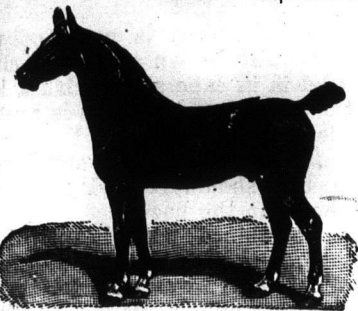


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board.

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start a record for the herd of cows at
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termine which are the best animals for
keeping, and to cut out the unprofitable
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rugged breeds.

Golden Rule For Poultry

The golden rule in feeding poultry
(says the "Farm, Field, and Fireside")
is to give the birds no more than they
will eat up quickly, and which they will
run after if thrown a good distance, as
then they eat their food with a relish,
which is most helpful to them in several
ways.

No food should be left lying about the
yards or runs, or even left in troughs,
as the very sight of such food turns the
fowls against it, as well as attracting
sparrows, mice and rats, and when rats
once get into a poultry yard they often
kill the little chickens in addition to
stealing the food.

When fowls leave their food they
should be made to miss a meal, and they
will soon find the lost appetite, and the
rest given clears the system, and in
many cases this does the birds much
good.

When there is a dry plot of grass or
gravel the fowls should be fed on it, but
where there is a covered run or out build-
ing, with a lot of loose stuff at the
bottom, a good deal of the corn should
be thrown into the covered-up part, and
this gives the birds scratching exercise,
which is specially valuable, because it
brings health, vigor and vitality to the
birds in the cold weather.

Where farmers constantly feed their
fowls in the farmyard they should al-
ways, etc., so that the birds may scratch
for it and continually get the much-
wanted throw the corn amongst the loose
needed exercise.

Poultry-keepers who wish for success
cannot afford to forget the sharp grit,
which is absolutely necessary to aid in
the assimilation of their food, as it per-
forms the same act for fowls as teeth do
for animals. The food has to be mas-
ticated before it can be digested, and this
is particularly the case with the hard
corn. Fowls cannot keep healthy and
thrive for long together unless they have
a good supply of sharp grit in one form
or other.

Replanning for Efficiency

The improvement of the countryside,
both around homes and over the land-
scape as a whole, is imperative. Begin-
ning in occasional addresses before farm-
ers' meetings, the importance of plan-
ning and adorning the farm and the open
country has recently been emphasized by
teachers and institutions. The literature
from agricultural colleges contains fre-
quent and detailed instruction on the
planning of the farmyard and the fields
for efficiency.

In the single detail of the location of
buildings vast changes may be made on
almost every farm which will lead to
increased results from labor, the saving
of time, and a decided improvement in
the appearance of the place. On few

farms are the buildings located so that
there is no needless travel in performing
the regular duties of the care of animals.
Few farms have a water supply available
at the point where it is consumed. It is
quite the common thing to "lead the
horses to water," to "drive the cows to
pasture" and to "go down to the garden
to get the day's supply of vegetables." All
of these journeys, however short, mean
the expenditure of energy which might
be otherwise employed. The mere fact
that a group of farm buildings is lo-
cated at one corner of a farm may rob
the team of a large amount of time each
day which might be employed in work,
but which is actually used in traveling
to and from the principal fields. Every
farm-owner needs to study his own pec-
uliar conditions in this respect. We
shall shortly present articles giving the
basic principles of replanning the farm;
but to any thoughtful observer many
economies will occur. There is an eter-
nal relation between beauty and utility,
and a community of well-planned farms
creates a beautiful countryside.

Rearing of Calves

A matter of fundamental importance in
calf-rearing is the untiring attention that
it demands from the person to whom the
care of the calves is entrusted. Whatever
light may be obtained from experiments on
the relative merits of different methods
of feeding whichever may be the best
cream or milk substitute, the information
will not ensure the best calves being reared
unless it is accompanied by that watchful
eye which is absolutely essential in the
attendant.

It is often the case that the calves pos-
sessing the best "bloom," the thriftiest
coats, and that exuberance of spirits that
one likes to see in young animals are found
on small farms where the responsibility of
feeding the calves is, fortunately, in the
hands of the wife. The calves are regarded
almost as fondly as children; no pains are
spared, any failing in appetite is cause for
anxious solicitude, remedies unknown to
the scientific mind are resorted to, and the
reward is the satisfaction that an ailing
calf has been brought round, to develop
later into possibly the best one of the batch

Manure for Mangels

Mangels appear to want potash more
than various other farm crops, and yet ex-
periment shows a surprising want of uni-
formity in the results obtained in a vast
number of experiments. These range from
serious minus quantities up to profitable
gains, and suggest that the action of potash
is dependent to a considerable extent on
the way in which it is used, apart from soil.
And this is the case, although potash, al-
ways somewhat of an unknown quantity,
is really more consistent than phosphates
in its behaviour with this crop. One re-
markable point about it is its value when
accompanied by dung, as it appears to ex-
ert most influence when it is than unac-
companied by other fertilizers. This shows
us clearly that it does not do to take for
granted the sufficient presence of potash
whenever dung is used. Another striking
point about its use for mangels is the dif-
ferent effect which potash exercises when
salt is present. In many cases potash is en-
tirely unnecessary then, but in some of the
recent experiments salt has been found
beneficial or not according to the kind of
potash salt used, the chloride, as might be
supposed, being the better without salt,
and the converse being the case with the
sulphate.—"Agricultural Economist."

Small Girl (entertaining her mother's
caller—"How is your little girl?")

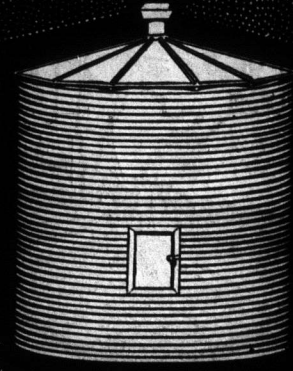
Caller—"I am sorry to say, my dear,
that I haven't any little girl."

Small Girl (after a painful pause in
conversation)—"How is your little boy?"

Caller—"My dear, I haven't any little
boy, either."

Small Girl—"What are yours?"

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