

Farm Notes.

Success in dairying must depend not only on having cows able to give a liberal mess and keep at it, but also on the kind of milkers employed.

Four turkeys were confined in a pen and fed on meal, boiled potatoes and oats. Four others of the same brood were at the same time confined in another pen and fed daily on the same article.

Removing the Second Crop.

It is a great temptation to mow second crop grass or to feed it off with the stock.

On most farms, however "run out" they may be, there are portions of ground that produce a fresh crop of green late in the summer.

In general it may be said that unless the grass has time and strength enough to make a third crop to insure winter protection to the roots the second crop should not be removed from the land.

As to heavy pasturing of the second crop of a mowing field, there can hardly be a chance for discussion.

Humus in the Soil.

When the land is first broken up it is full of humus in the shape of roots that have been accumulating through the centuries.

This difference is the behavior of old and new lands is due almost wholly to the fact that the humus has become exhausted in the old soil.

A minister named Fiddle refused to accept the title of D. D., because he said, he didn't want to be called the Rev. Charles Fiddle, D. D.

Curiosities.

Austria, with Hungary, had 5,737 miles of railroad at the end of 1896.

A plan for connecting south and west Australia by railroad is under consideration.

King Leopold of Belgium offers a prize of \$5,000 for the best military history of Belgium from the Roman invasion to the present day.

It is not generally known what loss of power is involved in the starting and stopping of an ordinary train.

A Reminiscence of O'Connell.

The following story, told by O'Connell is recalled by a London legal periodical.

"My poor confessor, Father Grady," said O'Connell, "who resided with my uncle when I was a boy, was tried in Tralee on the charge of being a Popish priest, but the Judge defeated Grady's prosecutors by distorting the law in his favor."

"Pray, sir," said the Judge, "how do you know he said Mass?"

"Because I heard him say it, my Lord."

"Did he say it in Latin?" asked the Judge.

"Yes, my Lord."

"What words did you here him say?"

"That's the Lord's Prayer, is it not?" asked the Judge.

"Here is a pretty witness to convict the prisoner," cried the Judge.

"The Judge charged the jury for the prisoner, so my poor old friend, Father Grady, was acquitted."

Humorous.

Biker—Hi there! Your wheels wabbling? Beginner—So's your tongue!

Grimpus—Had an attack of the Klondyke mining fever yet? Crimpus—No; I've taken the gold cure.

"Borgees has untold wealth." "How do you know?" "I just saw the tax assessor coming from his house."

"What makes Bumpy so down on the long-distance telephone?" "He called up a man in Toledo that owes him \$2.50. They wrangled till it cost Bumpy \$15."

Doctor—Hello! What are you doing in this part of the town and at this time of night? Going to draw up anybody's will? Lawyer—No; I was quite unaware that you had any patient here.

A bailiff had just levied on the poet's first book. But did the poet weaken? No. He borrowed \$100, started the presses again and placarded the book stores:

"Second edition! Marvellous success! First edition exhausted in one day!"

First Western Farmer (at railroad station)—You're a farmer, too, eh? Second Western Farmer—Yes; been farmer a good many years.

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All his savings from his salary were given to the enterprise. The friends to whom he confided his scheme looked with little favor upon it.

He established mills in Yorkshire, literally creating large centres of industry.

Mr. Holden entered political life in 1865. On the Queen's birthday in 1893 he was created a baronet.

He never missed a day's exercise, unless, indeed, he was confined to bed.

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