good strawberries.

The Bookkeeper on the Farm. First Farmer—That new hired man of yours must have been a bookkeeper before he came to you.

Orchard Work. A good test of a man's Christianity is to examine his apple barrel from top to bottom.

Killing Weeds by Spraying. Spraying grain fields with a solution of sulphate of iron as a means of killing mustard is an idea which is gaining great prominence in the grain-raising region of the Northwest.

Burn the Prunings. Never allow old wood of raspberries or blackberries to lie around. Burn every bit of it.

Trees in Fence Corners. The few scattering trees in the fence corners are frequently veritable breeding places for insect pests.

Bone Spavin. The chief cause of bone spavin are working a colt too young, fast driving over slippery roads and jerking and stopping the colt too quickly.

HINTS FOR FARMERS.

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

ORCHARD AND GARDEN. If trees set last spring need water, pull the soil away from around the roots, pour in a pailful and let it soak down, and then replace the earth.

Watch out for red rust in the blackberry or blackcap patch. Dig out and burn all infected plants at once.

When picking blackberries, get them out of the sun as soon as possible or they'll turn red in spots and not be so suitable. Hurry them into the crates and then into a cool cellar until time for shipping or selling.

Don't let up on the cultivating. Weeds grow like magic in the hot July sun. Besides keeping down the weeds, cultivation at this season will conserve moisture, and this is of vital importance to the growing crops.

The best time to sack grapes is when the berries are quite small—not larger than small peas. Ordinary two-pound paper sacks can be used.

WOMANLY WISDOM. You don't have to go to heaven to find angels. You may find them on almost any farm—sweet women, around the cook-stove, at the wash-tub, at the ironing-table, flitting about everywhere, ministering to the wants of their loved ones—sweet Marthas, the angels that the world cannot do without.

If milk is kept in an ice chest or closet, always have it in a tight vessel, either a bottle or other vessel with a tight lid.

Before pouring the water from vegetables, turn the lid upside down, or the water will be in the rim and run back into the pot.

Do not leave fresh meat wrapped in paper; it absorbs the ju-ice. Put it in a deep dish and turn a plate over it before putting it in the ice chest.

Raspberries and blackberry jams are much finer if the seeds are strained out with a sieve. Cook first, then run through a common flour sieve; return to the fire and put in the sugar.

Linum beans are excellent if dried while still young and green. Shell, put in cold water and set over the fire. As soon as the water begins to simmer drain it from the beans and spread them to dry. Unless the sun is very hot they are best spread on this muslin that is stretched over a hoop.

Do not get too busy to churn every time the cream is ready. Keep dairy salt in a dry place. Otherwise it will gather dampness and get lumpy.

Do not let your dairy shrink during July and August. Heavy losses are always sustained by not keeping the herd well fed through the dry season.

This is the season of the year that we hear of attacks from "perfectly quiet" bulls. If it is thought desirable to let the bull have a run in a pasture lot, see to it that he is given no opportunity to injure anybody.

When lambs are from three to four months old they should be weaned. Put in a crop of rutabagas for use next winter. Nothing better for sheep. A little attention at the right time and the trouble is over. A little neglect and the lamb is lost.

Sometimes a good mother will not let the lamb get nourishment on account of a sore teat or udder. We dab our sheep's noses good with pine tar at sheep-shearing time, and never have had any trouble with grub in the head.

A beginner in the sheep business should commence with a small flock—not more than twenty-five. The number can be increased as knowledge is gained by experience.

He Had Not Forgotten. Artist William M. Chase told a story of the eccentric Jimmy Whistler. It was at a dinner party after all the guests had been seated, when Chase gently drew Whistler's attention to the fact that he had forgotten his tie.

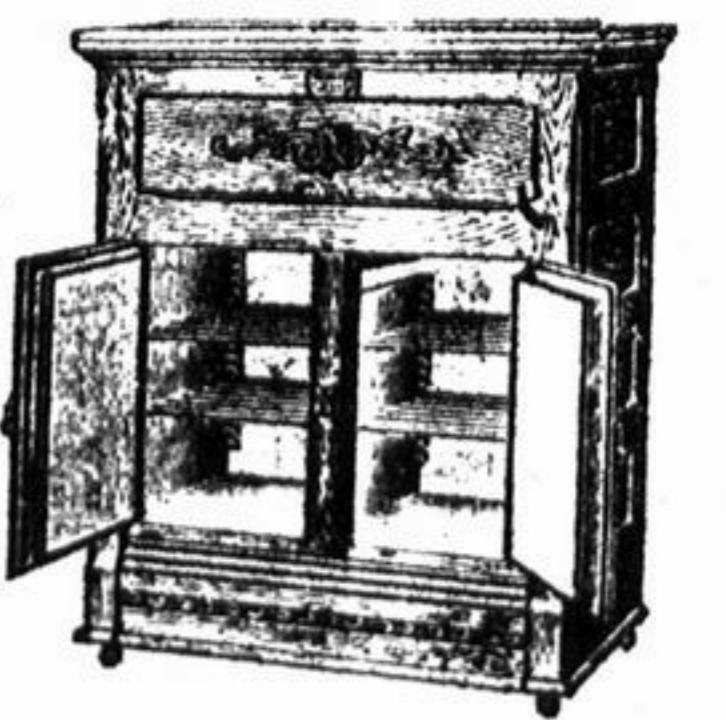
Still Had Hopes. "Say," queried the Wise Guy, "don't you ever get discouraged in trying to get something for nothing?" "Never" replied the granger, who had just invested in his twenty-third gold brick. "I've noticed that other fellers alters gits his that way, an' mobby in the course of time I'll be th' other fellow."

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