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PRACTICAL FARMING.

WINTER PROTECTION FOR STOCK.

The writer has lived where 30 degrees below zero might be expected with pre-existing rain, snow and mud.

In his present home, 10 degrees below may be expected, but the accompaniments are seldom anything but strong, dry wind.

The conditions as affecting stock are seen to be very different, but the changes are relatively as great from one temperature to another and are as sudden, but the changes are not so severe on stock here for there is seldom an excess of moisture.

With practical experience with stock in both sections and knowing the effects on the human system, I know that close, tight buildings are needed in the one, and shelter against the wind in the other is absolutely essential.

Acquired education is not necessary to teach the farmer that a certain amount of feed under all conditions is necessary to keep up the heat of the body.

An animal has stored up much surplus flesh during the warm months and this is valuable. It will pay to save it. Food that produces heat, like the fuel we burn, is expensive. It will pay to be economical with it.

Buildings can be made so warm that even in the most severe weather, stock in them will be comfortable and need not be a particle of waste of the animal heat. Are not boards that will last a lifetime cheaper than food that lasts but a day?

Some may say that they not only can keep stock in good condition, but can put them in the best of flesh in the open field. That may be. You can build a large enough fire in the open field to keep yourself from freezing, but would it not be more comfortable and cheaper to have a smaller fire in your house?

In very mild climates with dry weather as we usually have it here, that which will keep out the wind and shelter them from the occasional storms is all that is necessary.

There are no sections of our country out of which these buildings or shelters can be built and at a cost that can well be afforded.

STRINGHALT.

When a horse jerks up one or both of his hind legs on being moved over in his stall or backed out of it, he is said to be "stringhalted," but a horse may be affected, yet not show this evidence. It may be necessary to take him out of the stable and make him move from right to left and left to right several times before he will show the jerk of stringhalt.

Although this is so, thousands of dollars are annually spent by farmers, breeders and owners on quack remedies. Stringhalt is classed in the list of nervous disorders, it being an involuntary convulsive action in the muscles of the extremities, which, when healthy, are governed by voluntary nerve influence.

Considerable discussion has taken place from time to time among leading veterinarians and scientists in regard to the true nature of "stringhalt," but nothing further than that the disease is of neuro-muscular origin has been discovered. It has also been entered on the list of hereditary diseases. It is not beyond doubt an unsoundness, for it is a progressive disease, increasing in severity with age.

It will be seen, therefore, that to warrant a colt or adult horse only slightly affected is a serious business for the seller, for it renders him liable

to have the horse returned on his hands at any time. Horses affected with stringhalt have performed certain work very well, going forward on a level road, drawing a fair load, but in backing to unload difficulty comes about and in drawing a load up hill there is a great waste of nervous energy and resultant prostration.

CARE OF YOUNG HEIFERS.

If you keep the young heifers off in one corner of the stable, and feed and care for them after all the other animals have been attended to, and that in an indifferent manner, they are likely to prove poor property, when they become milkers. It is a popular fallacy, says Farmers' Home that young stock require only second-class feed and care, but heifers ought to be treated on equal terms with milk cows.

The object of the farmer is to get the most out of his cow, and he should not be made to bow down and worship the straw stack. Plenty of good hay with a supplement of roots, or in the winter of hay scarcity, ensilage and cut straw, with a light grain addition, form excellent rations. The object is to get the cow to combine food so as to get the most out of it.

The worst enemy of tuberculosis is sunshine, and the average cow stable is an ideal place for the spread of this disease because it lacks the means of getting the air out. The Practical Dairyman says that "in the best of the stables have been constructed with a view to the easy handling of the manure. This has been the chief aim and convenience in feeding and watering the cow, has too often been left out of it. It is well enough to get the manure out of the stable with as little work as possible, but it would be more profitable if better care was taken of it than is usually the case."

CREAMERY BUTTER.

Better butter and cheese can be made at the factory than in most farm dairies, and a large amount of hard work will be lifted from the housewife's shoulders. It is advisable to take the manufacture of butter and cheese out of the home and put it into the factory. There are some difficulties to overcome in co-operative creameries.

OCCUPATION FOR WOMEN.

The English woman who wishes to add to her income has begun to make a business of cleaning bicycles. The cleaner goes from house to house so that one need not take the cycle to a shop or for repairs. She soaks the chain in kerosene oil and after drying rubs it with graphite. She carries an assortment of rags, cheese cloth, free iron lint. These well permeated with oil are used upon the intricate and working parts of the wheel.

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HELPING THE HEATHEN. Johnnie said Mrs. Chaffie sternly, where did you get this dime I found in your pocket? You gave it to me yourself. I did not see it.

CONSPICUOUS NOBS. Gibbs—What nobby trousers young Mr. Burlington wears. Gidge—Yes, especially at the knees. WHERE HE ERRS. Fuddy—Is Tormon a man of good judgment? Duddy—He would be if he did not rely so much upon his own judgment.

MEDALS FOR BRAVERY.

BADGES OF HONOR BESTOWED UPON BRAVE SOLDIERS.

The Highly-Prized Victoria Cross of England—France Germany and Russia Give Similar Decorations.

For conspicuous acts of personal bravery in military service, the great nations have established orders of merit and reward their chivalric soldiers and seamen with suitable medals. Among the decorations thus bestowed may be mentioned the Victoria Cross of England, the Iron Cross of Germany, the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, and the Russian Cross of St. George.

The Roman rewarded superior merit and capacity in various ways. If the people considered a victorious general worthy he was rewarded with a triumphal entry into the city, the general occupying a magnificent chariot, followed by his soldiers and by the spoils and prisoners taken from the enemy. When a Roman saved the life of a fellow citizen he was crowned with a chaplet of oak—a by no means trifling distinction. The Greeks had no triumphs, but citizens who saved or protected the lives of others were honored by a crown and a complete suit of armor.

THE ONLY FRENCH ORDER. Napoleon established it as the order of the Eagle when he was first consul. This order has consisted of three classes—legionaries, grand officers and commanders.

THE VICTORIA CROSS. The Victoria cross is a decoration of honor, founded by Queen Victoria at the close of the Crimean war, and is awarded to both officers and men of the army or navy. To gain it one must have risked his life in battle to save that of another, or to save the colors or some equally important service. The cross itself is made from the bronze of Russian cannon captured during the Crimean war, and is modelled after the Maltese cross.

THE RUSSIAN MILITARY ORDER OF ST. GEORGE. The Russian military Order of St. George was instituted December 7, 1769, by the Empress Catherine II, as a reward for officers of the army and navy. It consisted of four classes, the first two being restricted to major-generals and the latter two to colonels and naval officers of corresponding rank.

THE IRON CROSS. The Iron Cross is of two classes, and was founded March 10, 1813, by Frederick William III, and restricted to the campaign of 1813-15. It has, however, been maintained by various royal enactments and was again revived and conferred during the Franco-German war as a Cross of Honor. It rewarded heroic actions in the cause of the fatherland, and is not confined to time of war; and its unique interior regulations are administered by the Council General of Orders, which appoints its pensions and maintains its privileges.

CAUSE FOR SLEEPLESSNESS.

Yesterday, said Johnson, I refused a supplicant woman a request for a small sum of money, and in consequence of my act I passed a sleepless night. The tones of her voice were ringing in my ears the whole time. Your softness of heart does you credit, said Mobson, who was the woman? My wife.

SAME OLD DOG.

Little Willie—Say, Ma, have they got a dog over at Deacon Smith's? Mamma—No, dear, not that I know of; but why do you ask? Little Willie—Because when I was over there yesterday I heard Mr. Smith tell the cook to chase the growler as soon as the coast was clear.

SPARROW AND STARLING.

The proposition that has been made in the United States that the German starling should be imported to drive out the English sparrow may well be regarded with suspicion, says the Chicago Chronicle. Such a move would be out of the frying pan into the fire, according to people who enjoy the acquaintance of the starling. They admire that he is a fighter, and would drive the sparrow into retirement, but he would not stop with the sparrows. He would kill or drive away the few native birds that are left. We may as well put up with the sparrow. We at least know the worst about him, while the starling might and probably would render the English importation amiable by comparison.

A COMPLIMENT SPOILED.

Mr. Fogg—I saw Glisten to-day. He spoke about you! He declared that you were one of the handsomest women he ever saw. Mrs. Fogg—The old fool. Mr. Fogg—Yes; that's what I thought. Mrs. Fogg—That's right; insult me; it's just like you.

SIGNS AND SEASONS.

I can always tell when my wife has bought all the winter clothes she wants. How can you tell? She begins to talk of buying something for me.

A FRIGHTENED FUGITIVE.

That escaped criminal seems to have had rather the best of it, remarked the talkative friend. Not at all, replied the detective, drawing himself up haughtily. We've got him so frightened he doesn't dare show his face where we are.

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FOR CHAPTER He took her kissed the face was dimly be chilled her, essess could heart. "But, George, the worst in inherit me—whericious as the w dozen differer will that leaver signed. It mear then?" "And the dair, is a hape have crowa-foe our heads will by the frosts of moon begin." "No," cried the den inspiration; that. When I yea, you will g or heires; you waiting for me. "And you?" with a light laction, my pret He would hard ly had been in the darkness. H hands clinche, sively together. "Don't ask me, I grow afraid of it. Better for been born than is here!" She str ly as she spoke, changed voice his heart. But laughed again, quivering lips. "My dear littl vigh vengeance n pose such horrid the bright side. Dorothy Harder George Wildair's where are you? "It is striking Harderbrook ma Ellen Rossiter in all is lost. Oh, G a sudden, passion him in her arms, die! Let me go— I cannot afford to—God help me!" "Something in be ing clasp, touch and it was a frivo "My dear little, est villain on ear you. When I do, die!" "Amen!" He shuddered a passed her lips, a let her go. "When shall I s steadily. "I will fortune you prize I have risked it go back to London. "But I may writ And you will answ "No, my sun's! would find it out a afraid of that wou see you nor near to you the mistress brook's thousande your feet, George, I been for many a d yours. But I can't Her voice died at dair, with a chill broke the pause th "You will not lo queen as you are m my own love, unti "Good-by," she sa he, my love, my dleas you. Who ka he able to say thi again." She fluttered aw strange words on away, and the bla her up. George Wildair t and made the bes to the hotel, with feeling of impend usually serene. "It's an uncommo of business, George, lawyer, and I am turms up trump att by Jessie, all w George Wildair wil fortune to be prom not—oh! it's an g perform impossibil Vance. And yet s to Isabel Vance, a self or somebody k She's tremendously poor little girl; and not at all pleasat. Before Mr. Wildair and of his solitari, pr clear, there em behind a clump of off the spot, where their interview. It had been and soon as low face was flus At last," she sa her breath; "at last, has come! You dra do you? Ah! if you much reason you h proud and handsome will see what Miss say to all this, w that unsigned will we will see what w "What! this his h She hurried away wind, rising and fa spectral trees had themselves where th