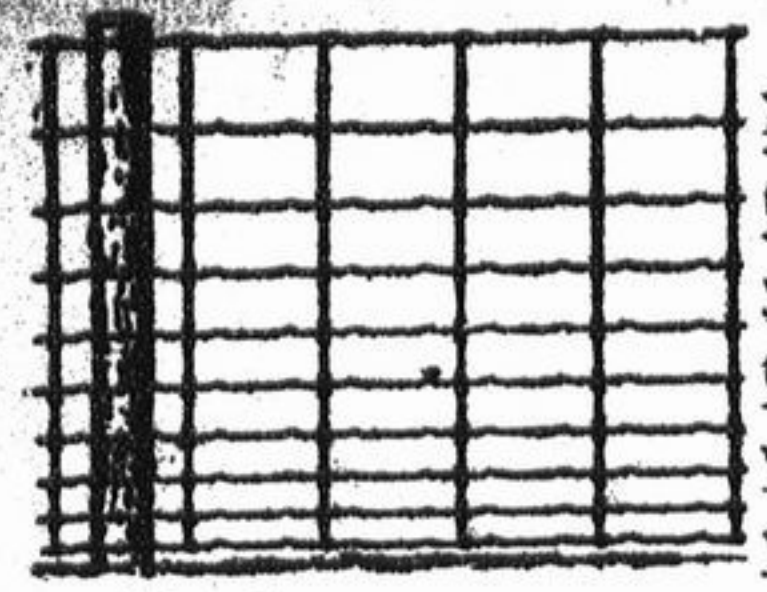


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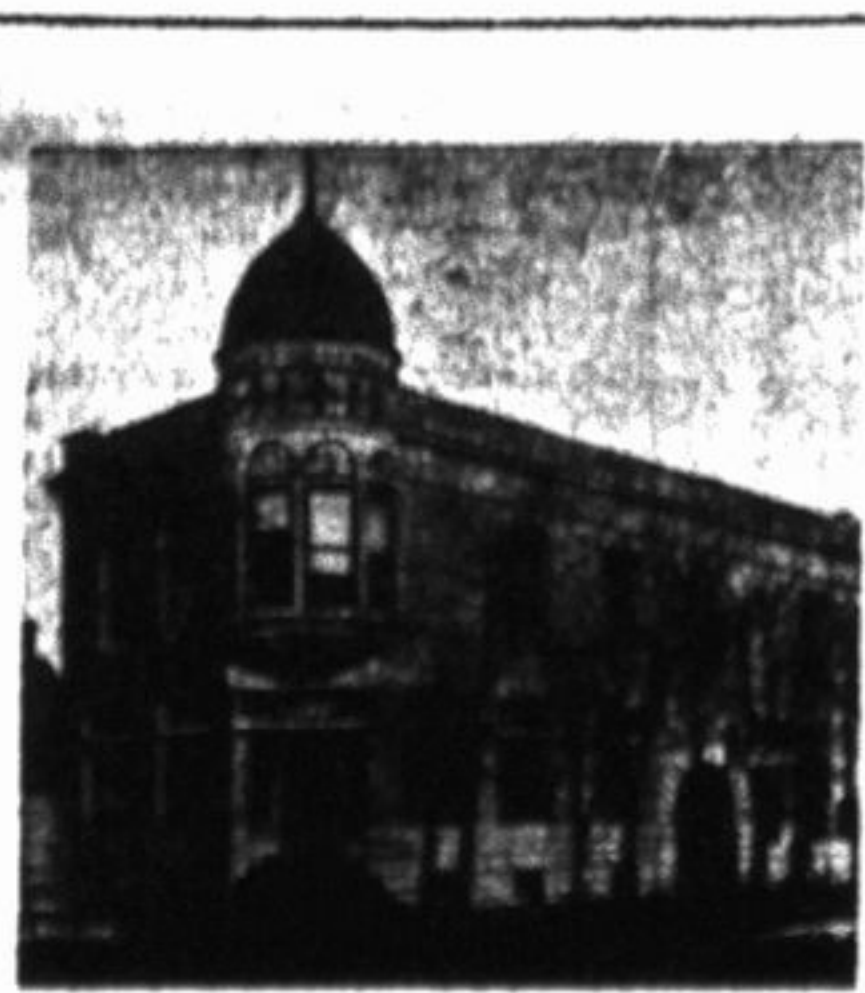
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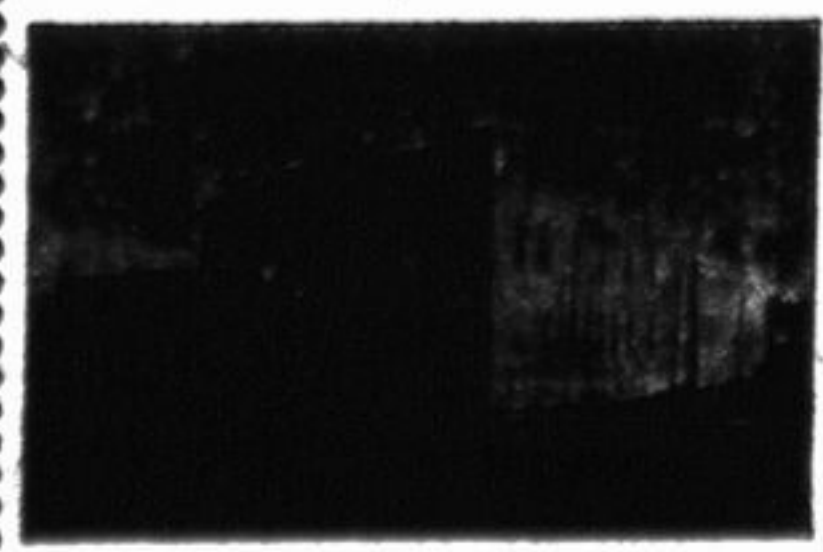
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FARM NOTES

A Good Strainer Is Necessary. Dirt-carrying bacteria once in the milk has done its harm, and no number of strainers of any kind yet invented can take out the pernicious germs. The best strainer for the average dairyman is a metal vessel, as shown in the cut, with a wire screen of 100 wires to the inch. A wire screen on a strainer should be replaced as soon as it becomes broken or rusted. The only satisfactory way to clean the screen of a strainer is with a small, stiff brush. The best kind of a strainer is one with the screen on the sides, rather than on the bottom, for then there is no undue pressure, which sometimes forces small particles of dirt through the screen. The screener cannot be counted upon to make up for previous carelessness in milking. Scientists say that a poor strainer may even increase the bacterial content of milk. In using cheesecloth or thick linen for straining milk it should not only be boiled after use, but should then

the cream, for two reasons, to develop a desirable flavor and to improve the keeping quality. Recent investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture indicate, however, that butter made from pasteurized sweet cream has better keeping qualities and remains free from objectionable flavors for a longer time than butter made from sour cream. If these facts are established it might seem that in the years to come on sweet cream would be bought for butter making.

Commercial Egg Farm. The production of market eggs is probably the safest branch of the poultry business, and the amount of capital invested need not be very large. In the New England States, New York and New Jersey there are many commercial egg farms, keeping from 500 to several thousand hens. The farmers, too, in this section of the country keep large flocks for eggs for the East, and many of them seem to be doing well and making money. What we need in the South is more egg farms. Lands are cheap, material for housing and labor cheap, and again, it is not necessary in the South to build such expensive houses. We have every advantage in the Southland for producing eggs at a less cost than our Northern brothers, and with quick and satisfactory railroad facilities to the Eastern markets the South should become the greatest poultry producing section of the entire country.

Other branches of the poultry industry may pay better than egg farming, but none are attended with so little worry and risk and are so certain of steady returns and a fair remuneration for the time and money expended.

Early Plowing Always Best. Last summer we got a field of wheat stubble about half plowed when other work called us away. The remaining stubble was turned under early this spring, and the whole field planted to corn. The corn on last summer's plowing is now several inches taller than that on the land plowed this spring, and is ranker and better in every other way.

There is a difference between summer and fall plowing, the difference being in favor of the summer plowing. Turning a green growth into the soil seems to be very much better than turning an equal growth under, but waiting until it has matured and dried before doing it. Here on this farm we aim to do all the plowing possible this summer. It may be hot work but the days are long and one does not need to hurry the teams. Not only is it better to get the work done as soon as possible for any crop to be sown this fall, but our experience proves to us that the earlier the better if corn is to be the next crop.—Farmer's Mail and Breeze.

A New Shelter. The form of individual hoghouse shown in the illustration is 6 feet square on the ground and both doors are hinged so they will open and close readily; 12 foot boards make the side and roof. Use good soft pine flooring, as it is lighter and much easier to move when necessary than heavier lumber; four pieces 2x4 inch and 6 feet long are for sills; two pieces 2x4 inch and 6 feet long are for ridge and plate. The door in the roof can be opened when the sun shines. Sun shine is the best tonic known for little pigs in the early spring, and the door is essential when the sow needs attention at pigging time as a means of entrance and, as is sometimes the case, a very hasty exit.—Breeder's Gazette.

Starting Indians as Farmers. The Cheyenne River Agency will be busy for some time to come, as the distribution of live stock to Indians has commenced. To each head of a family is to be given twenty-three head of 2-year-old heifers, or in case he so desires a team of mares, a wagon and harness, agricultural implements, five cows and \$50 in cash, says the Pierre correspondent of the St. Paul Dispatch.

This distribution means that to any of the Indians who desire will be given a start of about \$1,000 in value either toward starting a herd of cattle or beginning farming operations without any expense.

Though Cultivation. If the ground is cultivated often enough no weeds can grow, and if the ground for a crop is carefully prepared before putting in the seed, by deep plowing and frequent harrowing, the cultivation required after the plants are up need not be more than 1 inch deep. If this is done after every rain there can be no weeds, and they will become fewer every year, while the cultivation will prevent loss of moisture in the soil by affording a loose covering of dry earth.

Feeding Manure to Plants. Our people are perfectly satisfied that they can put character into milk and cream and butter by feeding the dairy cow a properly balanced ration and all that she will properly stand. The cow is simply a machine, the soil is simply a machine, and the cabbage head is a machine into which we can put a certain amount of material and turn out from it so many dollars. If you feed this vegetable matter, with high-grade nitrogenous manure you can make it pay.

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Preferred Human Documents.
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But you've never read"—
And she shook her head—
"Five feet of books!"
"Mere bookish lore,
My dearest Pearl!"
Said Fred, "Is a bore!
But I do adore
Five feet of girl!"
—Chicago Tribune.

HUMAN WEAKNESS.
It was in the Bertillon room.
"You have the system down pretty fine," commented the visitor.
"Yes," responded the police examiner, "even to the identification by finger prints."
"But how do you get the finger impression when the prisoner is unwilling to let you have it?"
"Oh, through strategy. We must hang a 'Wet Paint' sign on the wall and the prisoner is certain to touch it when we are not looking."—Boston Post.

TRUE TO THE SEX.
Mrs. Stubb—John, they say that one-half of the world don't know how the other half lives. I wonder which half knows.
Mr. Stubb—Why, the feminine half, Maria. If they don't know they'll soon find out.—Boston Post.

SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE.
"Oh, dear!" sighed the business, "I wish I knew whether the duke is going to propose to me."
"Well," rejoined the penniless beauty, "why don't you cable his solicitors?"—Boston Post.

HOW IT HAPPENED.
"Why did you leave your last place?" asked the boss.
"I got six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.—Boston Post.

AT THE CARD CLUB.
First Bridge Friend—Mrs. Thompson has fainted away!
Second Bridge Friend—How provoking of her! She might have waited until she was dummy.—Life.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.
"What did they do with the money their aunt left them?"
"Spent it for a monument to their aunt's memory and an automobile."
"What did the monument cost?"
"Seven dollars."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PROMPT ACTION.
"I want to ask your advice," said King Midas. "You've heard that everything I touch turns to gold."
"Yes," answered the financial expert.
"What shall I do about it?"
"Get out a prospectus and start in declaring dividends so that our stock can be floated before the myth experts get busy."—Washington Star.

AT THE PLAY.
"The plot thickens, here."
"That's good. It's been pretty darned thin up to now."—Cleveland Leader.

NO MORE ROMANCE.
"Have you" inquired the poet, "a moss-covered bucket about the place?"
"No, sir," answered the farmer.
"All our animals are sterilized and strictly sanitary."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HELPING HIM OUT.
"That familiar quotation escapes me," said Rivers, nibbling his pencil.
"Competition is—"
"The first law of nature," prompted Brooks.—Chicago Tribune.

QUITE APPROPRIATE.
"Wh' is become of that pretty young actress I saw last year?"
"She's starting."
"And the young fellow who seemed to be so devoted to her?"
"He's still mooning."—Baltimore American.

OF COURSE.
"Mankind can not live without poetry."
"Evidently the poets don't think so."
"Why not?"
"If they did, they would combine and put up the price."—Kansas City Journal.

NOT RECENTLY.
"There's a funny item in this paper about an Ohio man refusing an offer of a fat Commonwealth."
"Where? Let me see it!"
"There it is."
"Oh, you ninny! Don't you see the headline over that collection of items? 'Happenings of Fifty Years Ago!'"

A CRUEL JEST.
"Mike," said Pe-ding Pete, "here's wuss times dan zed bricks."
"What's happened?"
"Do lady up do road sad fat if I'd chop an armful of wood she'd gimme a cake."
"Didn't she keep her word?"
"Yep. She handed me a cake o' soap."—Washington Star.

STYLE'S FREAKISHNESS.
"I want to be dressed in the height of fashion," said Mr. Suddenroth.
"I'll see to it that your clothes fit you perfectly," replied the tailor.
"But that's what I'm in doubt about. Is it fashionable just now to have your clothes fit?"—Washington Star.

PROFESSIONAL SCORN.
Knicker—What did the gardener say when he saw your lawn?
Bocker—He asked if I shaved my self.—New York Sun.

The easiest task in the world for a man, explains the Peoria Herald, is to have some other man do the right thing.

In Madrid no one tempts misfortune by marrying on Tuesday.
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