

Agricultural Topics For Whig Readers

ALFALFA.

What makes the landscape look so fair; What blossoms bright perfume the air; What plant repays the farmer's toil; And will enrich the worn-out soil? Alfalfa!

What is the crop that always pays, And will mature in forty days; What crop is cut six times a year; And whose roots reach down one hundred feet? Alfalfa!

What grows in loam, in clay or sand; What lifts the mortgage off the land; What crop is cut six times a year; And no foul weeds in it appear? Alfalfa!

What makes the swine so healthy (feel); And never raise a hungry squeal; The wholesome food that never fails; To put three curls into their tails? Alfalfa!

What makes all other stock look nice; And brings the highest market price; What fills the milk pail, feeds the calf; And makes the old cow almost laugh? Alfalfa!

Drinking Water in Winter. During most winter weather the supply of poultry drinking water freezes very quickly if set out at the same temperature as drawn from the well. To permit the fowls to have water whenever they want it, and as much as they want, it is necessary to warm the water to about 100 degrees. It will require some time for the temperature of this to fall to the freezing point. Of course, it will not stay warm all day in very cold weather in the ordinary poultry house, but by supplying newly warmed water two or three times a day one can get along very well indeed. This is not too much work, and it should be looked after. Another important aid is stoneware drinking fountains, which retain the warmth of the water much longer than pans or the ordinary galvanized iron fountains.

The importance of a constant supply of pure drinking water becomes immediately obvious when we stop to consider that the greater part of the eggs she produces as well as the hen's flesh is composed of water and that all the food she eats must be greatly diluted before it can be assimilated. Lack of water always results in a check to the digestive operations. Cold, chilling water also acts as a temporary check, and affects egg-producing as well. Remember, finally, that the more water the fowls drink the better it is for them, and the more pounds of flesh and more dozens of eggs they are likely to produce.

Dairy-Pointers.

Watch the separator when it is separating the cream from the milk. Is it running at right speed, and is the "hum" right? If it isn't working just right, you are losing some of your profits.

It may need some adjusting to save cutting out or unnecessary wear of some of the parts. It is a great mistake to leave the separator a day or two without cleaning at this time of year.

In most stables there is more filth in the milk than when cows are in pasture.

Sheep Notes.

This is the right time of the year

Delicate for Girls and Women

Occasionally throw a little millet in the litter. The fowl will scratch for extra vigor in order to find it. On these cold, damp mornings keep the chickens confined until the sun is up if you would avoid any chances with roup. Feeding should be done promptly now that the days are getting shorter. See that the fowl go to roost with full crops. Suspend a cabbage from a string in the poultry-house, in order to give the fowl green food and exercise in getting it. Do not hang it too high, however. Corn may be fed more liberally than during the summer. Many poultrymen make corn one-half the total grain ration during the winter. Have your nests rather dark if you would lessen the chances of incubating the egg-eating habit. Start selecting your breeders for early spring. Choose the pullets that have shown the most uniform and rapid growth and are the most alert in appearance. Do not push prospective breeders too hard for eggs just now, as their eggs will be more fertile in the spring if they have not been laying heavily now. Get all the stock into winter quarters at once, if you have not already done so. This is last call to repair all cracks in your poultry-house and to clean up generally. It is a good practice to have plenty of litter, but do not have it so deep that the hens cannot scratch.

For Sale

Frame house, with furnace, four bedrooms, all improvements, good cellar and poultry houses; two blocks from Princess street. Two detached houses on a corner lot, three bedrooms in each, all conveniences, for \$5,500, or will exchange for a small farm.

To Rent

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FOR THE WINTER GIRL.



Redingote costume in sand colored serge trimmed with brown braid and worn with a toque of fur and velvet maul.

As fashionable as is the long waisted redingote, there is a tendency to shorten its effect by the addition of a belt worn above the normal waist-line. Always practical and appearing constantly in new guises it hangs in sand color it is used for this costume, 4 1/2 yards of 54-inch material being required.

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Pictorial Review pattern No. 5990. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. Price, 15 cents.

Unless you want the old hens for breeders, get rid of them as soon as the pullets start to lay. Country-side Magazine.

Sheep Breeding Work.

With the object of testing the extent of inheritance of the twinning faculty in sheep, twelve Oxford Down Twin ewes were secured by the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and bred to a pedigree Oxford Down ram twin. Six of the ewes were mixed twins, one of each sex, and six were ewe twins, both females. "From the three seasons during which the trials were conducted," says the report, "all the twins produced in 1910 and 1911 were born of the ewes from mixed twins. This was not confirmed, however, in 1912. The twins were mostly mixed, and there was no case of ram twins in the three years. The ewes of the lot of mixed twins produced throughout, taking twins and singlets, together, a much higher percentage of ewe lambs than ram lambs. The ewes of the lot of ewe twins gave birth to a much higher percentage of ram lambs."

Produce and Prices

Kingston, Jan. 16.—D. J. Millan reports the following prices: Beef, local, carcass, 10c. to 11c.; hind quarters, 11c. to 12c.; 1 lb.; carcass, cuts, 10c. to 22c.; mutton, 8c. to 12c. per lb.; live hogs, carcass, \$8 per cwt.; dressed hogs, 11c. per lb.; pork, 11c. to 13c. per lb.; by quarter; veal, 8c. to 12c.; lamb, 13c. to 14c. per lb. by carcass.

Dairy—Butter, creamery, 35c. to 35c.; prints, 30c. to 35c.; rolls, 30c.; fresh eggs, 40c. to 45c.; packed eggs, 32c. to 35c.

Vegetables—Onions, 50c. to 90c. a bush; beets, 50c. per bushel; cabbage, 60c. to 75c. per dozen; potatoes, 60c. a bush; apples, 30c. to 50c. per bushel; pumpkins, 5c. to 10c. each; turnips, 60c. a bag; carrots, 50c. a bush; celery, 5c. to 10c. a bunch.

J. A. McFarlane, Brock street, reports grain and flour selling as follows: Oats, 60c. per bush.; wheat, \$1.20 per bushel; yellow feed corn, 90c. per bushel; bakers' flour, per 98 lbs., \$3.35 to \$3.70; cornmeal, \$2.50 per cwt.; bran, \$2.00 per ton; shorts \$28; baled straw, \$9 per ton; loose straw, \$8.50; barley, 85c.; loose hay, \$16; pressed hay, \$17; ground and cracked corn, \$1.50; buckwheat, 85c. a bushel.

The Dominion Fish company reports the following prices: Whitefish, 15c. lb.; pike, 12c. lb.; blue fish, 15c. lb.; Chinook salmon, 30c. per pound; salt water salmon, 15c. to 20c. lb.; fresh haddock, 12c. per lb.; steak cod, 12c.; salmon trout, 15c. per lb.; bladders, 50c. a doz.; pickled, 15c. per lb.; hippers, 60c. a doz.; fresh salt water herring, 40c. dozen; herring haddies, 12c. per lb.; oysters, 50c. and 60c. a quart; fillets, (smoked), 15c. a lb.; fresh smelts, 20c. to 25c. lb.; mackerel, 15c. lb.; blue fish, 15c. lb.

Poultry—Fowl, 10c. to 12c. lb.; chickens, 80c. to \$1.10; 12c. to 15c. a lb.; ducks, 12c. to 15c. lb.; turkeys, 12c. to 18c. a lb.; live fowls, 90c. to \$1 a pair; geese, 15c. to 17c. lb.

John McKay, limited, hide department, reports the following quotations on hides and skins: Hides, trimmed, green, 12c. a lb.; hides, cured, 13c. lb.; sheep skins, fresh taken off, \$1; deacons, \$1; veal skins, 15c. per lb.; tallow, fine rendered, 6c. lb.; wool, washed, 24c. lb.; wool, unwashed, 15c. per lb.

The prices being paid for raw furs are as follows: Mink, dark, 25c. to \$4; brown, 15c. to \$3; pale, 15c. to \$2.50; racoon, extra dark, 10c. to \$3; ordinary, 10c. to \$1.75; muskrat, 2c. to 25c.; skunk, black, 20c. to \$2; short, 10c. to \$1.40; narrow, 10c. to \$1; broad, 10c. to 60c.; fox, 20c. to \$5; white weasel, 5c. to 90c.; bear, \$1 to \$1.75; lynx, 50c. to \$10; fisher, \$1.50 to \$18; coyotes, 50c. to \$4.

R. H. Toye quotes fruit thus: Bananas, 20c. a dozen; oranges, 20c. to 60c. a doz.; cranberries, 12c. a quart; Malaga grapes, 20c. a lb.; grapes, fruit, 6c. to 10c. each; new figs, 25c. to 20c. a lb.; mix nuts, 20c. lb.; hickory nuts, 10c. a qt.; dates, 10c. a lb.; Messina lemons, 20c. a dozen; Sunkist seedless lemons, 30c. a dozen.

REWARDED FOR BRAVERY.

Royal Humane Society Honors Clifford Dumbrille, Maitland.

Brookville, Jan. 14.—The medal of the Royal Humane Society was presented by Judge MacDonell to Clifford Dumbrille, Maitland. Dumbrille displayed signal bravery in saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox, an old couple of Maitland, when their home was destroyed by fire in November, 1912. The fire was observed by Dumbrille, who, knowing the helplessness of the couple, rushed into the burning house and carried the old lady out first, returning for Fox, whom he rescued just as the roof fell in, and then for his wife. In addition to the feebleness of advanced age, Fox was doubly handicapped in that he is totally blind, which made the rescue all the more praiseworthy.

May Contest Seats.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Contests in Terrebonne and Jacques Cartier are not unlikely. Henri Bourassa may contest the former as a nationalist candidate and Albert Gingras the latter as an independent liberal.

Belgium's Loss A Billion.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—The estimate of the material damage in Belgium is placed at \$1,000,000,000 by Prof. Masson, in an article in the Tagliche Rundschau, which has reached this city.

Foreign military attaches who have been the guests of the German army in the western theatre of the war have left for the eastern arena.

Everyone is occasionally what they ought to be all the time. Look at home when you abuse others.

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MEINSELF AND MEIN PADER

An Account For What We Have Done For Germany.

(Supposed to be written by the German crown prince.) Mein fader's right bang at der top of his fuen in der war I give you to understand, and, Donnerwetter if fader's der hot-stuff, vot is your humble servant, Leetle Willie? I give you der straight griffin, Leetle Willie is der ace of der pack, der rosiest apple in der whole orchard.

Fadder and meinselb had nod been on der terms of loving for some times. Von day, he send vor me. "Willie," he say, "eet is war." I shouldt "Hoch" dreer times mit much noise.

"Ve give der allies snuff" fader announce. "Und beans, mit socks in additions," I say, nodding mein heads. Fader give his moustache von pull up and then hold out his hand, "Shake," he cry. "Put it right there, mein boy." Und fader und meinselb vos friends vonce more again.

I schicht off vor Paris at der head of mein army mit my brave Death's Heads, but fader dodge all over der schop like a blue-bottles in a meat-cover. Fings don't go so well as clockworks. Der voolish Belgians say, "You shan't play in our backyards." Himmle! they turn as nasty as anythings. Ven der vay is cleared by der first army I come to der vront in double queeck time. Into France we go, I lead my brave troops vron der back mit great skill. Der peopple have call me a vorward pol all mein life, but I prove to them different. Ve secht vor nodings ven ve vonce get a seiktart, und, my-Lord! ve secht at nodings! Ve reach nearly to Paris, und, all in der twing of an eye, somethings seem to happen. Schoost as ve cry, "How you like id, eh? Ve teach you to go wars!" der allies get their number two wind und come vor us toots und nails. Id vos nearly all U. F. mit Leetle Willie's grand army vor der moment, und, though old Von O'Clock help us oud in der neck of time, id is only by der skin of our tooth ve get clear.

Anyveres and Everyveres

Vere is mein fader all der time? He go anyveres and everyveres. He dodge vrom Potsdam to Aix-la-Chapelle, vrom Aix-la-Chapelle to Cologne, vrom Cologne to Berlin, vrom Berlin to Poland. Fader makes speeches all round. He tell everybody Goot is mit us, he vreathe words of tunder, "To Paris!" he shout, und Paris seem to get almost as much distance as der place der Tammung sing about. "To Warsaw nitout doubt," "Take Calais, or die!" is mein fader's next war-cry, under der German soldiers rush in close vformation to take der alternative.

Fader talk to me like von Dutch uncle over der narrow escape. I have "Theech-head," he shouldt. "Mein son is nod a soldier, he is von dreamdous choomp! I show you how to do id. Keep your eye on your fadder, clumsy; vatch him ride through Nancy mit der laurels of victory vrom Poland." Fader put on his Sunday best uniform, mit der gold buttons, und waited to do his swank turn mit all der photographers in der kingdom round him.

A Big Eggsploit.

Id vos nod through Nancy fader rode; der allies vos nod taking any circus performance schoost then. Poor fader mit anger on his face, rode off mit great speed und still more wisdom.

I put mein finger to der side of mein nose ven you say I have done nodings great. Der you call loolings a big eggsploit, eh? My word, you still see der things I pick up! If der worst comes to der worst I think I open a schop mit der pictures und plate I find.

Vere is fader? Ask me somethings easier. Fader is here mit everyveres else. Von place to-day und someveres else to-morrow; a figure of speech all der time. Dot's a joke oud of mein own heads. I'd make fader mad as a hornet, but mein fader vos never great at a joke. Der war is his strong suit. Ach! Fader's very O. T. at dot; und so is Leetle Willie. Jah!—London Tidbits.

The Sinking of the Cruisers.

Hull down they rode on the western swell—

Sail-ho on the starboard bow! And we forced our draught and we drove like hell—

Sing ho for the bow guns now! Deck-washed we steamed, and our guns were laid,

And the cold air sang to the cutlass blade

As we turned again to our fathers' trade—

Sail-ho on the starboard bow!

Five ships they were, and they gave us fight—

Sing ho for a gun well laid!

But our arms were strong and our hearts were light—

Sing ho for the cutlass blade! We were stripped breast-bare, and the sweat ran free,

But we served our guns right cheerily And we held our rule of the English sea—

Sing ho for a gun well laid!

The Scharnhorst sank ere the fight was o'er—

Sing ho for a deep sea fight! But the Dresden ran from a shotted gun—

Sing ho for the foeman's plight! The Leipzig fell to a broadside strake, And the Gaisemann dipped to a forward rake.

But the Nürnberg sank in the Dresden's wake—

Sing ho for a deep sea fight!

Five ships were they that are now but one—

Sing ho for our English way! Frou an English crew they have cut and run—

Sing ho for the pipe "beas"! Five ships were they of a tyrant and foe, But we fought them fair and we laid them low,

As our fathers did in the long ago—

Sing ho for our English way! R. F. W. Kees, in the London Express.

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