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The viceroys of India telegraphs that the heavy general rainfall has continued in most of the effected district. The crops promise well in the central provinces and the necessity for free kitchens will shortly disappear. Cholera is prevalent throughout Hyderabad and in Bombay. There are 5,688,000 people receiving relief.

Sensible Advice.

Never rush unless it is absolutely necessary. A swift moving machine is soon worn out. Be moderate in all things. He who uses tobacco and alcoholic drinks is slowly committing suicide, and is visiting upon his children the curse of nervous and physical degeneration. How many spend a day a week in town, holding down the corners or listening to some gas factory tell how to save the country? That means fifty-two days—just two solid working months out of the year! Do you wonder that we are behind with our work, or that things are not always well done?

Get some good books and papers; learn to enjoy your wife's society as well as you did in the court days; ask your neighbor to spend an evening with you occasionally and ask him to take turns with you in going to town. Co-operation is a good thing. There are many things which yourself and your neighbor can have in common if you are both white men. Buy where you can get the most for your money. Give the children a chance to earn a little money on the farm, and allow them to spend it for themselves for things which they need. It will teach them business, and they will not be so apt to waste your hard earned dollars when your body is at rest in the grave.—(G. N. Watson, in Farmer's Advocate.)

Grain for Cows on Pasture.

The majority of dairymen do not believe in feeding grain to their cows while on pasture, as they claim it does not pay. On the home farm we have fed grain to our cows the year round for several years, and a number of our most progressive neighbors have done likewise. Many people doubted the wisdom of such practice at first, but some of them are now following our example. A year ago I met one of our most successful dairymen on his way home from the station with a large load of cornmeal and bran for his cows. I asked him if he was satisfied that it paid him to feed so much grain during the summer months. He said: "I do not think that I could afford to stop feeding grain to my cows while they are on pasture." I might say that this man has not only bought and paid for bran and cornmeal for his cows, but with the net returns from his cows he has purchased and paid for three fine farms for his sons. His views coincide with mine exactly, for I feel that my father has made money by feeding grain to the cows while on pasture.

It is true, perhaps, that for a month or so, while grass is plentiful and succulent, the cows will give as large returns without grain feed as with it, but during times of drouth and fly season grain fed cows will always hold their own much better than those not so fed. They also milk much better during the last few months of the lactation period. The quantity of grain to be used will depend to some extent on the condition of the pastures and the size of the cows. It is not generally advisable to feed more than from four to eight pounds a cow a day. The university dairy cows are fed daily from three to five pounds each of a mixture of equal parts of cornmeal and gluten feed, depending on the size of the cow and the length of the time she has been milking. Our large cows get more than the small ones, and we also feed our fresh cows heavier than those that have been milking several months.—(W. J. Kennedy, University of Illinois, in American Agriculturist.)

Experience with Ducks.

I use an incubator to do hatching, so in order to secure eggs for the incubator I begin to feed breeding ducks in the fall for eggs, and if properly mated I get eggs by the middle of December. I feed three times each day, and for the morning feed bran, meat meal, grit, and some oats, well ground. I mix the food well before wetting it, then I wet it only enough to crumble in the hand. I feed at noon a mixture of part of the former with some green food,

using plenty of cut clover. For the evening I usually give whole corn. Feed varies with the condition of the weather and the time of year, but the above is the bulk of the feed.

Another point: If you want to secure good fertile eggs don't use more than five females to one male bird; and have the best breed or strain, for if you do not you are not going to have good results. I have had different breeds, but I have found the Imperial Peking to be the best and most profitable. Ducks ten weeks old will weigh twelve pounds to the pair, which you cannot get with a mixed lot of ducks or the kind you generally see on a farm.—(M. A. F., in New-England Farmer.)

Top Dressing Hay Fields.

After the hay crop has been gathered comes the best season of the year, on many farms, for drawing out manure and spreading it on the hay fields for top dressing. After securing the hay crop there is less pressure of work than at many other seasons, and the ground is hard and is not injured by the wagon wheels. Then, too, the manure will be applied in season to be soaked into the soil by the fall rains a little later. This will start up the grass to give the roots a protecting coat for winter. Where the soil is sandy or gravelly, fertilizing would not be profitable, as some of the fertilizer would leach down below the reach of the roots and so be lost. Neither is such top dressing practicable on slopes that wash badly, but almost every farm has some field land that may be profitably top dressed during the month of August.—(K. H., in American Agriculturist.)

His Shield and Buckler.

Many a rough-looking man carries in his pocket, safe from all eyes but his own, some memento or relic that is to him as a shield and buckler against the powers of evil.

A story is told of a big, burly miner who steadily refused to join his comrades in their drinking bouts, or in any of their revels in which evil was done. He was not surly and morose, but he steadily declined all invitations to take part in his companions' carousals. He was jeered at and subjected to all sorts of annoyances, but yield he would not. One night when the revelry ran high, and many of the men were half drunk, they declared that "Big Joe," as he was called, simply "had to drink with them."

"I will not, boys," he said firmly. They declared that if he did not they would force liquor down his throat and then run him out of the camp.

"You ain't no better than the rest of us!" said one man angrily.

"I have not said that I was."

"Well, why can't you join us and be friendly and sociable like when we're trying to have a good time? Ain't signed the pledge, have you?" with a sneer.

"No, I have not signed any pledge, boys."

"Well, then, what is it that makes you hang back this way?"

"Well, boys, I'll tell you," he said. "It's something I don't like to talk about, but I'll tell you, and perhaps you'll not expect nor want me to drink with you when I've told you the truth."

He thrust his hand down into an inside pocket in his gray flannel shirt and drew forth something wrapped in an old silk handkerchief. Inside the handkerchief was a wrapping of tissue paper, and in the paper was a little shining curl of yellow hair. Big Joe held the curl up between his thumb and finger and said:

"Boys, I've got a little motherless girl nearly 2,000 miles from here, and that curl came from her head. I used to drink a lot—enough to ruin my wife's happiness, and when she was dying I promised her that I'd never drink another drop, and that, for our little girl's sake, I'd be a better man; and when I left my little one with her grandmother, I promised them both what I'd promised my wife, and my little girl cut this curl from her head and gave it to me to 'remember her by,' and she said, 'Maybe it will help you to keep your promise, pap.' It has helped me. I've worn it next my heart night and day, and I'll never, never drink a drop, nor do anything she would be sorry to have me do while it is there. Now, do you want me to drink with you, boys?"

The man who had threatened to have whiskey poured down Big Joe's throat was the first to say "No," and from that time forward he was never asked to break his promise. His little girl's curl of shining yellow hair was his shield and buckler, and with God's help, it was to him a sure defence.—Young Reeper.

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