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About the Farm.

Suggestions.

"The farmer's trade is one of worth, He's partner with the sky and earth, He's partner with the sun and rain, And no man loses by his gain, And men may rise and men may fall, The farmer he must feed them all."

Begin now to keep a cash account. Men are great only as they are kind. We have heard of the coreless apple, but where is the cobless corn?

Are you entering the year with a lot of last year's debts? Debt is the spigot that drains the cream off farm life, leaving the clabber.

If the farmer succeeds the country prospers, peace and plenty reign and the world rejoices.

Speak a good word for your friends—even if you can't talk where they will hear you.

You will never know how small some great men are until you have occasion to be great yourself.

The ideal farm of the future will be the one where father, mother and little folks are the happiest.

Keep a note book near you, and, as they come to your mind, make a list of the seeds you will need. Before you know it, it will be time to make garden again. Send for the catalogues and read them.

Peter has no solid footpath from the house to the barn, and so all winter he goes floundering through the snow, slush or mud. Isn't it queer? Five inches of coal ashes topped out with three inches of crushed stone would make him a clean walk every day in the year.

Dairy and Stock.

Some men who believe they have religion could never make their horses believe it.

If farmers only realized the importance of keeping the young stock growing, there would be more profit and less bad luck.

Are the cows in good trim for the work of the new year? Better get them so, because that will decide the outcome of your season's work.

If the horse could talk we may readily imagine the things he would say to the master who would leave him standing for hours hitched under the drip from a snow-covered roof.

Because the cow falls off in milk it does not follow that she is sick. There may be something wrong with her feed; look into that. Often it is the man and not the cow at all.

Start in with a few more hogs than you think you can carry through the summer. Feed them well as long as you keep them, and when milk begins to get short, turn some of them off. Money in it.

Mutton Chops.

Sheep should be kept in comfortable quarters at night during the winter.

They should be allowed a good range and plenty of exercise during pleasant days, but should be kept in out of all storms.

Keep the sheep pens dry with plenty of litter; put in fresh, clean straw often. Keep the pens level. Rake them over if they become tramped and unevenly packed.

Do not allow the wool to become damp. It takes a long time to dry, and may cause colds and pneumonia.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the matter of food.

The success with the early lambs depends upon the capacity of the mothers to supply milk. To insure this they must be fed on the proper variety of food.

The value of food depends upon its digestibility.

Too much dry food must not be given.

Sliced beets, turnips and carrots should be fed with the grain ration.

The hay should be carefully selected;

never give coarse or musty hay to sheep.

Clover is the best kind to feed to sheep, though fine old meadow hay is also good.

Never feed coarse timothy hay to sheep. Remove any hay or stubs that may be left in the racks, before giving a fresh supply.

Colts and breeding mares relish hay that has been picked over by sheep. By feeding this to them all waste is avoided.

Keep the drinking vessels absolutely clean, and give fresh water often.

Feminine Dairy Wisdom.

The chief cause of the difficulty of getting butter in winter, is that the cream is too cold or too old.

The temperature of ordinary farm cream in winter should be from 68 to 72 degrees.

If a separator has been used, from 2 to 4 degrees lower will often bring better results.

Another important condition to remember is not to have too much skim-milk in the cream.

Skim the pans or cans carefully, taking as little milk as possible in the process.

If cream has been allowed to become too old and bitter, it will be impossible to get good butter, or to churn in a reasonable length of time.

Proper temperature and rich cream are two important points.

In some cases, where cows have been milking for a long time, there is some difficulty in churning.

The addition of one or two fresh cows in the milking herd will often overcome the difficulty.

The best way to bring cream to the proper temperature, is by putting the cream can into a pail or tank of very warm water. Stir gently until the cream is of the proper temperature.

Never churn in a cold room. The butter will be cheesy if you do.

The churning room should be about the temperature of the cream.

Perfect butter can not be made in a kitchen where there are all the odors of cooking.

Give the cows all the comfort possible, if you expect to reap any profit during the winter.

Humped backs and staring coats will put the balance on the wrong side of the ledger.

Are your cows only grades? Make the most of them. Feed them well, care for them as well as you would thoroughbreds and improve your herd as fast as you can.

Keep the young things happy and growing.

Horse Talk.

Give the baby colts the choicest of the hay, a little at a time and many times a day.

Ground oats with some wheat bran, oil, meal and a little molasses, will be good food for them.

A stunted colt will never make so good a horse as one kept vigorously growing from the start.

The main point is to see that the weanling gets the most nutritious food, plenty of it, and the chance to eat it and digest it in peace.

Plenty of exercise should be given in the open air on all pleasant days.

The two-year-old colts should be handled in harness this winter.

It is true that the earlier the process is gone through, the easier it is for colt and owner, and the better broken the animal will be.

Use him in a light rig and let him do some of the "running around," and by spring he will be hardy enough to do a share of the lightest work.

It is easier to keep colts from learned tricks than to break them of these habits. For that reason have every strap and rope used by the colts so strong that they cannot be broken.

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