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Profit in Sugar Beets

After all the theorizing is done, it is the actual results that count with the farmers in the production of sugar beets in this country. Mr. B. Postor, Lambton County, Ont., writes to the Farmer's Advocate as follows:— I grew six acres of sugar beets last year and was well pleased with the results. The total cost of blocking, thinning, cultivating, pulling and topping was \$71.00. For the beets grown on the six acres I received a cheque from the Wallaceburg Company for \$463.57, after \$15.00 had been deducted for seed. I drew away ten loads of pulp, and find it to be a good nourishing feed for cattle, and they thrive well on it.

Snow Roads

The failure of farmers and their official representatives, the pathmasters, to make an effort to render passable the public highways during a season like this is a matter for regret. The pathmasters have no road lists and—well—what can be done? The answer to this question was given last year in a most pleasing and effective way by Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, pathmaster and residents of that section, and they have repeated the performance this year, not, of course, without an expenditure of some time and money. As a result, from his farm to Wright's Corners, and down the line to Justice Robeson's, there is now a wide smooth road, free from pitch-holes—as good a road for all purposes as any person could desire. The apparatus used for winter road making is not expensive, not beyond the easy reach of any small community of farmers, and the results are so satisfactory that this method of fighting the winter storms should be general. Of course, the council should do something when the road makers get through, and just what that little matter could be most equitably adjusted is for the council to decide.

Farm Work Made Easy

The farmers of Canada are indebted to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal for one of the best agricultural papers ever issued. The issue of February 22 of that great paper is largely devoted to the important question of labor saving methods on the farm. It is wonderfully instructive, better than all the agricultural meetings and exhibits of farm machinery ever held in this country. The Family Herald and Weekly Star should be received by every farmer in Canada. Our readers should write at once for a copy of February 22 issue, it alone is worth all they charge for a full year's subscription (one dollar).

Seed Testing on the Farm

To find out whether seeds are capable of producing plants requires neither expert knowledge nor special apparatus. The simplest and most convenient way to test seed of corn and other cereal grains and most of the root crops and large vegetable seeds is to place of them—say one hundred—between pieces of moistened blotting paper, cotton flannel or cloth; set them in an ordinary dinner plate and invert another plate to cover them. The seed should be kept moist but not wet. The temperature of the average farm house living room would be quite suitable, but some care should be taken to guard against excessive heat or cold. All good strong seed will have germinated at the end of five days. Very small seeds of the finer grasses, or some of the garden vegetables and of beets or mangolds may be germinated to better advantage by sowing them in a flower pot saucer that has been soaked in water, and set on a cloth that should be kept damp, the object being to keep the saucer moist but not wet. In germinating seeds in an earthen saucer they may be exposed to the light, but not to the direct rays of the sun.

The latest daily paper to hand tells of the assassination on the streets of Moscow of Gradd Duke Sergius. The students, after marching through the corridors of the universities singing revolutionary songs, have left for their homes to assist in increasing the revolutionary spirit that now pervades a large part of Russia. The Russian and Jap armies still face each other, but no great battle has been fought.

Scottish Highland retainers, when made to do duty as servants, are said to show a very stolid matter of fact kind of obedience. A Mr. Campbell, a highland gentleman, visiting a country house, told Donald to bring everything out of the bedroom, meaning his personal belongings. But five minutes later he found all his movable articles—fender, fire irons and the like—piled up in the lobby, so literal was the poor man's sense of obedience to orders. And on this he got a still more extraordinary proof during his sojourn in Edinburgh. When the family moved into a house there Mrs. Campbell gave him very particular instructions regarding visitors, explaining they were to be shown into the drawing room and using the Scottishism, "Carry any ladies that call upstairs." The first visitors were two women who came at the same time. Donald seized one in his arms, said to the other, "Slide ye there till I come for ye," and in spite of the struggles the women remonstrances uttered the terrified visitor into Mrs. Campbell's presence.

Locusts That Bring Terror. In South Africa locusts are not those solitary green insects that crawl lazily over the apple tree trunks and enliven the July nights with the buzz of their Zilpuitian sawmills. They are big, reddish yellow grasshoppers, with long, strong, brown wings and two little millstones of teeth that will masticate anything that can be forced between them. They are neither solitary nor lazy. They are warriors, live and breed in camps millions strong and campaign in armies miles in extent. They fear nothing except an explosive noise, and their coming is the signal for an uproarious rattling of pans and a frenzied yelling among grown men and women that would put to shame the Yankee small boy on the Fourth of July. Poor, simple people that they are, their crops are their all, and it is a matter of life and death with them to keep off those terrible insects.—Century.

Odd Punishments. In the reign of Queen Mary a man was pilloried in London for selling pots of strawberries, "the which the pot was half full, but filled with fern." Poor old Chesapeake has doubtless seen many similar frauds. At the same period persons were often pilloried for selling bad fish, and the fish itself was hung around their necks. The public was thus allowed to avenge itself. A butcher who had sold a diseased mutton was made to ride around London, "his face toward the horse's tail, with half a lamb before and another behind and veal and calf bones before him on a pole, raw." His own meat, no doubt, and therefore not too savory. A similar punishment of riding round London in a cart was given to a certain person who had sold his wife to a butcher. Let us hope that this sale was purely matrimonial.

Simple Living. It is not the aggregation of wealth which makes people happy, but the contentment found in the ways of a simple living. While luxuries increase, often thoughtlessly encouraged, the necessities of life are lost sight of. It is an important problem to solve what to do to help home building, though it takes no great calculation to find out the fact that 100 families in small homes of a thousand or two thousand dollars each are great consumers and producers of business and trade than one or two families with all their servants in a \$100,000 mansion. Thousands of dollars are wasted in the purchase of things that will disappear from the fields and waste city lots if the idle land is utilized for garden or farm homes.

Kindness Among Birds. I have seen a little chipping sparrow make a business of feeding some half fledge robins. She watched for her opportunity, and whenever both parent robins were away from the nest she rushed in with her morsel. The robins resented her officiousness and hustled her out of the tree whenever they caught her there. I have heard of a wren that fed a brood of young robins in a similar way and of a male bluebird that fed some young birds that were in a nest near its own.—John Burroughs in Outing.

His Mistake. She—They say that a little learning is a dangerous thing. He—Yes, I guess it is. I found it so once. I stopped investigating when I found out how much property my first wife's father was supposed to own without going ahead and making inquiries as to his debts. But I'll never get taken in that way again.

Facts for Catarrhal Sufferers. The mucous membrane lines all passages and cavities communicating with the exterior. Catarrh is an excessive secretion, accompanied with chronic inflammation, from the mucous membrane. Hood's Sarsaparilla acts on the mucous membrane through the blood, reduces inflammation, establishes healthy action, and radically cures all cases of catarrh.

What a Good Night. "What a good night, Jennie?" "I'm going to sleep good night to George." "A good night, you so long I will say it to you Good night, George." "George is so quickly that he forgot to say good night to me."

Quite Up to Date. Walter—What style will you have your evening dress? Mrs. Parvenu—The latest style, of course!

There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak! Never is this truer than when we are in the presence of those who sorrow.

A Remarkable Photograph. In some respects one of the most remarkable war photographs ever made was secured by a man named Meyer, a correspondent for a German illustrated newspaper, during the war in South Africa. Meyer was with the Boers, and one day, during one of Buller's attacks along the Tugela, he took a position on the firing line. The fire from the British batteries across the river was very heavy during the preliminary part of the assault, and shells literally rained on the low lying knolls occupied by Botha's army. Meyer thought he saw a good opportunity to secure a fine picture, and he jumped out of his "chance" to snap it. Just then a big liddite shell exploded within a few feet of him, killing him instantly. I afterward secured the camera, which was comparatively uninjured. When the film it contained was developed I discovered that Meyer had made a beautiful photograph of the huge shell which snuffed out his life. I sent a copy of the picture to his residence in Germany.—Everybody's Magazine.

A Death-bed Fun. Puck relates a story concerning the late Senator Alexander T. Goodwin of Utica, who left behind him the reputation of never having been too tired nor too ill to give or take a joke. During his last illness a relative, knowing the senator's extreme fondness for branded peaches, sent to his sickroom a small jar of that most delicious preserve. A few days later the relative called and was admitted to the sickroom. Quickly turning on his pillow and without giving his caller time to extend the usual formalities, the sick man exclaimed, "My dear Louise, how can I ever thank you for those delicious branded peaches?" "I thought you would appreciate them, Alexander," returned the caller modestly. "Ah, yes; ah, yes!" he assented, with a smile which broadened and finally broke into a chuckle that seemed almost noisy in the hush of the sickroom, as he added, "And how much more I appreciated the spirit in which they were sent!"

They Pretend to Marry. In Russia every woman marries or pretends to marry, be she princess or peasant. If the girl is of the opinion that no one will ask her in wedlock she leaves home. The peasant girl goes to some distant district and soon returns home a widow, saying that she married while away and her husband died during the honeymoon. The girl of more fortunate position goes upon far travels. In a year or two her friends hear that she is wedded to some foreigner, whom, if she does not win by her charms alone, she gets by her affection plus a dot. In a year or two she returns to Russia a broken hearted widow. No embarrassing questions are put to her, for in Russia it is considered bad form to mention a dead man to his living widow. All this goes to show in what high repute Russian women regard the institution of marriage.

All Fools' Day. Brand in his "Popular Antiquities" gives the following extract from the Public Advertiser of April 12, 1769, for the Jewish origin of the custom of making fools on the 1st of April: This is said to have begun from the mistake of Noah sending the dove out of the ark before the water had abated, on the first day of the month which among the Hebrews answers to our 1st of April, and to perpetuate the memory of his delinquency it was thought proper, whoever forgot so remarkable a circumstance, to punish them by sending them upon some senseless errand similar to that ineffectual message upon which the bird was sent by the patriarch.—Notes and Queries.

A Novelty. Down in the Old Dominion the people used to set much store by their pedigrees. An anecdote is told of the captain of a steamer plying at a ferry from Maryland to Virginia who, being asked by a needy Virginian to give him a free passage across, inquired if the applicant belonged to one of the F. F. V. "No," answered the man, "I can't exactly say that; rather to one of the second families." "Jump on board," said the captain. "I never met one of your sort before."

Good Habits. Good physical and mental habits will make a clean, healthy, happy man or woman. Study how to be well and cheerful. Make it your business to be healthy and strong, to be full of good cheer and hope, and you will find after awhile that you won't have to try, but it will be just natural for you to be so.—Medical Talk For the Home.

Truly Good. "What is your idea of a truly good wife?" asked the youth. "A truly good wife," answered the Cincinnatian sage, "is one who loves her husband and her country, but doesn't attempt to run either."

Dangerous Scheme. The Mother—How can I get my boy to do right? The Friend—Give him good advice. The Mother—But he always does just the contrary of what I recommend. The Friend—Then give him bad advice.

Out of the Question. Her Husband—I suppose a woman will have to be quite a philosopher to be indifferent to her appearance. She—She'd have to be a lunatic.

A Speaking Likeness. Mrs. Fondmar—Don't you think baby grows more like me every day? Fondmar—Yes, dear, especially so since she began to talk.

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