The Monitor's Agricultural Department

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Correspondence, Suggestions and Inquiries welcomed to these columns.

Feasibility of Sheep Raising.

(The Maritime Merchant.)

The articles on sheep-raising as a feasible industry for the Maritime Provinces, which we have published during the past few months, have to our knowledge attracted some serious attention.

Only a few days ago a friend in Cape Breton wrote us: "Your article, 'Developing a Great Industry,' is a very timely one and a matter that should, without a doubt, be taken up and acted upon in some practical way by all the Boards of Trade in the provinces. This I will also bring to the attention of our Board at the next meeting."

Another reader of the Merchant, and a prominent business man, came to our office to consult us on the same question just about the time we received the above-mentioned letter. The idea of starting a ranch for one thousand sheep had been forming in his mind, and he found our articles an inspiration. We have a feeling that something practical may now result from the idea that our discussion of the subject has helped to crystalize.

These two instances are the only ones that have come to our notice, and we dare say that there are still others of whom we do not know who have felt an impulse to do something along this line as a result of reading what we have had to say. We are pleased to see results even to this extent, and are hopeful that something tangible may yet be heard of.

Since our last article dealing with this industry was published, an article in the Maritime Farmer came under our eye, in which the following paragraph appeared:

"If you want to go into the ranching business right here, I am satisfied that more money can be made out of sheep than in any other way. The scarcity of suitable farm help is forcing us to put our land in pasture more than we otherwise would have done. If gone at systematically a one-hundred-acre farm can carry five hundred breeding ewes, from which can be sold fifteen or sixteen hundred dollars worth of mutton and wool. The most of the time you may sit under a shade tree and watch the lambs grow."

This is a part of the optimistic phase of the question—the phase affecting production, without considering the market particularly. With regard to the phase affecting the market, we have shown before that we have a good one right at home, but our own farmers do not as yet begin to supply, and that in the Motherland, within very easy reach of us (as compared with Australia, or even parts of the United States where sheep are produced), there is a market for enormous quantities. We now wish to point out that there may even be a market in the United States, if we can solve the problem of getting at it. Here are a few figures on the subject which we clip from an exchange:

"The extent to which the consumption of mutton in the United States has gained ground is strikingly shown by a table in the Cincinnati Price Current, giving the number of sheep slaughtered at Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, the principal slaughtering centres, in the last six years. Beginning with 1,173,000 in 1897, there was an increase in every year but one down to 1902, when the total was 5,832,000, or about five times the number for the first of the six. Last year the number for the three-quarters was 4,200,000. Apparently mutton growers need have no fear of losing popular favor in this product."

So much for the optimistic side. Some people think there is a pessimistic side to it too, and inasmuch as they do, it is only fair and wise to present this as well as we can, so that our readers may decide what they're in it and whether the cause for the pessimism may not be removed.

For some time past letters have appeared in the Farming World, an agricultural paper published in Ontario, discussing the question of the decline in sheep raising. The tenor of some of these letters (several of them from the Maritime Provinces) has not been at all discouraging, for they have pointed out removable difficulties. The price of sheep products may be a problem, yet we are told that the sheep is the most profitable stock a farm can carry. However, it is just as well to get two views of the question, and we shall make reference to one of the letters above mentioned.

The correspondent states that the prices obtained for sheep products in the Canadian market are not nearly equal to the prices obtained by American sheep raisers in the United States markets, and he claims that the woolen manufacturer of this country is protected at the expense of the sheep grower. He thinks that protection for the "sheep raising industry would change the situation, saying: "Sheep which sold for $15 in England fifteen years ago, now sell for $10. Wool also is much cheaper. Free mutton from all the worldsand free wool is the cause. If England had a duty of 25 cents per lamb, $1.50 per sheep, and 11 cents duty on wool, they would be dearer than they now are, and farmers could make much more out of wool. It is not many years since that the United States put up the duty on sheep and wool to what I have stated. Farmers had been getting rid of their sheep, because they did not pay as well as other stock. The duty raised the price of mutton and wool and gave a stimulus to the sheep industry, and to-day sheep-raising is one of the most profitable branches of farming. I claim that we should have a duty on sheep coming into this country of 75c. per head on lambs, $1.50 on sheep, and 11c. per lb. on wool, which comes into this country free of duty.'

We have cited this because we think it well that people should be warned against being too optimistic. There is no industry or business, however, that has not discouragements and problems, and so far as we can learn, we think people should not be scared of the sheep-raising industry in these provinces, though it would be wise for them to make full enquiry before taking any decided step. The points to observe are that we are well situated with respect to the British market, in which it seems other countries are able to sell sheep at a profit; that our country is pre-eminently well fitted to produce sheep and wool of the highest quality; that the difficulties which do exist, are removable; that with a little necessary equipment, the business of exporting sheep products could be developed to the advantage of the sheep-raising industry.

In commenting on the letter from which we have quoted above, the Farming World made a suggestion that might be of value to people who have this matter under consideration. It says:

"A question that arises just here is, how far wool should be depended upon for profit in sheep-raising. The farmers today who are making the greatest success in sheep-raising are those who look largely to the lambs for revenue. Of course, the wool value should not be ignored, and the grower should aim to get as much as he can for it. But it is of secondary importance as compared with the lamb product."

Literary Fame Got Her Into Police Court.

Louisville, Ky., April 29.—"Mrs. Wiggs, of the Cabbage Patch," who in private life answers to the name of Mrs. Mary Bass, was to-day dismissed by Judge McCann, in the police court, where she made her appearance to answer the charge of throwing contents of a slop jar on Mrs. Emily Smith, also of Louisville.

Mrs. Smith claimed that her dress was ruined, her pride shattered and that her philanthropic impulses received a shock.

In dismissing Mrs. Bass the court said in brief:

"This prospecting witness came to Mrs. Bass' house without invitation. The defendant has been brought into great notoriety as a result of a literary production, and as a result has been terribly annoyed. Her home has been invaded, and the peace and quiet of the family disturbed. I think that she has had great provocation, and I think I ought to dismiss her of the charge on general principles."

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The Stooping Habit.

Dr. Madison J. Taylor, giving general advice to the aged in the Popular Science Monthly, says in effect that old people do not stoop because they are old, but they get old because they stoop.

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"Persons who habitually maintain an erect position in standing or sitting are stronger than those who slouch. A person who stoops and allows the shoulders to sag down and forward and the ribs to fall back toward the spine shortens the anteposterior diameter of the thorax anywhere from two to five inches. The lungs, heart, great vessels and other important structures in the thorax cannot live, move and have their proper being under such circumstances."

Wherefore the proper thing for persons who are not so young as once they were is to brace up, dress young and feel young. Sitting "hunched up" over a fire won't do.

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—and—

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Pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein the 25th day of April, A. D. 1904, unless before the time of sale the amount due to the Plaintiff herein for principal, interest and costs be paid to him or his Solicitor.

All the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the defendants and which the late Ebenezer Bent had therein at the time when he made the mortgage herein foreclosed, and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under them or any of them, of in or to all those certain pieces or parcels of lands and premises situate in Granville, in said County of Annapolis, and bounded and described as follows, viz.:

On the south by the Annapolis river, from thence running northerly and following the several crooks and angles of the division fence as it now stands between the lands hereby granted and land of Bernard Calnek until it strikes the lands of Sumner Wade, thence running easterly to the south-east corner of said Sumner Wade's land, thence running northerly till it strikes a certain piece of land set apart for the particular use of the Baptist meeting house, from thence running easterly to the south-east corner of said piece of land, from thence running northerly till it strikes the Post Road in Granville, from thence running northerly along the east side of the public road leading to the Bay of Fundy till it strikes opposite the north-west corner of lands of Joseph Harris, thence running westerly at right angles along said Joseph Harris' till it strikes the division line between lots No. 71 and 72 on the map of the Township of Granville, from thence running northerly along said line till it strikes the before mentioned public road and following on the east side of said road till it strikes land formerly in possession of Churchill Wade, from thence running at right angles easterly forty-two rods till it strikes lands of Robert Hoseason, from thence following the east line of lot No. 72 till it strikes lands set apart for a cemetery, thence westerly to the corner of said cemetery, thence southerly to the south-west corner of said lands, thence eastedly till it strikes the division land aforesaid, from thence following the several crooks and angles of the fence as it now stands till it strikes the Annapolis River, containing by estimation sixty acres, more or less.

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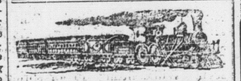

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If a mother desires her child to do a certain thing, why not, first of all, request him to do it, just the same as you would ask it of any other person? Do this kindly, but with the appearance of one expecting the request to be granted. If the child refuses, explain to him why you wish him to obey.

If he still draws back, appeal to his conscience, for the average child old enough to understand what is wanted of him has a conscience sufficiently developed to do its work. Say: "Surely you wish to do what is right. This is right, and I expect it of you." Whether the child obeys or not, this method cannot fail to quicken his conscience and set him to thinking.

WAIT.

Keep still. When trouble is brewing, keep still. When slander is getting on his legs, keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still, till you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look differently through an undigitated eye. In a commotion once I wrote a letter and sent it, and wished I had not. In my later years I had another commotion, and wrote a long letter; but life rubbed a little sense into me and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day when I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I leaned to reticence, and eventually it was destroyed. Time works wonders. Wait till you speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak maybe. Silence is the most massive thing conceivable, sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur.

FRUIT FRITTERS.

Fruit fritters are easily made and are not surpassed for simple desserts. This recipe for orange fritters is vouched for by the Cooking Club magazine: One cupful of sifted flour slightly salted and turned into a deep bowl. Make a hole in the center and drop into it the yolk of an egg which has been well beaten with a teaspoonful of best salad oil. Mix this to a batter, adding water enough to make the batter just stiff enough not to run off the spoon. Beat the white of an egg to a stiff froth and fold lightly in the batter. Drop slices of orange into the batter, cover well and slide them into hot fat. Fry to a golden brown, remove with a wire spoon, drain well and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Bananas, peaches, apricots or other firm fruits make good fritters.

SUBSTITUTE FOR MILK.

Where milk is not to be had or there is but little to use, cornstarch may take its place in pudding sauces, white sauce, etc., especially if butter and eggs are used. Mix the cornstarch—two tablespoonfuls—with a little cold water, cook it by adding a pint of hot water, letting it cook thoroughly, then when a little cool beat in an egg thoroughly beaten. Return to the fire for a minute or two, then season with salt, a lump of butter or whatever seasoning you prefer—chopped parsley is good. This makes a white sauce good to serve with boiled onions, warmed over veal, dried beef or salt fish, like codfish or finnan haddie, or, with the addition of sugar and the juice of a lemon and lemon extract, makes a fairly good pudding sauce.

A CHARM YOU CAN CULTIVATE.

There is one charm every woman may possess, and it is a very attractive one, neatness. The plainest woman is a delight to look upon if her toilet is one of exquisite neatness in every respect. Her hair must be done up securely and not look as if it were ready to tumble around her shoulders at any moment. Her gloves must be always mended, her boots in perfect condition and never any tag ends at the bottoms of her skirts. Most men know nothing about fashion, but will notice whether a woman is neat or not, and it is the quality they most admire in woman.

BABY BATH APRONS.

Any mother with a young baby will quickly understand how convenient one or two aprons made of Turkish toweling will be in giving the baby his bath. The towels are simply put on bands, and usually two are worn, so the baby can be slipped into the drier one underneath after the first rubbing is over.

PERFUMED GARMENTS.

Saturate tiny pieces of absorbent cotton with your favorite perfume, and put these bits in every bureau drawer, box and trunk where wearing apparel is kept. The merest suggestion of perfume will attach to the garments. The balls will need to be saturated about once a month.

PAINTED WALLS.

To clean painted walls dissolve two ounces of borax in two quarts of water and add one tablespoonful of ammonia. Use half this quantity to each bucket of water. Do not use soap. Wash a small portion of the paint at a time and rub dry with clean cloths.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

Jokers' Corner.

ALL ON THE MAP.

'Tis said the valiant Japs will use
The old town of Pingyang
As an operating base from which
The Russians they will wang.
Pingyang—
Wingwang!
From Pingyang Nippon's braves will march
To Whimwham by the sea,
And from the earthworks of Dingdong
They'll make the Russians flee!
At Jingbang, where the Cossack horse
Are drawn up in array,
With the left wing resting on Tingtang
There'll be a savage fray!
Good day!
Pingyang!
Blongblang!

GAVE THE GROCER A LESSON.

(From the Washington Post.)

"You can't tell me anything about the unsophisticatedness of these just married young women when it comes to marketing," said a Centre Market dealer. Their lack of the buyer's acumen is all in the eye of the joke writers. Only the other morning one of them—she lives right across the way and only recently got back from the honeymoon and started housekeeping got by with a dead new one on me.

"'I want a dozen eggs,' she said to me when she came up.

"'I inflated the paper bag, went over to the egg crate, and began to pick the eggs up, 2 at a clip.

"'Wait a minute, please,' said the just married young woman, who had followed me over to the crate. 'I want black hens' eggs.'

"'Black hens' eggs?' said I, standing up straight. 'How do you tell black hens' eggs from any other kind?'

"'Why, don't you know?' she asked me, with an innocent air. 'Why, it is very easy. I'll show you—give me the bag.'

"I handed her the paper bag, and she stooped over the crate and began to pick out eggs. She went over the whole top layer picking out thevery largest eggs in the crate. When she had got out the dozen of big ones, she looked at me out of the corner of her merry eye, and said:

"'There—these are all black hens' eggs. You can always tell them because they're the biggest, you know,' and then she gave me the cheerful chortle.

"'As it was a new one, and not so bad, at that, I let her go with it, of course. But you can't tell any grocery man or marketman in little old Washington these fairy tales about the rawness of just married young women in doing their table buying. They are, as a matter of fact, the most 'next' customers we have."

—At a prayer meeting up in a certain country town of Maine a good old brother stood up and said he was glad to give the following testimony: "My wife and I started in life with hardly a cent in the world. We began at the lowest round of the ladder, but the Lord has been good to us and we have worked up—we have prospered. We bought a little farm and we have raised good crops. We have been blessed with a large family of children. The Lord has certainly been good to us, and I am glad to testify to his goodness. In our old age we are comfortably fixed. We have a good home and a nice family of children," and, he added with much emphasis, "I am the head of that family."

After he sat down his wife promptly arose to corroborate all that he had said. She said that she had started in life with hardly a cent, the Lord had been good to them and they had prospered, they did have a farm and good crops, they did have a fine family of children, and her husband was the head of the family, but; she added with satisfaction, "I am the neck that moves that head."

IN A BOWERY RESTAURANT.

Henry Ward Beecher was amused when he went into a Bowery restaurant on one occasion and heard the waiter give such orders to the cook as "Sinkers and cow!" etc.

"Watch me give that waiter an order which I believe he won't abbreviate," remarked Beecher at length as the waiter approached. Then he said:

"Give me poached eggs on toast for two, with the yolks broken."

But the waiter, equal to the emergency, walked to the end of the room and yelled:

"Adam and Eve on a raft! Wreck 'em!"

It is related that Dr. Beecher nearly fainted.

AN AMUSING TRICK.

Say to a person: "If you will stand on a chair in this room I can make you come down the very first time I tell you." The person will probably say you can do nothing of the sort. However, he will get on to the chair just to show you that he doesn't mean to come down directly he's told.

As soon as he is up on the chair say, "Come down." He will of course say, "I shan't do anything of the sort." Then you answer, "Very well, then; unless you wish to remain there for the rest of your life you will have to come down off that chair the first time I tell you, because I do not intend to tell you a second time."

—"Nothing," says the physician in charge, "tires a patient like talking. The patient who is worn out, tired, suffering from disturbed mind and general agitation of the nerves, will recover if she will keep quiet.

"True, this is about the worst medicine a woman can take. The idea of being tongue-tied for most of the day is awful. But, on the other hand, the patient who will keep still is rewarded abundantly. She recovers three times as quickly as the one who keeps on talking.

—"A man feels like a fool when he is proposing to a girl," said the confiding youth.

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "and some of the unlucky ones feel that way many years after she has accepted him."

—Miss Mugley: "I always try to retire before midnight. I don't like to miss my beauty sleep."

Miss Peppray: "You really should try harder. You certainly don't get enough of it."

—Miss Snappe: "Why don't you propose to her by telephone, then?"

Mr. Homely Timmid: "Maybe she wouldn't know who I was."

Miss Snappe: "Exactly, that might help your chances."

—"She's exceedingly honorable," said the first woman.

"Indeed!" queried the other.

"Oh, to the point of eccentricity. Why, she wouldn't even steal another woman's cook."