

### The Dollar Chain

For the soldiers and all who are suffering because of the war.  
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### Washing Blankets.

A bright, breezy, sunny day is the best weather for the washing of blankets, as they, of all articles, require purification. Having been used in many cases for the greater part of the year, they are certain to retain many impurities which can best be oxidized and removed by the action of wind and bright sunshine.

First see that the lines are tightly fixed and dusted. Then take the soiled blankets to the open air and have them thoroughly shaken, to free them from all loose dust and dirt. The better a blanket is the more likely it is to retain disease germs. Soft, fleecy blankets are a luxury which every one appreciates. They are lighter and warmer than quilts or comforts and should form a part at least of the covering of every bed. They are not expensive, if you consider their durability, and if washed properly do not fill up, but retain their soft, fluffy look to the last.

Before beginning to wash blankets, it is advisable to have in readiness plenty of hot water, melted soap and ammonia, so that no time will be wasted in waiting after the work of washing is commenced. The blankets may then be gotten out and dried in the early part of the day.

**The Temperature of the Water.**  
 The temperature of the water used should be from 35 degrees Centigrade to 45 degrees Centigrade, or lukewarm; hot water would act injuriously on the fibres. Prepare in two large tubs a rather strong solution of soap lather, to which is added a small quantity of ammonia, in the proportion of about two tablespoonfuls to every gallon of water.

Immerse the blankets one at a time and press and knead against bottom and sides of the tub. Then wring tightly and repeat the washing in a second soap lather, when they will be ready for rinsing. The washing should be done as far as possible by squeezing or kneading, as rubbing helps to entangle the surface fibres and is one of the causes of shrinking. Even more detrimental, however, is too strong an alkaline solution.

Blankets must be rinsed in plenty of clean water. To insure all the soap being removed, the first water ought to be warm, as cold water tends to solidify soap and part of it might remain in the blanket to the detriment of the fabric. To the last water a little bluing might be added, to improve the color.

Blankets must be wrung tightly. Before hanging them out to dry, they ought to be thoroughly shaken; generally this part of the work requires two people, as blankets are large and difficult to manage. This treatment helps to preserve their softness and elasticity. Each blanket should then be hung over a line, keeping it as nearly single as possible to enable it to dry quickly, and pegging it closely to prevent its falling and getting soiled.—Sel.

### Another Method.

Another method is to use pearline—plenty of it—instead of ammonia, washing as given above. An expert states that blankets and flannels are softer and will not shrink if rinsed in water better than that in which they were washed. Two or three rinsings are advisable, each water better than the last.

Findin's Keepin's. "What if we lose this blinkin' war after all, Bill?"  
 "Well, all I can say is—then what heck it is quite welcome to keep it."—Pat-Bits.

### Questions and Answers.

1st—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.  
 2nd—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.  
 3rd—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.  
 4th—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

### Miscellaneous.

#### Binding a Bargain.

I sold a cow to a dealer who paid one dollar down. He did not take her away at the time he agreed to. Is a word of mouth agreement binding? How much money does it take to bind a bargain, when there is no written agreement?  
 P. J. M.

Ans.—In order to make an agreement binding it is advisable to have writings. Any sum of money will bind a bargain if real estate is not involved.

#### Raising Lambs.

1. Can lambs be raised on cow's milk? Do you add water or sugar? If so how much?  
 C. F.

Ans.—1. Very good lambs have been raised on cow's milk. While some advocate diluting it with water and adding a little sugar, it is not entirely necessary unless the milk is very high in fat. Fresh milk is the best up to the time the lambs are about six weeks old; after that some feed separated milk with a little oil meal added.

#### Pseudo-Scorpion.

1. What kind of bug is the enclosed?  
 B. A.

Ans.—1. The so-called "bug" is what we know as a Pseudo-Scorpion. These creatures are closely allied in structure to true scorpions but they are harmless and not abundant. I have only seen a few myself. They are sometimes found attached to flies but it is not definitely known whether they feed upon the flies or not, or whether they are merely being transported by means of the fly from place to place. They do feed, however, it is believed, upon very small insects. I have occasionally found them on trees and once found one attached to a fly. You may consider them as practically of very little or no importance.  
 L. C.

### Kill the Fly Before He's Born.

Now is the time and here is the place, wherever it may be, to swat the fly and do the most effective work. Kill him before he is born. Everyone should know of the danger of the house fly, how he comes directly from the sick room, the garbage can and the manure pile carrying millions of tiny particles of filth and depositing them on food which is later eaten by men, women and children.

Why not start a campaign for a "clean up" day, for a garbage can back of every provision house, hotel restaurant and residence, for keeping all fruit off the sidewalks, for screens over meats displayed on the counters, for wrapping of every loaf of bread and better protection for the milk and meat supply.

The one most essential thing in fighting flies is to clean, and keep clean, every horse barn and cow stable, not forgetting the corrals, where conditions are ideal for flies to breed. After all, it would require very little work, if all would co-operate, to make your town almost flyless next summer. It would save several bad accidents from runaways, much profanity, much money for new screens and several human lives. And last but not least, try to estimate, if you can, the mental anguish it will save housewives, dumb animals and bald-headed men. Get busy!—Geo. H. Glover, Colorado Agricultural College.

### You Are Wrong.

He (at the phone): "Hello, is that you, Maisie? Yes, this is Jack. Have I heard the news? No, what? Mrs. Murphy. Well, well! Five o'clock this morning? Oh, tell her I'm glad to hear she's doing well. What's that? Two of 'em? Well (hanging up receiver). What do you think of that? Mrs. Murphy smashed two of her fingers in the door this morning and fainted dead away."

## Barron's English Leghorns

Large, vigorous, pedigreed birds, great winter layers, best blood lines in America. Hatching eggs, \$2.00 per 15. Bouncing, lusty chicks, for May, 20c. each, June, 15c. Modern incubation methods. Order from this ad. or send for mating list.

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FAWN INDIAN RUNNER DUCK EGGS, great layers, 10c. each. Hastings Bros., Guelph, R. R. No. 7.

FOR SALE—MUSCOVY DUCKS, \$5 A PAIR, Eggs for hatching \$2 a setting. J. A. Tancock, 96 King St., London.

"FAIRVIEW" S.-C. BROWN LEGHORNS Eggs \$1 per 15. Wm. Bunn, Denfield, Ont.

HATCHING EGGS—BABY CHICKS—UTILITY laying strains. Eggs, \$1.50 per setting. Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns, White Wyandottes, Golden Wyandottes, White Rocks, Non-Bearded Golden Polish. Write for price list. Satisfaction guaranteed. Tay Poultry Farm, Perth, Ont.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A BREEDER OF Barred Rocks that are barred and bred right, and from first-class laying hens. Eggs \$2 for 15, \$3.50 for 30, \$5 for 50, \$9 per 100. Order direct from this advt. Satisfaction guaranteed. Walter Bennett, R.R. 1, Cottam, Ont.

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WHITE WYANDOTTES; IMPORTED, bred-to-lay. Cocks dams' records over two hundred eggs per year. Barred Rocks, bred-to-lay, excellent layers. Prices—eggs, chicks on application. A. W. Hamilton, Parkhill, Ontario.

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## WANTED FEATHERS OF ALL KINDS

Write for our new price list. Remittance made upon receipt of feathers. Let us know your quantities. The Canadian Carpet & Comfort Mfg. Co., Limited, 340 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ont.

Choice Eggs for hatching, from free range flocks—S.-C. White Leghorn (Barron's 282-egg strain), Bred-to-lay S.-C. Brown Leghorns (O. A. C. and Guild strains), Barred Rocks—\$2 per 15, \$10 per 100. Fawn I. R. Duck eggs, \$3 per 10; Mammoth Bronze Turkey eggs, \$5 per 9 (show stock). Also choice Yorkshire Hogs, all ages. T. A. KING, Milton, Ontario

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## Resorts in the Canadian Pacific Rockies.

Banff, Lake Louise, Field and Glacier are in the heart of the Canadian Pacific Rockies, and on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.—Advt.

### Very Slow.

For two years the most decorous courtship of Sandy and 'Lisbeth had slowly progressed. One Sabbath night, after a silence of an hour, 'Lisbeth murmured—

"A penny for your thochts, Sandy."

"Weel," replied Sandy, with boldness, "I was jist thinkin' how fine it wad be if ye were tae gie me a wee bit kissie."

'Lisbeth kissed him. Then twenty-seven minutes of silence.

"An' what are ye thinkin' about the noo, Sandy—another?"

"Nae, nae, lassie; it's mair serious the noo."

"Is it, laddie?" asked 'Lisbeth, softly, her heart going pit-a-pat. "An' what might it be?"

"I was jist thinkin'," answered Sandy, "that it was about time ye were paying me that penny for my thochts."

### Didn't Know Him.

The day after the draft quota had reached Exhibition Camp a rookie strolled into camp after dark. As he was going past a sentry he was challenged.

"Who goes there?"

"Machine Gun 301," answered the rookie.

"Advance to be recognized."

"Aw, you don't know me. I've only been here a coupla days."

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