

# About the Farm.

## The Gardener's Ode to His Sweet-heart.

Written specially for the Western Home Monthly. By E. Eager Stewart.

Your eyes are like th' wind—so blue,  
Your cheeks th' tomaty red,  
Th' carrot in the ground that grew  
Is th' color of your head,  
My Hollyhock.

Your teeth are like th' even corn,  
Barrin' th' two that's missin',  
Red peppers wet with wathery rain,—  
Your lips I'd be a kissin',  
My Tulips Sweet.

I like your little turnip nose,  
It's of such a raddish hue,  
Oh, lettuce one strong onion make,  
For I'm bound to cabbage you,  
My Scented Rose.

Should that lamb's quarters city chap  
Ever dare to take my place,  
I'll go fetch my biggest citron,  
And I'll smash his pumpkin face,  
Forget-me-not.

I'll feed you on th' sparrow-grass,  
Cauliflower, butter beans,  
New potatoes, beets, celery with  
Oyster plant shall be my Queen's  
Sweet Yellowglow.

Like water-cress, sweet Marjoram,  
I'll keep you green all your life,  
On beds of garlic you may rest,  
If you'll be th' gardener's wife,  
My Lily Bulb.

al in its scope, and surely profitable, has suffered. Today there appears to be considerable of an awakening and it is to be hoped that it is permanent.

There is unquestionable authority for the assertion that Canada does not produce more than one third as much poultry in porportion to her population as the American republic does. Such a circumstance is worthy of serious attention, and when one is reminded that the poultry output of the United States has exceeded the wheat crop of that country by about nine million dollars, the importance of the poultrying is better appreciated, and the realization is brought home to us that something effective should be done to remedy poultry conditions here.

The first reason I desire to set forth in answer to the query as to why Canada's poultry output is small is that neither the Federal, nor any of the Provincial governments have paid to poultry production anything like the attention which an industry having such grand possibilities deserves. Even were the magnitude of the Canadian Poultry industry taken into consideration in its present crude and undeveloped state, twenty-five million hens capable of earning from one to two dollars each annually, ought to be worthy of more serious notice than that which is now being given to this industry in Canada.

Another reason why Canadian farmers are paying but little attention to their hens is that they have not a live and an abiding confidence in what their hens could do for them if they were properly handled and developed. Too

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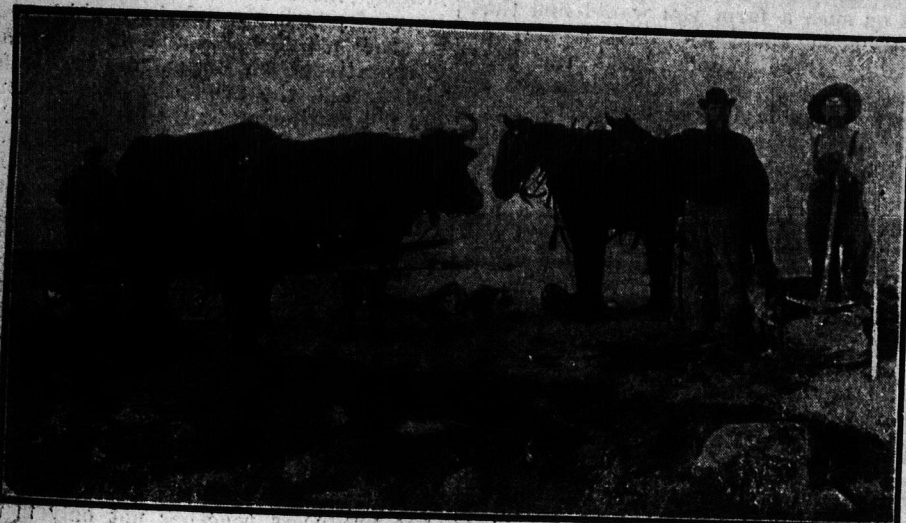
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We'll raise our little Brussels sprouts  
On-boiled artichokes and sage,  
Peas and parsnips will keep us young,  
With rhubarb to help spin-age,  
My Dandelione.

Maid of Savoy, let's married be.  
Pray do no longer halter.  
In a dress of summer savory  
You'll hobble to the altar,  
My Bleeding Heart.

I'll deck my cart and wash my horse,  
With melon's cucumber soap,  
I mint to run away with you,  
You'll squash if you cant-elope  
With Sweet William.

### Why Canada's Output is Small.

By Joseph L. Murray, Secretary Poultry Yards of Canada, Limited, Pembroke, Ont.

The very gratifying material prosperity enjoyed by the Dominion of Canada in recent years, and the stupendous development that has been witnessed in certain branches of agriculture, has to an extent resulted in relegating of certain other departments of animal husbandry to the background, and among these latter is poultrying. The farmers of the country have thereby lost to themselves individually a considerable revenue, and an industry that is nation-

many Canadian farmers are what is popularly termed so "land poor" that they do not seem to want to try anything in the nature of an experiment along what they consider new lines. They know about what returns may be expected from the cheese factory, or the creamery; they know about how much they can make out of their grain crops, or out of feeding a herd of beef cattle, but they do not know what they can make out of poultry products and they are afraid to experiment with them. Even farmers who are not making the money they should from their lands, or other farming operations in which they may be engaged, apparently look with disdain on poultrying. Of course, I appreciate, that if there farmers could be persuaded to work less land and work it properly, they would get along much better, but while many seem cognizant of this fact they have a certain pride in their mental makeups which prevents them from adopting such a policy. They do not wish their neighbors to think that they are coming down in the world and they continue to struggle along. They will continue to work their big fields at small returns per acre, and try to grow such crops as will make something of a showing on all their arable land. In this way they are working out the soil of their farms and gradually growing actually poorer, year after year.

Talk to a farmer thus harrassed in his farming and financial operations, about hens, and he would tell you that he knew

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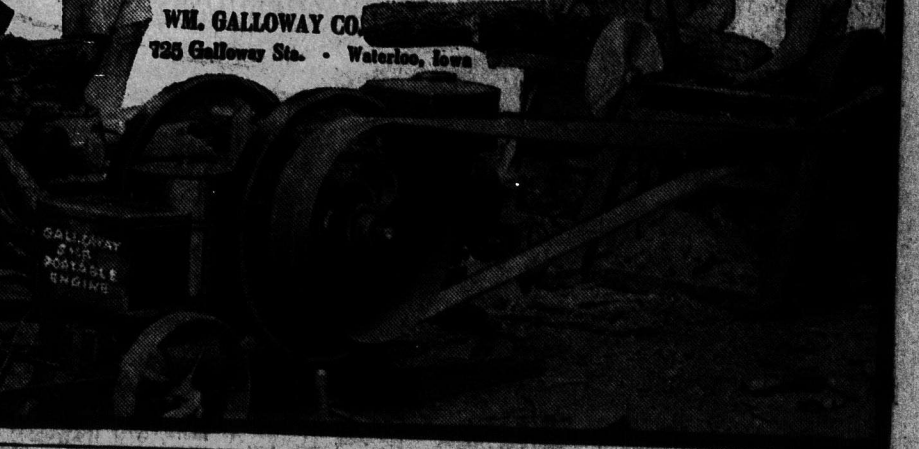
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