

The Monitor's Agricultural Department For the Use and Benefit of Farmers.

Correspondence, Suggestions and Inquiries welcomed to these columns.

The Beef Ring.

FARMERS MAY HAVE FRESH MEAT IN SUMMER. Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, June 16.

Although live stock is grown on almost every Canadian farm, the farmer as a rule finds it very difficult to furnish his table with fresh meat during the summer months. Salt and poultry are in general use, but it is evident that a liberal supply of fresh beef would make the problem of preparing the table much easier for the women of the household, and would ensure a more wholesome and palatable bill-of-fare for the family.

BEEF RINGS.

These rings are not, as the name might indicate, "rings" for the control of the production and sale of beef, but are groups of farmers who cooperate to supply the tables with fresh meat during the summer.

THE ANIMAL.

The regulations usually provide that each member shall provide a certain number of head of stock, healthy and in good condition, weighing from 4.0 to 200 pounds of beef, and graded for the market.

KILLING AND DISTRIBUTION.

A butcher is employed to kill and cut up the animals, the carcasses being weighed and the fat and hide. The amount paid for killing and cutting up a beast is usually \$2 to \$2.50, with an extra dollar if the butcher makes every thing which is not a general practice.

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making them harmonize with the natural colors.

While the farmer can not be a landscape gardener or afford to employ one, he may by study and observation learn how to improve his grounds. We may have had a chance to plan them, as that has been done by others.

When we speak of the home grounds, we do not mean the front yard alone, but the back yard, the barnyard, the garden, the roadside and the adjoining fields as well. Neatness is the first requisite in our improvements, and is accompanied in the efforts by the good farmer. Outdoor improvement clubs have been organized in our cities with the object of improvement of home surroundings.

The farmer's wife has her day of cleaning the dooryard and she should be assisted in her efforts by the good farmer. The whole premises should be cleared of debris that has been accumulating these many years.

The general appearance of town and country is improved by this organized effort and the influence upon others is of importance. The lawn should not be a combination of flower garden, orchard and nursery. A few trees that are neat in habit of growth may be grown in front and at sides of the house, but a good expanse of lawn should be in view from drive and street.

The early settler had little thought toward beautifying his home, his whole intent and purpose was in making the land available for the growing of crops. His whole energy and strength was applied to the destruction of the forests, every tree seemed an enemy and he ruthlessly cut it down, and as a consequence he had not a tree to beautify his home.

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The Household.

DRIFTWOOD, IN TORONTO GLOBE.

I came across the following poem, which I feel I must give to my readers. It has a music all its own, which is truly a lullaby. Only mothers who have put their babies to sleep know how precious is this "lullaby lilt," which soothes the tired little brains for children are often so very tired when small their fatigue becomes physical pain.

And one slips over, and one comes next. And after behind, The grey nose at the white one's tail. The top of the hill they find. And when they get to the top of the hill They quietly slip away.

Housework is not drudgery unless it is made so. No work is, for that matter. Cheer up, go at it wholeheartedly, and the wrinkles will smooth out of your face, while your mouth ceases to droop at the corners.

There are several recipes for making this muffled desert. The "Home Magazine" gives the following: Make the shortcake by rubbing into a quart of sifted flour to which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been added, one heaping tablespoonful each of butter, sugar, and salt.

THE SECRET OF HARMONY. Young Mrs. Mead, whose experience of married life had been brief and happy, had just engaged two servants, a man and his wife, for work at her place.

KEEP MIND'S TRACK. A story is told of a Kentucky mountaineer who had never seen a railroad train. One day he consented to go to town and see the wonder.

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