

reserve the whole system that I practice. I have no secrets to wit^h no difficult plan of procedure, but a sound common sense application of those foods which I have proved yield the best practical results. I am very thankful and deeply grateful to many who gave a lot of useful information in my early connection with the fancy.

The present season of the year furnishes me an excellent opportunity to explain how I treat my brood does and youngsters. I feed in the morning with green stuff, such as dandelions, hedge parsley, and cauliflower leaves, the latter I find an excellent food, and at this time of the year they are my chief article of green food. They are easy to obtain in towns during the winter months from greengrocers' shops, and if you can get a fresh supply each day they are, to my mind, equal to roots, and, of course, much cheaper. Dandelion and hedge barsley, as yet, is very scarce, the former to my mind, is the best green food grown; but those picking it in the early parts of the year must use caution in feeding, especially youngsters, as the growth is so full of sap, that trouble will often arise through scours. With the morning green food I also add a handful of nice fresh hay. For brood does and growing stock I prefer English clover that has a lot of growth in it representing little sticks; this, I find, is very much more strengthening and fattening than meadow hay. At night I generally feed very late on bread and milk, and the best white oats I can get. The bread and milk I prepare as follows: The bread generally being odd dry pieces, drawn from a supply I get from the baker, stale loaves that are unsaleable. Breaking all the pieces up I put it in a large pan, pouring in boiling water sufficient to cover it, put a cover over to keep the steam in, let it stand for a quarter of an hour,

then strain all the water I possibly can off, and add sufficient new milk to make it very sloppy, giving each doe a small quantity to commence with, and increasing it each night till it reaches about half a pint.

I suggest commencing with a small quantity because sudden changes of food often disagree with the stock. I also give about two handfuls of the best oats to the does, and always find that no food puts on condition and quality of coat better than sound whole oats. They are an absolute necessity, because of their strengthening properties to increase according to the size and appetites of the does during the trying time of pregnancy.

To me it appears a stupid fallacy to withhold the giving of stimulating foods until the does have littered. My advice is, don't on any consideration withhold anything that may reasonably increase the strength and stamina during pregnancy.

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