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On the Farm

Average Farmer and Dairying

The person who could succeed in getting up some scheme of interesting the average farmer in the dairy business would be entitled to have his name enrolled among the benefactors of the human race.

While this may seem to be an extravagant statement it is not so much so as it might seem before it is examined into more closely.

The average farmer to-day is a dairyman just because he happens to be. He did not go into it premeditatedly, he just drifted into it. He found himself with a few cows and a little more milk and cream than had than his family could consume and he sold it, and he probably gave no thought to whether it was a good product or not. He sold it simply because he found out he could, and he probably never took the trouble to look up the price in the test.

As long as the average farmer is as indifferent as this, we can look for but little difference in the character of the raw material that is coming to the creameries.

Just what is going to be necessary to interest the average farmer in dairying is pretty hard to tell. One thing is certain, he cannot be driven into it. It also seems that he can be persuaded into it.

Early Care of Breeding Swine.

In selecting breeding stock we have to select the pigs from farrows as they arrive at the age that I prefer to have my sows when they drop their first litter and when a sow is to obtain a large part of her growth and development on pasture and forage crops the following summer they arrive at the very best period for development to breed in the next spring.

I aim to select large, roomy sows with good length and, of course, legs and short heads, with a wide space between the eyes, medium bone and fine hair, girth with well sprung ribs and a well developed heart and vital organs consequently a vigorous and hardy constitution. Sows that come from prolific families are certain to inherit that quality and become good breeders themselves, that descend from families that are less prolific. When we get a good sow that brings a large litter of good pigs we keep her as long as she will breed. W. M. Ke...

Helpful Hints for Fitting and Exhibiting Sheep.

Choose show sheep from a well-bred flock.

Select only sheep of proper type and conformation.

Be sure that all necessary feed and equipment are provided.

Make all preparations for feeding in ample time and commence fitting early.

Keep sheep gaining gradually and never crowd them at any time.

Study their condition and progress daily.

Do not attempt to fit sheep unless you love them, take pride in them, and have great ambition to make a success as a showman.

Give the utmost care to sheep at the show and never neglect them in any way, if you hope to win any honors.

Facts About Raisins.

Raisins are sun-dried grapes. Grapes are among the most nutritious fruits commonly used on American tables.

In the process of drying the large amount of water which enters into the composition of the grape is evaporated to such an extent that, while the fresh grape contains seventy-seven per cent. water, the raisin has less than fifteen per cent.

This makes it one of the most concentrated of foods. Also it is one of the richest in nitrogenous matter. And its fat content is higher, on the average, than that of any other fruit.

From this you may see it is a food of valuable food.

That is what to remember first about the raisin—it is a food.

A food that is as agreeable to eat as it is nourishing and one that can be prepared in a great number of attractive and palatable ways.

And there is another important thing to remember about the raisin. In addition to its food value, it has certain medicinal qualities which make it extra healthful. This is in some measure, is true of all dried fruits. It is particularly true of the raisin.

So when we use raisins for our tables we are getting nutriment and health at a very low cost, for raisins are cheap, even when figured at first cost, and when their food value is taken into consideration, they are among the cheapest of foods.

This is one of their chief virtues for in selecting foods for our tables we should pay particular attention to cost. It is just as important to live economically as to live well. And the raisin might well be counted among the first aids to lower cost of living.

Fashion Hints

Paris Notes.

Sleeve styles become charmingly complicated as their vogue increases. In general, form shows little variation. All are more or less alike in general shape. Set-in sleeves seem a more fitted appearance than the mono and raglan forms of the season. In their decorative features their real attractiveness lies.

Turban shaped collars, like those of the dainty lace blouse, are favorites. In this blouse they are worked with revers which form a V-shaped neck. The deep collar effect is also a style feature of the blouse. These collars (revers) sometimes appear as if they fall to the waist. Among the most attractive of the new French neckwear are those of organdie, and embroidered in heavily padded patterns with mercerized cotton or silk, or dashing openwork results.

A narrow encircling collar that stands away from the neck is a part of a martial military blouse—a wide collar for any one with a long neck. Made of two thicknesses of material and stiffened with wire, supports, it fences the neck strongly without touching it.

Tailored suit and dress braids are being introduced by Paris this season. A welcome variation of the silk and mohair braids that have reigned with a sudden rush are those of the "zouave" braid, in a yellow-black pattern, bordering serge tailored suits very popular. Extremely elaborate braids, simple as ribbon, are used for trimming hats, belts, and even for daytime gowns.

Fashion of the hen. Hens are very particular about their nests. They will not lay in a nest that has been used by another hen. Hens are very clean birds, and they will not lay in a nest that has been used by another hen. Hens are very clean birds, and they will not lay in a nest that has been used by another hen.

Problem of the coat.

Fashion has decreed that the coat must be worn over the evening gown. This is because the wearer would be uncomfortable if she should be without a coat, because she would need a garment that she could put on or take off at will during the evening, because she would need a garment that she could put on or take off at will during the evening, because she would need a garment that she could put on or take off at will during the evening