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FARM AND GARDEN

FEEDING SILAGE. The average dairyman feeds thirty to forty-five pounds of silage a day to each cow.

The silage should always be fed after milking on account of the odor that it imparts. If fed before, it is liable to taint the milk or at least cause it to have an objectionable odor.

The mangers, alleys, and every part of the barn should be entirely free from silage as soon as the cows have finished eating that part of their ration.

There are still extravagant claims made for the silo. A few enthusiastic advocates claim that putting corn in to a receptacle of this kind doubles its feeding value.

Dairy cows, as a rule, have given better results when fed on silage than when fed on equal amounts of corn fodder.

On the other hand, the stock likes the silage better than the corn fodder and will consume more of it, thereby leaving more nutriment to form milk after the wants of the body have been supplied.

1. Silage is more palatable the year through than dry corn fodder.

2. It is succulent, which makes it a satisfactory substitute for grass.

3. Stock will consume more silage than dry roughage.

4. It greatly increases the number of animals that can be kept on given acreage.

THE DUST BATH. While things are so dusty and dry it is a fine time to gather up the bathing material for the hens.

When the old hens are sold, or the ones culled out, is a good time to clean up the premises at any rate.

When tobacco stems and scraps are obtainable, use them among the nesting. The benefit will be very great.

When there is room to use one end or corner of the house for a bath room, and it will really take no more room than will the dusting box, the nest boxes fixed firmly above the dust place is a good thing.

THE COW'S INCOME. The average dairy cow costs \$30 per year to feed. It is easy to figure out that if the income from the sale of her milk does not exceed this amount, the cow is clearly not paying her way.

LET THE HENS SCRATCH. Keep the laying hens busy in scratching a good part of the day, and they will eat more and lay more.

Concrete Construction. The modern development of concrete construction has done much to improve the esthetic quality of railway engineering.

MILCH GOATS. In this country the goat is considered the bizzard among quadrupeds, the scavenger of refuse heaps, tolerated only in Mrs. Wiggs' cabbage patch and such slummy sections of towns.

Quite the Thing. "That's a queer design you have in the corner of your blizzard," remarked Slop.

Think It's appropriate, eh? "Yes, it's a long-sleeved blizzard," said Slop.

BRAINS IN FARM WORK.

Mr. Grout Says Physical Toil Can Never Make a Farmer—Many Are Only Miners.

Mr. A. P. Grout, of Winchester, Ill., owner of several farms, Farmers' Institute Director of the Twentieth Congressional District, and originator of the Farm School movement, gives young men of the farm some very plain reasons for getting an agricultural education if they expect to succeed in the business of farming under the conditions of the future, in substance as follows:

When a boy on a Vermont farm Mr. Grout learned to do every kind of farm work and no boy ever worked harder or more faithfully, but he did not see the lessons in what he did: he saw only the hard work. He made maple sugar, became an expert in cradling grain and binding grain by hand, was handy with an ax, experienced in breaking steers, etc.

FARMING BLINDLY AND BLINDLY.

It is farmers of this kind, who have worked early and late and untrigingly but unintelligently that have ruined and made desolate many fertile sections of this and other countries. It is farmers of physical force, but without knowledge, who are responsible for the abandoned farms of the eastern and older parts of this country—farmers who are working blindly and ignorantly.

MINING AND FARMING.

Along Fraser River in British Columbia, Mr. Grout saw the ground which had been dug over for gold; the soil has been washed away, leaving only rock and rubbish. It struck him that this mining is much like the kind of farming done by men who use only physical strength in their work.

Many farmers take these plant foods out of the soil every year in the form of grain and other products without returning anything to the soil to enable it to feed more crops in the coming seasons.

REAL FARMING. He said the real farmer is the man who grows big crops and returns all the golden elements of fertility to the soil so it can go on producing such big crops indefinitely without getting poorer.

What would you think of the surgeon whose only qualification for amputating a leg or arm was his ability to wield a carving knife and a saw?

Valuable Pies. "You mean to say you ask 20 cents for one of your mince pies?" "I do."

"But you can buy a mince pie anywhere for 10 cents." "Not like these."

"I don't see why these should be worth any more than any others?" "Well, I do. Why, a fellow found a gold dollar button in one of these pies yesterday!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Don't talk to the hungry man about the stars. Give him ham and eggs.

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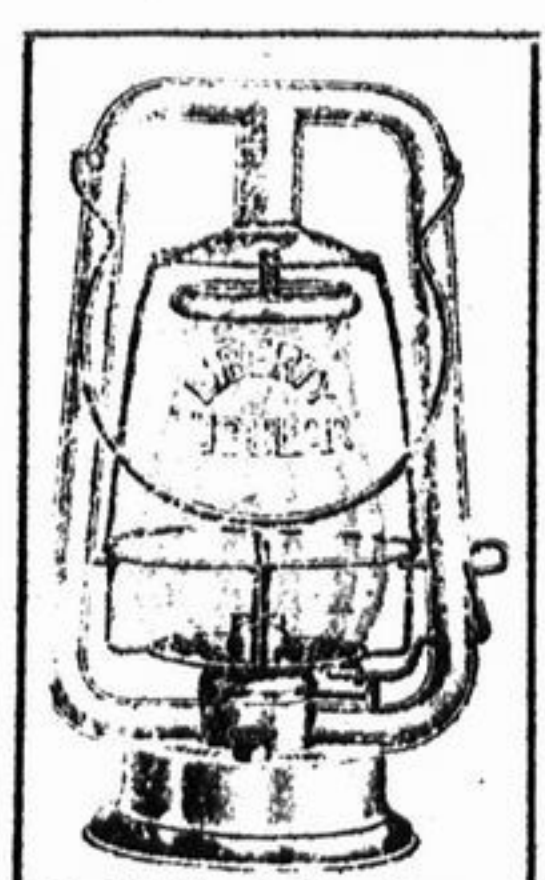
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A Memory Test. A professor of mnemonics had gone to lecture at or near Canterbury. After the lecture was finished he had to wait for his London train. It was a most comfortable day, and he retired to an inn for shelter and refreshment. To pass the time he began to exhibit his feats of memory to the yokels in the inn parlor, and one and all were thunderstruck except the waiter. There is always one skeptic in every communion, whether of saints or sinners. Do what he would he could not mitigate the acid smile of acid incredulity that glorified potman! In the midst of one of his most difficult feats the whistle sounded of the "only train to London to-night!" and he rushed off to catch it. He caught it at the station, and his reputation caught it in the inn parlor, for the waiter—coming in with some ordered refreshments and finding him gone—pointed to the corner where he had been sitting and exclaimed, "Sitly 'umbug, he's forgot his umbrella!"

Miles—In Russia the soldiers are not allowed to marry. Giles—That's where the Russian government makes a great mistake. Miles—Because why? Giles—Because a married man knows more about fighting than a single one. —Tit-Bits