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# Farm Crop Queries

Conducted by Professor Henry G. Bell  
The object of this department is to place at the service of our farm readers the advice of an acknowledged authority on all subjects pertaining to soils and crops.

**R.B.:**—I have a field of timothy sod I am ploughing and was intending sowing spring wheat on it. The soil is clay loam. Does spring wheat yield well on timothy sod or would you advise me to sow oats? How much spring wheat should I sow per acre? Would you advise sowing fertilizer?

**Answer:**—I see no reason why you should not get good results from spring wheat following timothy. In the Connecticut Valley, timothy is grown as a source of organic matter in preparing soils for tobacco crops. Excellent results are reported. If the timothy sod has been fall plowed, it should be a comparatively easy matter to prepare a satisfactory seed bed for wheat in the spring. In seeding spring wheat at least a bushel and a half of good seed per acre should be sown. You will find it highly profitable to drill in from 200 to 300 lbs. of fertilizer per acre at the time you are seeding the wheat. If your seed drill does not have a fertilizer dropping attachment, the fertilizer can be broadcasted the same as lime, just before the last disking. The disking and harrowing of the land will work it in so that the available plant-food will invigorate the young growing wheat.

**T.H.:**—I seeded a twelve acre field in the spring of 1916 with seed clover for pasture. Will it make good pasture next summer or would you advise plowing and seeding in wheat next spring? The pasture was excellent.

**Answer:**—Your clover seeding should yield you good pasture in the spring of 1918. Whether or not you should plow it up will depend upon how much livestock you have on hand and how much pasture they will need next summer. If you can spare any of the pasture for growing wheat, clover sod plowed under will make an excellent seed-bed for spring wheat.

**M.C.:**—I have a field in the former bed of a creek. The water is now confined to a ditch and the field is tile drained. The fine silt in this field does not produce as good crops as neighboring clay land. What will improve the soil?

**Answer:**—The possible trouble with the soil in question is that it is too compact. Fine silt is packed together so closely that air does not circulate sufficiently within the area of the soil where the crop roots seek their food. I would advise you to get a stand of clover on the field as soon as possible, and then plow under the second crop. If you have on hand straw manure, it will greatly benefit the soil if you will fall-plow the soil, spread the manure in the spring and work it in by disking and harrowing. If you are planning to seed the field to wheat or other grain, and clover next spring, you will do well to add 200 to 300 pounds of fertilizer to the acre. This will give both the wheat and the clover a vigorous start. The analysis of fertilizer mentioned

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### Train Your Child Early in "Faith Thoughts"

By Dr. Lena K. Sadler.  
A little child is the most imitative creature in the world. Long before he is out of his little pinafores he endeavors to talk and act just as he sees the older members of the family do. It is because of this inherent tendency to say and do those very things which he hears others say and do, that, if faith-thoughts are early and constantly suggested to the unfolding mind of the child, they will assist greatly in evolving a character of joy, confidence and courage.

On the other hand, if fear-thoughts are continuously sown in the young mind, they will eventually distort the emotions, deform the conceptions and wholly demoralize the health and life activities of the growing child. Within the limitations of the possibilities of hereditary endowment, and in view of this wonderful imitative nature we are able to make a child almost anything we desire; not "an angel," in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but a child who knows his place and possesses the power of normal self-control.

It is during the very early years—from 2 to 5—when the imagination is most plastic and vivid, when the child's imitative instinct is so unconsciously automatic that the initiation of good habits will find the best opportunity for healthy growth and development.

### Happiness Contagious

If the parent will make sure that self-control is established and that the little child has learned that a fitly uttered cry "mama" gets him absolutely nothing, then may that selfsame parent expect to see development and that foundation a strong and noble character.

### The Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON  
NOVEMBER 25.  
Lesson VIII. A Psalm of Thanksgiving—Psalm 103. Golden Text, Psalm 103. 2.

**11-14.** The psalmist dwells at greater length on the greatness and tenderness of Jehovah's love. Fear—See comment on Neh. 1. 11 in lesson for Nov. 11. The figure in verse 12 denotes the completeness of the removal of sin. Back of the pardoning grace is the divine compassion. Or, "with compassion." Back of the compassion is the divine knowledge of the man's weakness. "Man being of the earth earthy, he has course low, carnal elements in his make-up. Jehovah knowing this sympathizes with him.

### Kerosene Helps.

The uses of kerosene are many, and all housewives are familiar with some of them. The best is worth saving. A cup of kerosene to a pail of water will put a gloss on your windows, oilcloth and linoleum. It will take grease from woodwork. A rag wet in kerosene will clean the bathtub and wash-basin. It will take the smoke from granite kettles and clean paint where soiled fingers have smudged around the door-knob. It will take off the rust from the kitchen stove.

## Your Problems

Conducted by Mrs. Helen Law

Mother and daughters of all ages are cordially invited to write to this department. Initials only will be published with each question and its answer as a means of identification, but full name and address must be given in each letter. Write on one side of paper only. Answers will be mailed direct if stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed. Address all correspondence for this department to Mrs. Helen Law, 235 Woodbine Ave., Toronto.

**Mrs. G. J.:**—To make beads, mix 1 cup salt and 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Heat in oven and mold with the fingers into beads. A very little water or perfume added will furnish all the moisture required. Pierce with hatpin or darning-needle and bake in hot oven until dry. The beads may be colored with ink.

**Perplexed:**—1. What one says when performing introductions should be governed largely by circumstances, but there are certain set rules which are observed more or less closely by well-bred people everywhere. Study these until you are familiar with them and you will not be at a loss as to what to say. Always present the man to the woman. The younger woman is always presented to the older one, and a younger man to an older woman. As a general thing an unmarried man is presented to a married woman. In making introductions be particular to pronounce names distinctly. It is not enough to say, "My aunt," or "My sister." The name as well as relationship must be stated. Shaking hands is not often practised at a first meeting, unless the two have heard much of each other and wish to express special cordiality. Beyond the fact that youth always rises for age, and ordination to meet the greatly distinguished, it is not necessary to rise for introductions. A woman never rises to greet a man unless she is the hostess, or wishes to pay him a special compliment for his age or distinction. A newcomer is never introduced wholesale to all the guests assembled. She is presented to one or two at a time, as opportunity offers. A pleasant form of introduction is in the form of a question, as "Mrs. Blank, may I present Mr. Smith?" Or, "Miss Blank, I wish to present Miss Jones." Or, "Mrs. Brown, let me introduce Mrs. Smith."

**The King's Uniforms.**  
The King is by no means a dandy, and prefers the well-cut lounge suit and soft hat in which he receives his intimates during his rare leisure at Sandringham. The numerous uniforms in which he has to appear on many State occasions are under the charge of the head valet, and are kept in special rooms at Buckingham Palace, with a duplicate set at Windsor. At the beginning of each week the valet receives a list of the King's engagements with the uniform (each has its special number) to be worn, as well as the time when it must be ready.

## Poultry

Litter for the Poultry House.  
During cold weather litter is a very important factor in egg production because of its use in the activity and appetite of the birds largely depend. The busy bird is a hungry bird and the hungry bird is usually profitable. There are really three reasons for using litter.

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## WHEN ALL OUR GEESSE ARE SWANS

By Emily Calvin Blake.  
When we are young our geese are nearly always swans.

So I was glad the other day to discover an old lady of 79 who had preserved through all the years her capacity for idealizing.

She was drying corn in the sun when I came upon her, over in a big meadow just south of where I live. This was strange to me, for I had never seen her before, for nearly every one I know does things in the approved way. Most of us dry corn in our little back yards, where we are secure from prying eyes and perhaps neighborly gossip.

But here was this little old lady way out in the open, a dozen huge plates before her, turning and turning with a fork and fanning and fanning with a newspaper those parts she hadn't covered with white screening. As I walked by her with a little nod she said, very pleasantly: "How much corn have you dried this August?"

"I stopped and answered, promptly: "A hundred and eighty-five ears." "Very good, very good," she applauded, though I knew her corn pile represented several hundred ears. "You must have a very large family," I suggested. "Of blood, no, not one," she answered, vigorously fanning and turning. "But down there near Richard's creamery there's two families of children. I'll enjoy dried corn this winter."

Now, I didn't think Maybelle was distinctive in any way, except perhaps she was more sulky occasionally than any human being I'd known. I remember she washed dishes after a luncheon one entire evening with a black frown on her brow and a heavy hand that threatened havoc to all my china.

"Maybelle came to my house one day," my companion continued; "it was a rainy, downcast sort of day, but little Gaylord Prindville had been left with me to take care of while his mother went shopping. You know Gaylord."

"I don't know him," I said. "Well, you're missing a lot," she said, with a shake of her head. "He's the most fascinating curly-headed 4-year-old ever set this side of heaven." Which was enthusiastic enough, surely. "Well," she continued, "Maybelle came over, and she started to cut up with Gaylord, and in a minute my old house was just ringing out with their laughter. I came in from the kitchen, and I declare I never want to see a prettier sight in this world than Maybelle. Her hair had become loosened and its little ends were curly, and her eyes were all sparkling, like blue agate, if you could find a piece." She paused. "I always knew there was something deep and kind of fine to Maybelle. I was more than sure when I saw her playing with a little lad."

Some way or other I wanted to stay in that field watching that thin, blue-veined hand stirring the corn, so that two families of children might have enough to eat next winter; I felt she'd see that they had more than corn if necessary. And as I watched I listened to a running commentary on all the people of our town; some I knew and some I didn't. And each and every one, man, woman and child, had some quality to distinguish him; some revealing trait that shall make him stand out in my memory.