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HINTS FOR THE FARMER.

BARN CONSTRUCTION.

A gentleman whose barn was recently burned asks us for the names of books devoted to plans of barns and if there are architects who make a specialty of barn construction.

To both of his questions we must answer that we know of none. The reason for lack of publications especially devoted to barn construction is that ideas have been changing so rapidly during the last few years that nothing thoroughly up to date has been published in book form.

The changing ideas relative to barn construction are due to a growth of the feeling that cattle must have more light, more air, and better air than was formerly supposed to be necessary.

The essential principle of modern barn construction is that there shall be a main building for storage only, with one story ells to be used exclusively for stock.

There are many adaptations of this principle, according to circumstances, the lay of the land, the size of the dairy and the means of the owner. In a number of instances where these modern barns have been built, the land is of such a slope, as to allow of a light, dry, airy basement under the whole of the main barn which affords an excellent storage place for wagons and farm machinery.

The ell for the stock will be of such length as is necessary to accommodate all the animals to be kept; there may be more than one if needed. This ell is usually of sufficient width to allow room for the passage of a wagon loaded with green crops through the centre, with a row of stalls on each side, and liberal passage ways in the rear.

The floors of these barns for stock are made of wood, cement, or various kinds of artificial stone. In some mangers are built for feeding the cattle, while in others they are fed from the cement floor, a concavity having been shaped in the cement.

The latest notion as to stalls is in favor of box stalls. These allow the cows greater freedom, the idea being that cows do best when they are in the most contented frame of mind possible; anything that tends to promote absolute content and mental serenity is reflected favorably at the milk pail.

AN ACRE OF HENS.

Go ahead and build one house that will accommodate one hundred fowls, writes Fanny Field. Put a partition through the middle, and keep your fowls in two flocks of fifty each.

Plough up two of the yards and sow to rye. As soon as it is up a few inches put your fowls in those yards. The rye will furnish green food until snow comes, in winter whenever the fowls can get at the ground, and the first thing in spring. Should the rye be likely to grow too high in the fall, just burn your cow in for a little while, occasionally, and let her feed it down.

PREPARING HORSES FOR MARKET.

No fixed rule can be laid down, but it is very necessary that the horses be well fed. They must come to the auction with glossy coats, smooth hair and must be well broken.

HOSPITAL FOR BIRDS.

Curious Institution for the Treatment of Suffering Birds Situated at Norwood.

How many Londoners know of the Birds' Hospital down in Norway? says a letter from that great city. A canary with a broken leg, your seedy parrot, your prize poultry with tuberculosis, your racing pigeon with a touch of "liver"—each is welcomed there and restored.

This old institution is in charge of Professor Vale, who was led to the closer study of birds' ailments from the fact that his own died under the ordinary treatment. He made frequent experiments with medicines, and now, after fourteen years of study, he considers himself capable of curing almost any feathered creature suffering from accident or ailment.

"I cured a valuable racing pigeon a few days ago," said the doctor. "It came home ill and wasted, and when I sent it back it was gaining flesh and ready to fly for a cup. Larger birds? Yes, swans and turkeys, I have attended both."

Mr. Vale explained the various constituents of canary seed, and demonstrated that they were in a very different proportion from that required by nature. Starch is the great enemy of the human race, according to Mr. Vale. If the system was entirely free from starchy foods one would throw off disease without effort, and the modern Briton would live, as his forebears, to one hundred and twenty years.

A VERSATILE MAN.

Maj. Henery—Want a job, eh? What are you capable of doing? Applicant—Well, suh, I kin white-wash chicken-coops.

Maj. Henery—Anything else? Applicant—Oh, yes, I kin disinfect chicken-coops.

Maj. Henery—Anything else? Applicant—Yes, suh; I kin repair chicken-coops.

Maj. Henery—Anything else? Applicant—Well, yes, but dat s about all I kin do to chicken-coops in de day-time.

STERILIZING BANK NOTES.

The savings bank in Brussels has recently adopted a process of sterilizing all bank notes which pass through its hands. The money is exposed for several hours to the vapor of formalin. The Paris Revue suggests that books lent out from public libraries should be similarly treated.

WHAT UNCLE SAM IS AT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BUSY YANKEE.

Neighborhood Interest in His Doings—Matters of Moment and Worth Gathered from His Daily Record.

Congressman Tawney, of Minnesota, began life as a blacksmith's helper. It is estimated that there are 30,000 pupils in the agricultural schools of the United States.

Congressman Ketcham, of New York, has served in 13 Congresses and never made a speech.

Bishop Potter thinks that the bad system of treating to strong drinks is on the decrease.

Mrs. Celestina Nigro, of Philadelphia, celebrated her 109th birthday by dancing three waltzes.

James J. Hill says luck and laziness do not go together. "Honest effort is bound to win," he declares.

Mrs. Annie Hector, famous under the name of Mrs. Alexander is still living. She has written 35 novels.

Edwin C. Donnell, the 16-year-old grand-nephew of Horace Greeley has invented a wireless telegraph of his own.

Governor Stanley, of Kansas, has appointed his wife one of a committee to investigate the State's charitable institutions.

Senator Ross, of Vermont, was once an expert on snowshoes, and the swiftest racer on them within several miles of his home.

Gen. Irving Hale holds the record of the best average ever attained at West Point, and is one of the best marksmen in the army.

Dr. J. T. Dewey, father of the admiral, used to call his son George "The Hero of the Family. That was when the boy was 10 years old.

The Register, of Marion, Ia., says Col. Henderson is the only man in the country who knows how to say "God bless you," as it should be said.

Francis C. Koehler, of Cherry Hill, N.J., claims to be the youngest magistrate in the United States, being only 21 years of age on his election.

For the first time in a decade every Board of the Presbyterian church begins the fiscal year without debt.

Collis P. Huntington has been recommended by his physician to golf for exercise and has become very proficient in the game.

General Funston says the Twentieth Kansas owes its success to the fact that the officers were given commissions as a reward for good work and not from political pull.

Professor Newcombe, of the Johns Hopkins University, has been honored by the University of Oxford, which has conferred the degree of D. C. L. upon him.

Prof. Alex. S. Mackenzie, assistant professor of English in the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the chair of English at the Kentucky State College, Lexington.

A Georgia convict, working with others in a contractor's brickyard, escaped recently by piling bricks in a hollow square and thus shutting himself in until the convicts had been locked up for the night.

American woman though she be, the Duchess d'Arcos, wife of the new Spanish Minister at Washington, looks almost as much of a Spaniard as her husband. She has a strong face with large dark eyes.

President McKinley has agreed to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Federal building in Chicago on October 9. He will be accompanied by his wife and at least four members of the Cabinet.

The United States has about 450,000,000 acres of forest, but this is being rapidly depleted by the ax and by destructive fires. The Government is now investigating means to prevent or control the latter.

Gen. Phil Sheridan's widow still lives in the house in Washington which was presented to the General by his friends when he took command of the army. It cost \$45,000, and has trebled in value.

One of the most attractive literary critics in New York is Mr. Richard Henry Stoddard, who, though nearly 80 years of age, is yet busy with his critical pen. Mr. Stoddard is the oldest American poet alive.

Congressman Champ Clark the other day sold for \$125 to Frank L. Hanvey of Washington, a first edition of Eugene Field's "Model Primer," of which but seven copies are extant. Mr. Clark acted for the owner, Mrs. Robert White, of Mexico, Mo. The book was referred to Francis Wilson, the comedian, who, as an authority on Field's works pronounced it a genuine first edition.

Joseph J. Willet, of Alabama, who made the principal speech at the Tammany Hall 4th of July celebration in New York, is but 36 years old, and the youngest man ever president of the Alabama Bar Association.

President McKinley has been breaking the handshaking record again. No less than 4,813 shakes in one hour and forty-five minutes is his achievement at the latest White House reception. This is at the rate of forty-six shakes per minute.

The intention of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company to secure piers in New York and leave Hoboken, which was announced some time ago,

has been abandoned, and its present docking facilities are to be enlarged and improved.

The Declaration of Independence is scarcely read nowadays at celebrations of the "Fourth." Men say they do not desire to hear the arraignment of the King of Great Britain, that he is dead and his acts belong to a dead past, and that no benefit comes from the revival of dead issues.

Madame Lili Lehmann, the grand opera singer has entered into an agreement with the 400 girls attending the New Brunswick, N. J., Public schools, under which she consents to sing in that city next season at popular prices, the girls agreeing on their part to refrain from wearing birds on their hats.

Mrs. McKinley is a great dog fancier and owns the largest St. Bernard in the world. Its name is Washington. A special servant is appointed to take care of the pets of the President's wife and the dogs are groomed every morning in the same way as the pets at Sandringham, England, home of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A lady at Green Haven, N.Y., secured a separation from her husband on the ground of extreme cruelty. Among other brutal acts he was in the habit of sleeping with a hammer under his pillow, and with this he frequently threatened, during the night, to pound her into insensibility.

An eel was used to clean a two-inch water pipe in Cincinnati. The pipe had become clogged with mud, and a string was attached to the tail of the eel, which was then placed in the pipe. A jerk on the string now and then excited the eel to activity, and it was thus induced to crawl onward, dragging after it a light bunch of rags.

A NEW PROPHET.

He Predicts Dire Disaster for Great Britain.

Another new prophet has arisen, and after the style of the late Mother Shipton, has embodied his prophecies in a more or less "poetical" effusion under the caption of "Cudmore's prophecy of the twentieth century." Its author is an Irish counsellor-at-law, who resides in the United States, and like some others among his fellow-countrymen he has evidently no love for either England or its people. His anti-British feeling is strongly shown in the dire fate which he decrees for England during the next century. He says:—

"War, devastation, famine, plague, and great conflagration; Then modern Babylon will burn down, Woe! Woe! to great Sodom—London town! Then the people will be fierce and mad, Little they'll care for religion and God! Then London mob, a fierce, lawless crew, Will murder and rob the Shylock Jew. Kings and lords and religion they will deride, And all kinds of property they will divide; And great Mammon's temple—London's bank—London rabble will plunder and sack, England's trade will come to devastation; Woe! Woe! to the proud British nation, England, England, the nations did enthral, Like Babylon and Rome she will fall, Not by vandals—that lawless crew—But from workshops, colleges and schools."

It must be consoling to Irishmen and to all lovers of the Emerald Isle that Mr. Cudmore's native land is not to share in the disastrous fate which is to overtake Great Britain. On the contrary such an era is promised as should please even the most ardent Fenian. In shaky metre, and still more shaky rhyme, he decrees:—

Then England's fall and devastation, Will make Ireland a glorious nation, The Irish Republic will take its station Amongst the most enlightened nations, Oh, Erin's son, thou art not forgot, Emmet's epitaph is writ at last! Heed you this moral, all true Irishmen, Believe in prophecy and Columbkille, Let the watchword now and ever be, That all nations must and shall be free!

In order that his nationality may not be mistaken, of which there is little danger after one has read his effusion, Mr. Cudmore's last stanza is devoted to himself and his birthplace. He says:—

The place of my nativity Moorestown is my native land, Parish of Killynane, Limerick County, rich and grand, Erin's green dominion.

As they resemble Mother Shipton's prophecies in their versification, so Mr. Cudmore's prophecies are likely to resemble some of hers in their fulfillment particularly that one which says:—

And the world to an end shall come, In eighteen hundred and Ninety-one.

In his case the wish is doubtless father to the prophecy.