

# FARM-FIELD AND GARDEN

## BEAUTIFYING THE LAWN.

There seems to be a growing disposition on the part of most people to beautify their farms by keeping fresh green lawns and planting trees and shrubs. When one sees a well arranged lawn, it looks like an easy matter to so lay one out as to give a good appearance, but when it comes to doing the actual work incongruities are sure to creep in to mar the general effect. There is no code of rules to guide one in arranging the lawn. The object is to give a natural effect, and nature never imitates, but her every condition is original. There are, however, certain features of landscape gardening which are more suitable for the fronts of farm buildings than for city lawns, which are too often taken as models in the country. Generally speaking, the former are less restricted and lend themselves to arrangements requiring greater scope than the city properties afford.

To get the best arrangement of trees and lawn it is essential that the buildings be a reasonable distance apart, and from the highway. As little as possible should be seen of fences, and small attention need be given to flowers, but nothing is so consistent with a country home as a broad, well-sodded and shady lawn. By sowing low-growing grasses, such as red-top, blue grass and white clover, a good sod is obtained without much cropping, thus doing away with continued lawn mowing, which would otherwise require all the spare time to be had. After getting a sod and the lying out of paths should come the setting of trees and shrubs. This planting is a feature that needs to be enlarged upon on most farms. It gives the grounds a park like appearance, and everyone recognizes that a natural park is an ideal place in which to live. The planting of these shrubs and trees gives the best effect when they are planted indiscriminately but judiciously. The trees, being taller than the shrubs, should form the background, while the latter can be set more forward in clumps.

On most farms where improvement of this kind has been done, considerable taste has been displayed, and it is simply to emphasize the importance of introducing more scope into the arrangements of the lawn that this note is sounded. A little reach of imagination off into a country where wide-spreading trees and beautiful flowering shrubs abound, in which nest all kinds of birds, where limitation and restriction are conditions unknown, and then trying to work out a realization of this image on the lawn, will often tend to beautiful arrangement and an effect that is most inviting.

## SHEEP NOTES.

Blood, breeding, and feed are the three great factors with which the wool growers can work out success.

Sheep with medium wool of medium length will not get to the hide when it rains.

To secure the most profit from sheep premises they should be sheltered from storms.

Many flocks are made unhealthy by leaving the manure for the sheep to lie upon and allowing them to breathe the foul air arising from it.

By careful selection of the ewes and using a thoroughbred ram the flock can soon be brought up to where they will prove a source of profit.

In order to obtain vigor we must sustain and build up the muscles and furnish food for activity.

To produce fat requires to fill up the tissues and to store up material for heat and life for existence.

To produce plenty of wool the body must be in a healthy condition as regards its digestive functions, and all its wants supplied.

In nearly all cases it is best to feed some grain to the sheep during the winter. The grain gives life, warmth, and strength to withstand disease.

A change of food is better for all animal life, not to pamper by high feed and close quarters but give good healthy living from first to last.

One advantage of sheep manure is that of itself it is not a distribution of weed seeds as is often the case with that of other animals.

As a meat producer the sheep ranks above the ox; that is, a given amount of grain will produce more when fed to sheep than to cattle.

If sheep are to increase in flesh or even continue in good condition the food must contain certain elements which when digested will produce animal heat, fat and muscle.

There is a difference between an oily sheep and a puny one. A sheep that has yellow gum in his wool cannot stand anything, but a sheep that has white oil will come through all right.

No more sheep should be kept in any run than can be fed in racks in the same run and have plenty of space to lie down in and for exercise.

Every drenching rains, every exposure to sudden changes from heat to cold, every lot of hay trodden under foot in muddy feed lots or yards is so much loss to the flock owner.

In feeding sheep the aim should be to have as much of the feed eaten as

possible without waste and at the same time know that every sheep is having all it needs to make the most profit.

## CARE OF GRINDSTONE.

When a stone is new it is readily hung true with patent hangings. Sometimes a side is softer, or from being left in the water wears away faster. Set a spade handle firmly against the ground and edge of blade so it will catch the highest spots and the stone is readily turned down smooth and true. If too badly out of true for this, hold a lead pencil to each side while revolving so as to mark the greatest possible diameter. With a marble cutter's chipping chisel, or one made from a piece of buggy spring, or even a large cold chisel held sloping well upward just over the pencil mark, strike with a hammer and chip carefully from each edge of stone to centre. This will leave a ridge in the centre of stone. In the same way chip off this ridge, beginning where cut is shallow and holding chisel parallel with face of stone. When down to one-half to one-quarter inch of pencil marks, finish by turning down with spade. Always wash off the steel and grit from stone after use and it will prevent the hard glaze forming on the surface. If stone becomes badly glazed it may be eaten off with strong sulphuric or nitric acid, or turned off with a spade. If you want to grind rapidly let the grit form a paste on surface of stone rather than to run the stone in a trough of water.

## TO GET CLEAN MILK.

The two most important points to be observed in buttermaking are cleanliness and proper temperature. To ensure high quality the first requisite is the very best of raw material. That means milk from good healthy cows, which have been fed wholesome, well flavored food, and which have had only good pure water to drink. Even yet this milk may deteriorate in quality by filth falling into it, by absorption, or by bacterial development which may produce injurious flavors. Hence we see the necessity of cleanliness in milk production. Brush the side and udder of the cow in order to prevent filth from falling into the milk pail. Milk with clean, dry hands, and remove as soon as possible to a place where the atmosphere is pure, and have it immediately strained.

## DO NOT PITY YOURSELF.

Habit of Magnifying and Brooding Over Troubles.

We may not all be able to practise self-denial, but a certain amount of self-forgetfulness is open to all of us. Whatever troubles we may have, we are under no necessity of magnifying and multiplying them by brooding over them. If we can do it in no other way, we can easily throw ourselves off the worn and beaten and weary track of our own miseries by thinking about somebody else's. Bad as ours may be, we can always find somebody whose troubles are worse.

The trouble is not made by our working for our own good. We all have to do that in this age of the world. The man who pursues his own proper interest is not to be blamed. The evil that does need to be condemned, however, is the practice of buttonholing one's woes in a corner of one's heart, and then sitting down and passing the days and nights with them.

If life turns out to be a hard struggle the work cannot be eased in the slightest by ceaselessly remembering that one has to do it. The moments are lengthened by brooding over them; they are shortened by thinking about something else. We increase the weight of our troubles by taking thought about their weight.

There are but too many things for a man to do who is burdened by troubles. One is to get rid of them, if he can. The other is to endure them, and say nothing about them, if he cannot.

What ever you do, do not pity yourself. It does not pay.

## RUBBING IT IN.

Bridget—Miss Gladys is not at home, sor.

Mr. Kallow—Really? Pshaw. That's too bad!

Bridget—Yes, sor; but she said if that's a box of candy ye're carryin' she hoped ye'd l'ave it.

Mother (telling a fairy tale)—"The palace was most beautiful, and scented with the most lovely perfumes and—" Little Daughter (eagerly interrupting)—"Was there a lovely smell of baked apple, mammy?"

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## OLD MOORE'S PROPHECIES

EUROPE FATED TO HORRORS DURING NEXT YEAR.

National Disorders, Social Distress and Terrible Death Roll.

"Old Moore" has issued his annual prophecies from his home in Pilgrim Lane, London, and as usual he portends any amount of disaster and flow of blood during the twelve months beginning with January next, while his customary fears concerning the safety of His Majesty are not omitted. Red and black is the dominant coloring of his prognostications for each successive month. Various countries in Europe are to experience much disorder, and even England is not to escape her share of misfortune, though Spain and Russia are most fated to suffering. French and English troops are to fight side by side somewhere. Marine and other calamities on a large scale are featured in the prophecies and altogether it is a cheerless outlook.

In January "the elevation of Jupiter is favorable for the King, the government, and for those who hold high and lucrative offices. The planet Mars threatens wrecks and dangers on the high seas; collisions and fatalities on the railways, and a dangerous time for traveling. Saturn sits ominously on the cusp of the 8th in his own domain, foreshadowing an appalling number of sudden deaths, deaths from heart disease, more especially during the latter half of the month or after the new moon on the 17th. The state of the public health will not be good and our old enemy the influenza will still be busy among us. There will be a good deal of unrest in commercial centres, and securities will fluctuate widely. Strikes will be threatened during the early part of the month, and much distress and privation amongst the poorer classes. In Russia plots will be hatched, for distress will be very acute, and it will behoove the Czar to hasten on and extend his measures of reform."

## "MAY OUR KING ESCAPE."

In February, Saturn holds the premier place, and "from the time the month enters until it closes, it will be marked with disaster." Most serious events will befall the nation. Death will reap a giant harvest. "May our illustrious King escape, may the rays of the benefic Jupiter surround him and shield him from sickness and danger. From our colonies, from foreign countries, European and Asiatic, will unfavorable news arrive. Let there be no mistake about it, old England will be in trouble and danger this month. A very heavy expenditure on army and navy equipments is threatened, and but little abatement in the way of taxation do I see. Again will the country be appalled by the number of sudden deaths and shocking suicides. Business will be depressed and money scarce. The labor markets will be excited, particularly early in the month. Germany is likely to give us trouble. It is evident that Germany is the enemy to our trade and greatness. American cousins flout him, let us do the same."

Uranus, man's disturber, is in the ascendant during March. Suicide and unrest is in sight. Finance will suffer. The government will "continue to spend money in foolish schemes with a lavish hand. What we require is a large and well manned navy and a small and efficient army." Then, the warlike planet Mars is found in the ruling signs of Old England. "Let us hope it does not mean war."

Great changes in the political world and in the government circles are promised in April, when the fiery Mars, in the fiery sign Aries, is in elevation above all planets. Should a general election be held the government will be badly beaten. The elevation of Mars is not good for the health of the King, and the finances of the country will be in a deplorable condition. It looks more like an increase than decrease of taxation. The obnoxious planet Saturn is so situated that difficulties with foreign powers, colonial troubles, shocks of earthquakes and storm may be looked for. "The next two years will be marked with a most uncommon number of sudden deaths, far exceeding anything hitherto recorded."

## WAR IN TURKEY IN MAY.

In May, the glorious sun becomes afflicted by the hostile rays of the leaden hued Saturn. This is not good for the health of the King, neither can it be pronounced favorable for the general welfare of the nation. On the continent, in the domains of the Grand Turk, will the tramp of troops and the roar of cannons be heard. The noise will reverberate to the might dominions of the Czar of All the Russians, and he will find it difficult to hold his hand from engaging in bloody strife. In Austria will be witnessed strange events and an upheaval of political agitation. Hungary will aspire to become a separate nationality and shake off the yoke of Austria. They are a brave people and sincere friends of England; may their dream be realized! In Spain, serious disturbances will occur, may be strikes, I hope nothing more serious. But under an inauspicious star the young King will find his hands full. Troops will be marched from place to place

to overawe the rebellious spirit of his subjects.

Old England at this time will be the scene of many misfortunes, and a shock of earthquake may awaken its inhabitants to the mighty power of nature. Trouble is brewing. French and English troops will fight side by side as they have done before.

The new moon alters the favorable aspect of Jupiter in June, and with Neptune to assist, the outlook is gloom. "For the space of a lunar month we shall be face to face with grave complications in connection with our foreign policy. We shall be in doubt and be harassed in many ways, and the pocket of John Bull will suffer. The friends of England will prove false ones, and our reliance must be upon ourselves. It was so in days long gone by, and it will be so again. In the United States tornadoes will be frequent and of a most destructive character. There will also be strikes, fires, lynchings, and an appalling increase of crime. The country that will suffer most from the influence of the "ruddy planet" will be Spain. That unhappy land has not yet drunk the cup of its sorrow, and its soil will again and again be soaked with blood of its sons."

## "WOE TO THE CROWNED HEADS."

"What do we see? A satelitium of planets, harnessed in the twelfth house, the house of secret crime," says the prophet in July.

"Woe to crowned heads. Disaster upon disaster will occur, and the wail of woe will be heard in many lands. The spirit of anarchy, that stabs in secret, will be abroad. From the elevation of the beautiful planet Jupiter, better events will occur in our beloved land. Let anarchy abound abroad, there is precious little in this country. Let others prate, there is no country so secure for life and freedom as old England. Our fight for freedom has been fought and won, younger nations have yet to fight for theirs. Again I behold an appalling number of sudden deaths."

Mars and Jupiter together, in August, is of evil omen. Noted men in law and the church will go to that land whence no traveler returns and Britannia will weep their loss. Keen brained financiers will suffer heavy losses. The money market will be deranged, and a heavy depreciation in securities will result. In France, that land of bold adventure and new ideas, some shocking and fatal accidents will occur chiefly in connection with aerial navigation. On the high seas disaster will follow disaster with appalling frequency. At home the funeral bell will be continually tolling for the departed spirits, that have suddenly, and in many cases, without warning, left their earthly tenements. There seems some trouble brewing for old England's exchequer, and the constantly increasing expenditure will leave the country short of money. The slow progress of the planet Saturn through the sign Aquarius will cause much unrest and secret crime in the huge empire of the Czar. The reforms which he has inaugurated with so much tardiness will be made but the bait for more sweeping demands.

## FRANCE, SPAIN, GERMANY.

All is trouble again in September. Great fatalities will befall pleasure parties, schools, and places of amusement. Death will stalk around the coast and call for many victims. Fires will be numerous and fatal. The trade of the country will be poor, while the expenses will be high and heavy. Sudden deaths will again assume a large figure, and the general health of the country will be unsatisfactory. France will be particularly unfortunate and a wave of discontent with the existing order of things will sweep over the country.

There is nothing of a very violent nature held out for October, although "it will be a fatal month for those who travel by water."

On the 7th of November, in the p.m. occurs the new moon, and the great benefic Jupiter will have just ascended the eastern horizon in the fiery sign Aries. Happy omen! Aries, the Ruling Sign of England. It denotes benefit to the country in every way, and the return of Liberal government to power. On the ocean, on the wild depths of the sea, will terrible disasters and wrecks occur. Yea, a month noted for maritime catastrophes. The enemies of old England will be active. Our navy will require strengthening to enable Britannia to rule the waves. Alas, poor Spain! The country will be riven with the foul spirit of anarchism and rebellion. In Hungary the passions of men will run high and its aspirations towards a separate Kingdom will be fully awake.

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Still mournful is the prophet's outlook for December.

"After sunset, in the southwestern sky, brilliant and beautiful, will be seen that most splendid of all stars, the planet Venus. In the morning, before the golden sun bedecks the eastern horizon, a red star will be seen to ascend. There is no lustrum in its ray. It is the star of anger, of war, of combat, of bloodshed. At the new moon early on the morning of the 7th that star will be conspicuous and will raise the ire of the assassin's thoughts in more than one breast. A dire crime will be committed; it may be, a crown will fall, and the old maxim will be again fulfilled. "Unhappy lies the head that wears a crown." Towards the close of the month sudden deaths will occupy the nation's attention, and more than one home will be left suddenly sad and sorrowing."

## THE CHOICE OF TWO EVILS

An ominous silence greeted Bobby's entrance. There was a wild look in his eye; his clothes were disarranged and there was just a suggestion of blood about his mouth.

Mamma frowned severely, and papa hid himself behind his paper. "Ahem!" began mamma. Bobby squared his shoulders and prepared for the coming attack. "Ahem! Don't you know, Bobby, that it's very wrong of little boys to fight?"

Bobby pretended to find a point of interest in the pattern of the hearth-rug.

"Haven't I told you, Bobby, that it's very wicked to fight?" demanded mamma, in a tone that was meant to be sorrowful.

Thus challenged, Bobby fell back on argument. "He hit me first, mamma," he pleaded.

"Ah, but that doesn't make any difference. Nobody loves little boys who fight."

Bobby pondered for a few moments, and then his face brightened. "Is that so?" he asked.

"Yes, my dear; nobody will love you if you are always fighting. And look at your clothes!"

"Well," said Bobby, with slow deliberation, "then, mamma, I think it better to be unloved!"

Something like a chuckle escaped from papa as he fled from the room.

## A REAL ARGUMENT.

Some advertisers say what they have to say and let it go at that. The best advertisement is that which has an argument and which proves a point. The surest way to get the real interest of the buyer is to have something to sell, to have a reason for selling it, and to make that reason a plausible one so that the buyer may want the goods and may see the advantage of buying when the merchant wants to sell. There are points which require development in the hands of the advertiser and ideas which require nursing until they develop into good, healthy desires on the part of possible customers. The thing that makes the one buy and which fails to close a deal with another must be considered, and the whole business of buying and selling must be focused into an argument which will convince the greatest number; and then the brain power must be put to work to get the others who were not convinced by the first arguments. It keeps the advertiser thinking to get the right reasons for expecting to sell to everybody, and the more reasons the merchant develops the more certain he will be to reach the people as a whole, and so obtain the lion's share of the business.

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