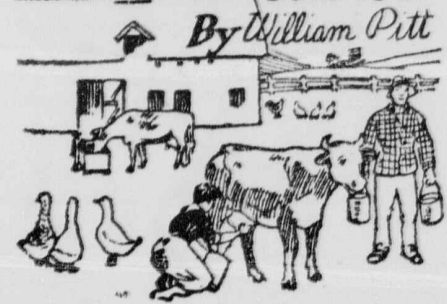


NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



Flowers beautify a yard.

Try poultry and fruit together.

Test seed corn before planting.

Oyster shells are too soft for grit.

Dairying develops fertility of the soil.

Don't give the sow too much bedding.

In feeding grain in the runs broadcast it.

Rye and vetch will make a fair grade of silage.

What is known as a yearling hen is one having laid 12 months.

Better seed grain means better crops at no increased expense.

Soaking the churn in brine will occasionally help to keep it sweet.

Half the crop of corn can be turned into five-sixths of a crop by saving the fodder.

A reader recommends powdered charcoal given in the milk as a remedy for scours.

Alfalfa hay and corn balance each other. In addition they are the best relished of any feeds.

Sometimes a week's chill rains or cold weather will set the pigs back a month in their growth.

Indigestion and liver trouble in fowls are paraded under the name of cholera very frequently.

The co-operative creamery that is well patronized and well supported is a blessing to any community.

It does not pay to hold old hogs in order to get great weight if you have younger ones to eat the corn.

Don't let the pigs get lousy. Spray them with kerosene emulsion, while eating, once every two weeks.

When spraying do not work with bare hands. They'll be sore if you do. Put on a pair of rubber gloves.

Are the horses coming up in flesh and are they getting a little harness work to condition their shoulders?

A feed of chopped onions occasionally will be greatly relished by the fowls as well as conduce to their health.

Hogs that are fat should not be held, but sent to market when fit. There is no profit in killing a hog until it is fit.

For the man who still has not a silo: Build one, and if you can't fill it until next fall, feed soiling crops this coming summer.

If you have never tried rape, raise a small field next spring. It is very popular with hogs, and does them a world of good.

Better not get reckless with the feed yet. It is easily possible that there still are eight to ten weeks of bad weather on the way.

One fatal mistake made at the end of the hatch is to keep the door of the incubator open too long after the eggs have begun to pip.

The critical period of the turkey is the first eight weeks of its life. About forty-eight eggs is the average yearly record of the hen.

Are the young pigs to be allowed to shiver and freeze in the cold, damp winds of early spring? And die at the rate of one to five out of every ten?

One acre of corn well grown and put in the silo will furnish more feed for the cows than can be obtained by any other manner of handling the soil.

The farmer who has never used a fanning mill should get one as soon as possible so as to get well acquainted with it before the busy season comes.

Turkey culture is a success only where the stock can have a good range. There is too much wild nature in turkeys for them to thrive in confined quarters.

The fruit tree agent is not all bad. But for him a good many orchards would not now be growing and doing well. But it is well to know the standing of his company before ordering.

Most of those who run the dairy at a loss never read literature on the subject. The losses are largely due to this fault, for it is certain that there is no longer any use of maintaining any farm animal at a loss.

It is advisable to increase the quantity of corn in the night feed, as the nights are growing colder and extra fuel is needed. Corn digests slowly, and, being of a heating nature, adds wonderfully to the comfort of the fowls.

Leg weakness in chicks is often due to the food being of a fattening nature, and the bodies in consequence become too heavy for the muscular strength of the chick's legs. There should be bran in the soft food that is fed, it being one of the best bone and muscle foods that could be given.

Are the mice or rabbits girdling the trees? Remove rubbish and wrap the trunks in paper.

Get your spraying equipment in good order several days before you must begin spraying.

The cream separator should be firmly fixed on a solid base if good work is expected of it.

The average yearly butter fat production per cow in the United States in 1900 was 145 pounds.

Salt the hogs as often as you do the other stock. They will be healthier and digest their food better.

It is almost impossible to crowd the young pigs too fast, provided you have the right kind of food and care.

Some people have gone so far as to claim that the corn stalks in the silo are worth as much as the ears in the crib.

Wash and dry the cows before milking and keep 94 per cent. of the dirt out of the milk that usually gets in otherwise.

The garden should be well fertilized in the fall or winter. This makes it possible to work it more quickly when spring comes.

The dairy farmer ought to have pigs for market every year. This is the best way to sell the by-products at the top price.

One reason why pure bred sires are so necessary on the farm is because defects are just as easily transmitted as good points.

The heifer that is to be retained in the herd should be handled from her early calfhood so that she will have confidence in her keeper.

It is well to order a few catalogues from the reliable seed and nursery companies. They are educators even if we are not intending to buy.

See that the hens have all the pure water they can drink at all times. If you have skim milk to spare, that also can be placed before them constantly.

Keeping any machine well oiled and in proper repair not only increases efficiency, but decreases the amount of power required to run the machine.

The milk pail is always more nearly full when pasture is at its prime than during any other season, and the silo will produce the same conditions in the winter.

The manure spreader and systematic crop rotation form the two strongest links in the chain for the maintenance of soil fertility and heavy crop production.

The ideal cow! Everybody's looking for her, but few find her, though she is the most valuable asset on the farm. How many possible ideal cows are done into veal in this country every year nobody knows.

Too much care cannot be exercised by breeders in sending out eggs for hatching. A good way is to wrap each egg in paper separately and place them in a basket, doubly lined with newspaper and packed with excelsior.

For poultry food, pea meal will be found nutritious, rice easily digested, linseed meal cathartic, potato starch digestible, barley nutritious but laxative, and oatmeal more nutritious than either wheat or barley. There is fully 5 1/2 per cent. of fat in oatmeal. Corn contains from 7 to 8 per cent. of yellow fat.

AMERICA'S PROFILE ROCKS

In the southwestern United States, where there are many evidences of the existence, long years ago, of an earlier civilization than anything of which we have a record or even tradition, the question is often asked by travelers whether many of the numerous rock faces were not possibly cut by the hand of man. Some of the profiles are so striking in their resemblance to human faces as to well warrant the inquiry. If the sculpturing may not have been entire, rock forms suggesting heads might have been hewn by some ancient stone-cutter into more perfect expression. It is difficult, indeed, to believe that the work in some cases is entirely that of nature. While no iron or steel implements have been found in America, it is well known that the Spaniards upon their arrival in Mexico and Peru, especially in Peru, found houses constructed of perfectly hewn square stone blocks of large size.

Pleasant Park Profile rock in southern Colorado is of gigantic proportions and shows an exact delineation of the human face, the compressed lips, the aquiline nose, the eye, the prominent frontal bones projecting over the eyes and a fairly high forehead.

In the Bad Lands of South Dakota the action of storms and the fierce winds driving the loose sand grains against the face of the soft rocks has wrought the most fantastic natural shapes in the United States, if not in the world. Long years ago this entire area was a level plateau—the floor of an ancient sea which later hardened into stone. As the waters receded, river and creek channels cut their way through the old sea floor, forming gorges and gulches until at the present time a large part of the plateau has been entirely removed. The Bad Lands are the largest remaining portion of this ancient plateau, although there are still isolated fragments in Nebraska and North Dakota. The Bad Lands, however, though small compared with the original plateau, constitute hundreds of square miles and are examples of the most remarkable natural architecture.

WHERE LONGITUDE BEGINS

Thousands of persons walk over this groove in a slab of stone on the grounds of the Greenwich observatory in England without being aware that they are crossing the Greenwich meridian line, from which all longitude is measured. The line crosses a public foot path and the words on the stone have grown so dim that the stranger seldom notices them.

RUSSIAN NEW YEAR GAMES

The Russians, who are great at fortune telling and also very superstitious, have a number of curious customs connected with the new year. One of these is for single ladies and gentlemen to send out their servants, or go themselves, to ask the names of the persons they meet on a particular street, or on a certain square; these are believed to be the names of the persons they will severally marry. Young people, on the evening of New Year's day, play the famous dish game, in which each one puts an article into a big dish, and as the trinkets are drawn out the fates of the drawers are told in prophetic stanzas. In some of the provinces it is fashionable to pay visits in masks.

POWDER IN THE DEEP SEA

It is calculated that in the depths of the sea, under 6,000 meters of water, there is a stratum of powder so infinitely fine that, were it broken in the fingers, it would penetrate the pores of the skin, this powder being made up of the remains of shells and the skeletons of little animals and plants. Each cubic centimeter of slime (or mud) that covers the bottom of the ocean, according to Harper's Weekly, contains the remains of ten thousand millions of organisms, each one of which is structurally as individual as the human body.

PLUS AND MINUS SIGNS

Formerly, in order to express the sign of addition, the Latin word plus (more) was abbreviated to P, which in the haste of writing often degenerated into a simple cross and was ultimately adopted as such. With regard to the sign of subtraction, we see in many books published before the eighteenth century that it was written as a small horizontal stroke beneath the letters m. Gradually it came to be written without the letters as we use it today, says Harper's Weekly.



This ancient grapevine of the British kings is at Hampton Court, the former royal palace, near London, and its big clusters of "black Hamburgs" still are reserved for the monarch exclusively.

MONKEYS OF GIBRALTAR ROCK

Visitors to Gibraltar occasionally catch fleeting glimpses of the monkeys which scamper about the rock, and which have one physical peculiarity—they have no tail. These monkeys seldom venture into the town, and as they are very powerful and ferocious this is probably as well. In spite of their unamiable dispositions they are regarded as almost sacred, and any attempt to injure them is met with severe punishment. It is recorded that once during a long siege these monsters saved the "Rock"—which, perhaps, accounts for the regard in which they are held. The story goes that the enemy were creeping up to take a battery by storm when their coming was heralded by a bevy of monkeys, which rushed into the fort and aroused the occupants to a sense of impending danger.

HOUSE OF THE PITCHERS

Knoxville, Tenn., boasts of a woman who possesses 1,882 pitchers. Her name is Mrs. James Mensley, and her home is known as the House of the Pitchers. Mrs. Mensley began collecting pitchers when she was only five, and has been devoted to the fad ever since. She has bought and has received presents of pitchers from all over the world, and most valuable and interesting in existence.

Beulah Miller, Mind Reader



Beulah Miller of Warren, R. I., is a "child wonder" whose remarkable mental powers have interested some of the leading scientists of the country. Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard is investigating Beulah's extraordinary ability to read the thoughts of others and asserts she seems to be able to read words and figures by placing her hand upon a book or paper.

Loss of Power

and vital force follow loss of flesh or emaciation. These come from impoverished blood.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

enlivens a torpid liver—enriches the blood—stops the waste of strength and tissue and builds up healthy flesh—to the proper body weight. As an appetizing, restorative tonic, it sets to work all the processes of digestion and nutrition, rouses every organ into natural action, and brings back health and strength.

Can anything else be "just as good" to take?

Make the Liver Do its Duty

Nine times in ten when the liver is right the stomach and bowels are right.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

gently but firmly compel a lazy liver to do its duty.

Cures Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache, and Distress After Eating.

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature

W. D. Wood

The Degrees.

"Love opens one's heart."

"Yes, and marriage opens one's eyes."

His Contribution.

"Did old Closest give you anything for the charity benefit fund?"

"Oh, yes; he gave me his candid opinion of it."

Desperate.

"What's that terrible fight going on over there?"

"Oh, that's just an alderman trying to prevent a corporation agent from crowding \$1,000 into his pocket."—Puck.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *W. D. Wood* in Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Directing Children Aright.

The young need to be taught that although there is sometimes a pleasure of the senses in committing sin, it is inevitably followed by remorse and punishment. Crime, remorse, punishment form an inseparable trio. On the other hand, while it is often hard to do right, the sense of satisfaction, self-respect and self-control that follows right action is worth all the effort made.

In Private.

As he started out with the basket of ashes he walked into a clothesline that he didn't see.

When he had picked himself out of the ash pile and recovered his hat he stood in the back yard and relieved his feelings.

"Henry," called his wife.

"Well?" he snapped.

"Don't stand out there to do it. Come straight into the house and tell me that it's all my fault."

Was Much Impressed.

A little girl who had acted as ring bearer at a cousin's wedding was inclined to view her part of the impressive ceremony with great seriousness. One day some time afterward the child heard her grandmother talking of her possible future marriage.

"You know, I'm half married already," the child earnestly remarked.

"Half married already! What do you mean, child?" asked the surprised grandmother.

"Why, don't you remember when I carried Cousin Carrie's wedding ring?"

A Jolly Good Day

Follows

A Good Breakfast

Try a dish of

Post Toasties

tomorrow morning.

These sweet, thin bits made from Indian Corn are cooked, toasted and sealed in tight packages without the touch of human hand.

They reach you fresh and crisp—ready to eat from the package by adding cream or milk and a sprinkling of sugar, if desired.

Toasties are a jolly good dish—

Nourishing Satisfying Delicious

