

leave the feathers on for two or three inches on the neck. Do not singe the bodies for the purpose of removing any down or hair, as the heat from the flame will give them an oily and unsightly appearance. After they are picked clean they should be held in scalding water about ten seconds for the purpose of plumping, and then rinsed off in clean, cold water. Fat, heavy stock is always preferred.

Before packing and shipping, poultry should be thoroughly dry and cold, but not frozen—the animal heat should be entirely out of the body; pack in boxes or barrels, and see that packages are clean, lining them with manila or straw paper; boxes holding 100 to 200 pounds are preferable, and pack snugly; straighten out the body and legs so that they will not arrive very much bent and twisted out of shape; fill the packages as full as possible to prevent moving about on the way; barrels answer better for chickens and ducks than for turkeys or geese. When convenient, avoid putting more than one kind in a package and mark shipping directions plainly on the cover.

How To Dress Capons

First, be sure and not kill them until crops are empty, and that they are fat. A thin capon is not as good as an ordinary chicken because if not large or a proper capon they are not wanted as capons or chickens either. Leave feathers on neck from head down two-thirds way to shoulders. Leave feathers on two joints of wings. Leave feathers on tail and half way up the back. Leave feathers on legs from knee joint two-thirds up the hips. All the rest of the feathers come off. Feathers that are removed should be saved and will sell if kept dry and clean. Be careful and keep the capon clean. Wrap paper around the head. Appearances add to the sale and, of course, price.

VETERAN LAND GRANTS

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of interior, announced to-day that an extension of one year would be granted on Dec. 1 on Veterans' land grants. There are still about 300 veterans who have not filed, and as the time of year prevents them locating, the extension has been considered justifiable.

This news was apparently not unexpected by interested parties at Winnipeg. On Monday warrants were very strong and shot up to 900, or 40 points up on Saturday's selling price. Two sales were recorded and at the close the lowest offering was 925.

The great difference between the price of wheat unloaded, and cars only inspected has been caused by the demand of exporters to fill vessel space; and it has been strong evidence of the benefit shippers can derive by having a reliable commission firm look after their shipments. Grain Growers can rest assured that all cars given the SIMPSON-HEPWORTH CO., 449 Grain Exchange, Winnipeg, to handle, will receive careful attention, and that you get all there is in it for you. It would be well to try them.

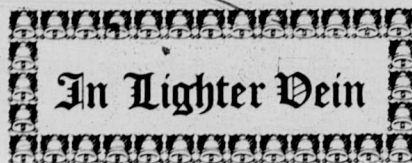
DRY FARMING

By William McDonald, M.S., Agr., Sc.D., Ph.D.

This is the best and most reliable book on the subject of dry farming that has been published in recent years. It is highly endorsed by dry farming experts in Alberta, particularly by Prof. Elliott, of the C.P.R. demonstration farm at Strathmore. Hundreds of Western farmers have purchased this book from The Guide in the past year and are well pleased with it. The following are the titles of the chapters, showing what the book deals with.

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5. The Problem of Tillage.
6. The Campbell System.
7. Dry Farming Zones.
8. Dry Land Crops.
9. The Traction Engine in Dry Farming.
10. Dry Land Experiments.

This book is kept in stock in The Guide office and will be sent to any address by return mail, postpaid, upon receipt of \$1.30.



In Lighter Vein

SONG OF THE CANDIDATE

Oh, I love my fellow creatures
So I cannot sleep o' nights,
I love their noble features
And I'm working for their rights.
And I always have demanded,
As emphatic as I can,
Justice for the horny handed,
Overburdened working man.

Oh, our merchants and our lawyers
Are a bright and useful band,
But our farmers, builders, sawyers,
Are the sinew of the land.
Oh, there's nothing fits my features
Like a breath from off the soil,
And the highest of God's creatures
Is the noble son of toil. H.E.T.

ONE OF THE ACCESSORIES

Quiet Spoken Customer—You keep everything for the piano, don't you?
Salesman—Yes, sir. We do, sir.
Quiet Spoken Customer—Give me an axe!—Puck.

DO YOU KNOW?

"I want to get two pounds of tripe," said the lady, entering the shop, relates an exchange.
"Sorry, ma'am," replied the keeper, "but we haven't any tripe to-day."

"No tripe? Why, it's in season!"
"No, ma'am, there's no tripe being shot just now."

"No tripe being shot! Why, what are you talking about?"

"I—I should say, ma'am, that the Fisheries Commission won't allow tripe to be caught now."

"Are you crazy, man? I don't want fish! I want tripe!"

"Well, what in thunder is tripe, ma'am?"

"Why—why, I don't know just what it is; but if you haven't got any I'll try some other place."

THE TURKISH LADY MISSIONARY

"Mad! I should say I did go home mad. I shall never again go out as a Missionary to the Turks!"

"Would they not listen to your arguments?"

"Oh, they listened respectfully enough; but when I talked to one of them about the sin of having so many wives, what do you think the brute said? He said that if Turkish women were like me, one would be sufficient!"

THE FUSSY MAN

Everyone knows one or more of those conscientious egotists who can not rid themselves of the idea that no one can be trusted to carry out the simplest details of routine work without their personal supervision, says a New York paper.

It was one of these men who sailed for Europe, leaving in his brother's care a parrot, of which he was very fond. All the way across the Atlantic he worried about the bird, and no sooner had he landed at Liverpool than he sent over this cablegram to his brother:

"Be sure and feed the parrot."
And the brother cabled back:
"Have fed him, but he's hungry again. What shall I do next?"

WHAT DID HE DO?

When the experienced husband entered his home at night he perceived that his wife was having a nervous fit. There was silence everywhere, but the vibrations of nervousness rebounded against every surface; and from the upper floor there exhaled a subtle disturbance well defined and inevitable.

The experienced husband was tired with the day's work, but, from long habit, he braced himself for the shock. He mounted the stairs resolutely.

His wife was outwardly calm. He kissed her debonairly.

She began. He gathered his sympathies together in a bunch, having them all in readiness to offer her when the right moment came. To offer them prematurely, to force them desperately upon her, would have been fatal.

She continued. His attitude was respectful, deferential, slightly masterful, and the thing we declare to be "sincere." At last she reached the well-known place where they all observe that:

"You never do a thing to help me!"

GRAIN GROWERS

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Now at this point he was willing to do anything to check the nervous fit. He would have agreed with her perfectly and admitted that he was the worst of men, but had he done this she would immediately have accused him of having a lack of spirit. Had he smiled, even with the utmost sympathy, she would have accused him of being satirical, with an "Oh, I know you!" thrown in. If he had started to go away and leave her temporarily—she would have hurled the charge of cowardice at him, and if he continued to remain there she would have ordered him out.

Every one knows—who knows anything about it—just what she said. The whole course of a nervous fit is pathological and can be traced throughout its phases to its climax. In a sense it is a work of art, only acquired after years of hard training.

The experienced husband knew just what to do and did it.

What did he do? We leave the problem to our readers.

NO PROOF

Blanche—Where was Percy educated?—Puck:
Belle—In his head—but I don't wonder you ask.

THE HUMOROUSNESS OF THINGS

What we call a sense of humor is a curious affair;

Some say it's rather common; some consider it quite rare.

It's funny when somebody seats himself upon a pin,
Provided it's somebody you're not interested in.

It's funny when the gold brick man deludes a trusting soul

And leaves his crops in pawn and puts his family in a hole.

It's funny when small children eat green fruit and cakes and pie

And suffer pain—though I could never see exactly why.

It's laughable to see a man in most things brave and strong
Break down and seem quite helpless when affection's hopes go wrong.
It's funny when some man in whom the public placed its trust
Gets out and makes a silly splurge with other people's dust.
It's funny when you stand for hours as on the cars you ride;
It's funny when big autos have explosions or collide.
When you note the timely topic and the gay satiric fling,
There's no doubt a sense of humor is a very curious thing.

—Washington Star.

SURGERY OF THE SCISSORS

The wife of a prominent lawyer in a Western city was ordered by her physician to a sanitarium for treatment in preparation for a surgical operation.

Her husband saw her safely established at the hospital, with her sister and maid in attendance to do some necessary sewing for the invalid; then he departed on a short business trip, with strict instructions to the doctor not to perform the operation until his return.

Upon receipt of the first letter from his wife he returned post-haste, and, encountering the doctor at the hospital door, angrily demanded to know why the operation had been performed before notifying him.

"Your wife has undergone no operation, to my knowledge," replied the puzzled physician.

"Then what does this letter mean?" demanded the lawyer, and produced the alarming document, which read:

"Dear Joe: I am so glad you brought me here before you left. Everybody is so nice to me, here. They cut out my kimono yesterday, and had it all sewed up before I knew anything about it. I am feeling better, already."