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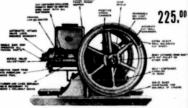
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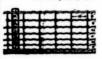
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There are several of these men who advertise in The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer. "There are others," no doubt, like them, whose greatest assets are their integrity and their experience: but we happen to know these men in our columns, and Canada has known them in some cases as long as there has been a market for wheat.

Speaking collectively: Having raised this remarkable crop, would it not be a farce (if not a tragedy) if we fell down in the marketing of it—a thing that is, humanly speaking, in our own hands? The Almighty has been kind to us, and the growers have worked hard and waited long for this result. How shall we use this great gift?

"The greatest good to the greatest number" must be the golden rule here as in everything else. Where is the bloated capitalist who would take advantage of the plight of our friends in Europe to make a corner of the bread stuff; or, on the other hand, to so invent and manipulate as to cut the farmer out the good price this crop does warrant?

Men, hold your crop till you know where you are. If you are pushed for a little money to go on with, take counsel with some of those men who can help you and on whom you can bank without reserve. Tell them frankly what you've got and what you need. Here, as in "the courts," he is usually "a fool who is his own lawyer."

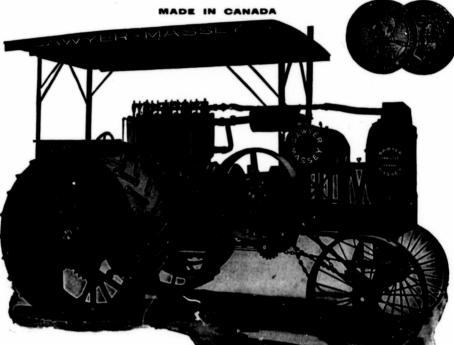


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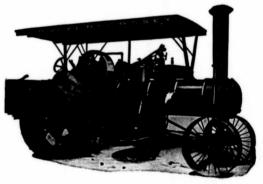
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HE quelling of the noxious weed riot means far else than an educational course on the life history and habits of weeds.

The smallest of our school children know the sow thistle, the Canada thistle, the stink weed and most of the other soil robbers about as well as they know their own brothers and sisters.

It has been explained to them that "a weed is a plant in the wrong place." The Departments of Agriculture and Education have been very generous in the matter of literature on weeds, and their wonderful success in dodging the best efforts of the farmer to raise a clean crop.

This is not to be a descriptive essay on weeds and how to handle them. If the reader does not already possess a complete library of weed literature, it is his own fault. A postcard addressed to Manitoba Agricultural College will secure post free by return mail quite an attractive collection of bulletins dealing with different phases of the weed pest. Two of these are of special interest (1) by Professor Harrison on "Cultivation after Harvest for Weed Control" and (2) by the Hon. Valentine Winkler, Minister of Agriculture, who urges the use of rye grass as a weed eradicator.

The latter pamphlet gives the "tentative results of farmers in the Morden-Rhineland district in keeping down noxious weeds by growing fall rye and spring rye. These grains have been grown in that district for over five years. Their cultivation was undertaken in the first instance for the money value of the rye crop, but owing to the additional value they developed as a means of eradicating weeds their cultivation has been extended till a substantial area is now sown."

In this connection let us say that one of the very best handbooks yet published on weeds is that under the title of "Weeds and How to Eradicate them" by Thomas Shaw, formerly Professor of Agriculture in the O.A.C., Guelph, and now of Minnesota State College. This hand-book will enable any one to know the

To Kill Or Cure The Noxious Weeds

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weeds and to acquire a thoroughly comprehensive knowledge of their

Then there is the still more elaborate and splendidly illustrated "Farm Weeds" book, issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. This book has re- the cently been reprinted bound in

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strong canvas, and is for sale by single copies only at the office of the Superintendent of Stationery, Government Printing Bureau, Ot-Fletcher and Geo. H. Clark, B.S.A., are the joint authors, and illustrations by Norman Criddle are not only perfect as to

drawing, with strict fidelity to detail, but they are the most artistic illustrations probably ever put into a botanical treatise. Next to a year's volume of "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer," "The Weed Book" is the best dollar's worth of agricultural information we know of in print.

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The Real Problem

But the real business end of this subject is not merely a knowledge of the life history and habits of the weeds, but how to apply that knowledge to their final subjugation as a commercial foe.

Following a determination to handle the noxious weed problem in a more thorough and effective fashion than it has ever received, "steps" have been instituted by the Minister of Agriculture which offer reasonable hopes of success. If he receives the co-operation he is entitled to look for from the farmers and the "interests" he is getting after, there ought to be an end to the noxious weed plague in two or at the most three seasons.

Obviously any programme of the kind cannot be served out at one slice, but any one who realizes what havoc the noxious weeds have played in the past, the hold they have taken on our cultivated lands, the attitude of some farmers and most railway and loan companies will understand that it is going to be one of the toughest fights in the experience of western agriculture.

From careful observation carried over nearly ten years, we have no hesitation in saying that the present deplorable plight is due far more to neglect than to ignorance. At the same time there appears to be a want of unanimity or reasonable agreement as to the matter of treating the soil, showing that a lot has still to be learnt as to that broad rule in cultivation, the observance of which will guarantee a clean field or an immunity from weed crop, which means a clean field for all practical purposes.

For example, the familiar slogan of "deep plowing" has proved a misleading one in many cases. Where the most elementary knowledge of soil constituents and their plant-food value



or just "WILD OATS"

would have saved a lot of mischief and disheartening exper-It has been read as meaning that under all circumstances, whether in fall or spring plowing, the rule is to get down as deep as you can get the plow share, the idea being that the soil on top must be played out, and that it is needful to get down for a fresh supply. The consequence is, of course, that infertile subsoil only replaces what formerly was a real good seed bed, getting a little tired perhaps, but still, with a little intelligent assistance, in a first rate way of business.

Again, this "deep plowing" may have the disastrous effect of turning up a big crop of weed seeds that were safely buried at a point well below germinating depth, and where in time they would have rotted away their last spark of life and "capacity for mischief." In the bulletin referred to on after-harvest cultivation for weed control, Professor Harrison gives the following pointers:

Discing after Threshing

Double discing the stubble land intended for fallow or spring plowing has given very fair results in many districts in the province. It starts a fair growth of weeds, but where it has been compared to skim plowing, it has not given nearly as good results.

Skim Plowing

Skim plowing is a term applied to plowing stubble land from two to three inches deep in the fall. Throughout the province this method has given exceptionally good results in the control of wild oats. Many fields infested with oats that were intended for summer fallow have been treated in this way and when the season has been favorable these pests were completely cleaned out. There are a few precautions, however, that must be taken or the work may prove disappointing:—

- (1) The soil should not be plowed deeper than three inches; for if turned up too deep and left loose, the soil dries out to the bottom of the furrow slice and the seeds germinate.
- (2) If best results are to be obtained the plow should be followed immediately with the surface packer. This will both conserve the moisture and by packing the soil closely around the seed, cause a quicker germination.
- (3) To obtain the best results the plowing should be done early in the fall.

Where the above precautions have been observed the farmers are enthusiastic over the successful killing of wild oats and the moisture conserved. Some claim that the amount of moisture saved makes the plowing of the fallow much easier the next spring.

Deep Plowing of Stubble Land Intended for Summer-Fallow in the Fall

The plowing of stubble intended for summer-fallow in the fall and early surface cultivating the following season has its merits with some weeds, but for wild oats it is not very successful. The deep plowing causes the soil to dry out near the surface and no germulation takes place until late the following season, after which it is impossible to have all the seed germinate.

Second Plowing of Summer-Fallow

The plowing of the present year's summer-fallow the second time late in the fall is not good Surface Cultivation of the Fallows in the Fall

If wild oats are the only weeds present, fall cultivation will be of little use, for the frost will kill the late weeds as effectively as the cultivator and it will be much cheaper. The dead plants will also have a tendency to prevent the fallow from drifting.

Fall and Spring Plowing

Where the land is to be cropped the following season the best results are obtained with wheat when the land is fall plowed from four to six inches deep early in the autumn and the soil packed and harrowed immediately after the plow. This will allow some growth to take place in the fall

much of what is on record in experimental knowledge is being ignored and the flagrant disregard of legal enactments for the destruction of noxious weeds which is in evidence in nearly every corner of the province. There's enough "law" to put the fear of death on any living thing—except weeds, but more "policemen" are wanted, or a different class of policemen who have not so completely played into the hands of the cook!

(For those who may not at once see the point of this little joke, it may be explained that it is quite a commonplace in city life for the constable on his regular beat to conceive a special interest in the cook at one or more of the big domestic establishments he is supposed to keep an eye on. This might be a perfectly innocent flirtation, but "if walls could speak" they could relate some wonderful stories in which a most generous and persistent hospitality on the part of cookie had the effect of putting blinders on "Robert's" eyes which kept him from seeing a whole lot of things. At any rate, he had compromised himself so deeply that ne was never afterwards the impartial, slave-to-duty "Robert" he was supposed to be.)

Our weed inspection system in the greater part of its local details has been a perfect farce, and it will not be otherwise until some strictly impartial means of enforcing the law has been devised. That a "law" of the kind should be necessary, however, is a disgrace to any community. Possibly the end would be reached more quickly if the law was withdrawn and instead of a penalty for foul fields a bribe was held out to the farmers of a district for the cleanest field.

It has often occurred to us that if the money spent on weedy weed-inspectors, their salaries, their travelling expenses and what must be a big accumulation of "incidentals" in office expenses, were levoted to a big prize fund for "clean crops," it would do far greater things in a fraction of the time in knocking the wind out of the noxious weeds. There are 'good farming" contests, we know, but the reward in this case is so inconsiderable it only appeals to men of honor who, as a point of honor, would in any case have kept their place clean-prize or no prize.

The real offenders among the farmers are either men who are mean enough to make a boast of their success in dodging the law where they have been smart enough to give it the slip, or they are so encumbered with land they have nothing like the equipment necessary to handle the summer fallow and other weed nurseries—sometimes for weeks on end and



PERENNIAL SOW THISTLE (Sonchus arvensis)

practice when the control of wild oats is the main point at issue. When the summer-fallow has been plowed early in the season, packed, harrowed and cultivated to keep it black during the summer, there should be few ungerminated weed seeds left in the surface soil. If this land is plowed again the second time in the autumn that clean surface is turned down and a comparatively dirty one turned up. It is too late for all these seeds to germinate that fall and the result is they grow the following season in the crop.

which will be killed by the frost. Where oats and barley are to be sown it is believed that skim plowing in the fall and deeper plowing the next spring will kill some wild oats."

This, however, is only a brief extract from a fairly exhaustive guide-bulletin, a fragment, so to speak, from a mass of excellent literature specially devoted to the character and peculiar habits of weeds and how to deal with them. We had not intended even to say this much on the educational end of the business but to express ourselves as to the way in which so

that, usually, the very time of all times at which they should have been concentrating on the weeds. (This latter feature of the case quite a number of writers in the agricultural press, and in one case reference was made to the operations of one of our Agricultural College star students who "fought like blazes" with his cultivating outfit all through the summer; but when harvest came, all hands were called off from the summer fallow to see to the ripening crop. Consequence was that conditions then so favored the weed-growth, they shot ahead in "close formation" and with such terrific impetus, it might be said that the greater part of that young enthusiast's summer work was as if it had never been done.)

It seems to us that coercion in this particular case has either been played out or it has never been tried. Whichever is right in the aggregate we will not insist upon, but we do know a very large number of specific cases of farming operations in which it could be seen that in spite of all that the law required, and professed to enforce, whole sections in particular spots (owned by resident farmers) in a condition which called for the "utmost of the law, have been "winked at" and allowed to pursue the even tenor of their way as if weeds were the main crop and wheat the side line.

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We know we are stating nothing which is not familiar knowledge to most if not all of our readers. We also know that perhaps every one of the many experienced farmers we have spoken to on the subject agree that until the morals of this question have been changed or properly understood, all the "education" in the world will be of little avail. It seems that men have either got to be shamed into a sense of their duty or bribed rather than coerced into doing something which after all and under present conditions of farming is a costly business to the average farmer.

This is a "first principle" in any weed control campaign which will no doubt strike the Minister of Agriculture and his deputies who are about to launch a great "drive" against what up till now has proved the unconquerable hosts of wild oats, sow thistles, ball mustard, stinkweed, skunk and quack grass, etc.

Professor Bedford (who will be generalissimo in the field) we have always found a most fatherly and therefore delightfully approachable" being. From the look of our genial friend we should say that in the training of his own offspring he has, as a matter of choice, used the stick orandy rather than the big-stick-n-the-back-of-the-door when

he wanted to "get home" with something that lay on his soul.

Would it not be worth while making a real good trial of this method of approach in getting after the boys of the farm? Old boys and young boys it matters not: they are all alike in this respect—they respond to kindness or anything in the shape of an "inducement" with wonderful alacrity, far more quickly and with quite a different spirit than they answer to a threat.

Seriously, we most respectfully offer the suggestion to the Department of Agriculture that it should, while retaining the noxious weed act unimpaired on the statute book, let it hibernate there

our Department of Agriculture less familiar with humanaritian principles or one whit less skilful in applying them than any prison official living?

That is one thought which is well worth while going into in detail—insofar as the individual resident farmers are concerned. It may have to be "administered" in a different fashion when the absentee landowaer, the railways and the loan corporations holding large tracts have to be dealt with, but as to this there seems to be nothing wanting but the courage to see that these corporations do toe the line.

You can't deal with corporations as you can with individual men.

CANADA THISTLE (Cirajum arvense L.)

for a time and turn every available means the department has at its disposal to the idea of encouraging rather than intimidating the farmers.

Something of this kind has been in operation for some time with amazing success in one or more of the great prisons of the United States. The men have been put on their honor, trusted and encouraged to do the right thing by a governor with a heart and understanding equal to the task of handling men. Are the farmers of Manitoba a class beneath the convicts of the United States? Is

We have great faith in Bedford and his battalions dealing with the "men," but it isn't an appeal to the conscience and a prize cup that will pierce the hide of a corporation.

If there is sufficient law to compel the corporations to keep their property or right-of-way clean, then it is only a matter of enforcing the law. It can always be done in one way: let the "policeman" hire labor in the name of the law to do the job, and then collect the amount by the usual process of garnishee, seizure, or whatever

surgical operation that will most quickly get at the "blood" of the offender.

The present weed-inspection system is evidently a failure. The mere fact that the fields are fouler to-day than ever they were points to the ineffectiveness of the "inspection." Headquarters cannot be blamed for it, but we have a strong conviction that the weakness is in the local appointments. With a view to economy and the advantage of having a man continually on the spot, these local weed inspectors are selected from residents of the particular district to be covered. Taking it for granted that they are all men of the highest character, they start out no doubt with the very best intention in the world to do the clean thing and to do it thoroughly. But byand-bye a neighbor develops a very bad case of Canada Thistle or Cow Cockle. Yes it is a bad case, but this poor chap has had very bad luck since he took the place, and if he is ordered to do what the act says he must do, it may cut him out of the last dollar of revenue he had counted upon for that season. The inspector has a soft heart—we will assume that he is a man that cannot be "bought"—the crop is allowed to live, and there is the end in sight to all effective control in that district.

It is an impossible job this policing of a man's own neighbors. If we could break through the stolid reserve of the Provincial Weed Inspector—what might he not be able to show us in pathetic appeals to send "someone in authority" to see certain things that really ought not to be passed? And there's a significant, post-script begging that for the love of all that is sacred in good fellowship not to divulge the source of information!

This sort of thing has got to gealt with before one has any tight to hope for success from a purely educational campaign. As we began we will end by saying that the trouble does not exist because of any lack of knowledge as to the weeds and the methods of dealing with them. It is due more than anything else to indolence, cussedness or want of equipment. We have done our bit in cultivating the soil, and have had a clean patch as well as a very unsightly one, too.

But we never failed to have the black soil under our cabbages when the disposition was there to keep it black. Application and reasonable persistence did the trick, but among all the smort things we thought we could do, we never found it possible to keep a ten acre patch clear of weeds in the growing season with a turnip-hoe.

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THE FATE OF CANADA for many generations to come will be decidedprobably in the very near future-by the outcome of the Great War. The fate of the United States of America no less than Canada, hangs by the same thread. Some people seem to think that it is a very slender thread. Since the war began those people have never found anything so easily as a pretext for gloom. "They always glare at the dark side and never at the bright side," says our friend James Douglas. "They always gloat over our difficulties and never at the enemy's." Personally, we fear these Jeremiahs more than the Germans. There is one certain way to lose a war—to believe you will lose it. The will to win is based upon the conviction that you must win. If we lack that conviction, we are already beaten: we are self-convicted cowards.

BUT WE HOLD THAT CONVICTION. We are absolutely certain that the Allies will win. We are as sure of it as we write to-night, as that the Sun will rise to-morrow morning. It is a fine thing to be able to anchor your soul to a certainty.

Our certainty in the outcome of this tremendous struggle for the preservation of our freedom, for our identity as a people, will carry us safely through any storm. That the enemy in this case should come out of the fight in any other way than as a dead quantity for all time to come is to us unthinkable. When we say "the enemy," we do not mean the German people any more than that the people of Great Britain were on one occasion the "enemies" of their cousins in North America. It was the blundering of a crack-brained Autocrat and the military despots of his day that woke up the settlers of New England to a sense of their rights and of their strength to maintain those rights.

HAD GEORGE III AND HIS PUPPETS won out in the War of Independence, it would have been a sorry day for the British people themselves no less than the American colonists. It opened the eyes of the British Nation to an idea of equity in government it never knew before, and it was the making of a new ideal in Democracy for North America: the governing of the people for the people by the people. In like manner, the German people, as the outcome of the present war are going to be baptized into the same great confederacy of human freedom. But the junkers and war lords who incarnate the idea that the right to rule is in the power of the sword are to be pounded into the soil at any cost of blood, treasure and time it may take to do it.

WE COUNTED THE COST before we started and we are out to win, first and last for our own existence and that of the dear ones of our own household. But incidentally, we are fighting your battle, dear citizen of the United States of

America as well as yours, worthy husbandman of the Rhine Valley. The Lord God never desired the misery of a single creature. The War lord of Germany professes to believe that it is necessary to slay in order to possess. Now we know that is not the will of the Lord of Heaven, and it is not our view of human intercourse. We will not recapitulate the enormities of the war—they are burnt into the heart of every etitizen of the world who has a spark of decency left in him. The whole world knows—and knows for certain—how these military junkers have been conducting the war they themselves provoked and the whole thinking world knows too well what the end would be if the junkers became in time the Conquerors.

SUCH AN EVENTUALITY we never contemplate, but for the benefit of those of our friends on this Continent who by reason of their life's environment have not the means of knowing what resources in character and substance are behind the British Empire alone—not to speak of our Allies of France, Italy and Russia—we say: "Cou-

France, Italy and Russia—we say: "Courage, friend!" There is not a single discouraging element in the whole outlook that is not found in yourselves. If you need a tonic, remember that for over a year the Germans have been dashing themselves to pieces against the French and British lines. Now we are in the second autumn of the conflict and they are still foiled and baffled. Every objective has failed. Paris by the 14th of September a year ago! The fishwives of Calais and Dunkirk knit their socks unmolested on the quays and capstans of the old harbors. The Zeppelins have nothing to their credit but the cost of them with a big debit in the lives of a few women and children. And the submarines!

WE ARE MAKING OUR PLANS on the assumption that the world's sea trade will remain as free from inter.uption as it is today—when we get even our newspaper mail twice a week. To quote again from our friend Douglas: "We are almost impiously cheerful." For the life of us we cannot be otherwise. Blunders? Of course there have been blunders. War is a tissue of blunders. Have the war junkers never blundered? Bless your heart! we have no monopoly of blundering. The point is that we have bought our lesson and are now working at full speed to apply it. Our best brains are busy. The whole Empire is pulling its weight. There are thousands of men who think they could run the war better than the men who are running it. Those fellows are wiser after the event than before it; but we beg of you to blend humor with your infallibility. George III and his crew were made "dead quantities" long before the date of their funerals. So will it be with William of Germany and his junkers—and then the German people will arise.

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Pig Raising

PIG-RAISING may be a most profitable form of stock raising, or, under bad conditions, may be most disastrous. Pigs multiply more quickly, reach maturity earlier, and make more economical gains than either cattle or sheep. On the other hand, they are more subject to disease, more likely to be unthrifty and the market is more subject to sudden slumps. If pigs were always as prolific and easily fed as they are at their best, and markets always were dependable. no quicker road to wealth could invite the farmer. These prospects have sometimes induced people to plunge into pig raising on a large scale, and often, when this is done by the inexperienced, serious loss is the result. Then, too, following good prices for pigs, the whole country may make a sudden increase in pig production, glutting the market and bringing prices down to an unprofitable level.

The proper course in pig raising is steady uniform production. Where proper methods are followed there is good profit in pigs. but discretion must be used in the business. The man who decides to raise pigs in large numbers when prices are good, usually has his large output ready about the time that prices are low. He then sells out in disgust and when good prices come again, has nothing to sell. The man who makes money in pigs is the one who consistently, year after year, has a crop of them to market.

Breeds

One of the first questions which the beginner in pig raising asks is, "What breed is the best?" Frankly, I do not believe that the choice of breeds makes much difference. Success may be obtained with any of the prominent breeds, and bad management may bring failure with any of them. The Yorkshire and Berkshire breeds are most popular in Canada, the former-having a good reputation for large litters, vigorous active pigs and bacon type, and the latter for being easily kept and quickly matured. Other things being equal, it is probably advisable to raise one of these breeds as it is easier to get the service of good boars. However, if a man fancies one of the popular Ameri-

can breeds, such as Duroc Jersey, Poland China or Chester White, there is no good reason why he should not raise them. The objection commonly raised by some of the Canadian live stock leaders. that they are not suitable for bacon production, is more fanciful than practical. The English market is the only market where a premium is paid for long sides for bacon. At one time an effort was made to build up a Canadian export trade in Wiltshire sides, and for this purpose only longbodied pigs were to be raised. However, there is no export trade in pork now and it does not seem likely that there will be. The local packers pay as much for the is wiser to breed for one or two litters per year. The fall litter is not by any means a consistent profit maker. Very often the long cold winter is too much for fallborn pigs and they are a bill of expense rather than a source of profit. On the other hand, a year seems a long time to keep a sow for one litter, and if it were possible to get two litters in the year, the cost of production would be lessened. It is impossible to lay down a general rule on this point that will always hold good. The man who has little or no accommodation for his pigs and has little capital tied up in them, is probably well-advised in raising only one litter. They can be

shortest Poland China as for the longest Tamworth, providing size and quality are right. There does not, therefore, seem to be sufficient ground for condemning the Canadian hog raiser who wants to raise the American short, thick type of pig. This does not mean any slur on the Yorkshire; for its size, thrift, hardiness and prolificacy will win it a place even though its long carcass commands no premium over the rest.

More important than the choice of the breed is the selection of good individual sows as foundation stock. It is of prime importance that they be good mothers. That term includes regular breeding, large litters, gentleness in handling and caring for young. and good milking ability. Given a sow with these qualities combined with good size, good condition and good conformation, and it really does not matter what breed she is.

One or Two Litters Per Year

There is a good deal of difference of opinion as to whether it raised almost entirely outdoors. The young pigs can arrive about May 1st and are large enough that they do not mind the cold fall weather when it comes. They are ready for market before Christmas. Only the brood sows need to be fed over winter. By this method, pork production is cheapened by the use of pasture and waste products, and winter feeding reduced to a minimum. On the other hand, if a man has capital invested in pure bred sows and boar and in buildings and equipment, it is hardly enough return on this investment to get only one litter. If the building is a comfortable one, pigs can arrive in March, and then the sows can be bred to farrow again in summer. Pigs arriving in August have a much better chance to stand the winter than late fall pigs. By having the spring litter come early it is possible to breed again for an August litter. Thus the man with capital and equipment in the business is justified in trying to get two litters from

some of his sows at least. The worst time for pigs to come is in the fall. They are then at their most critical stage-weaning and the few weeks following it - in midwinter, and the danger of crippling and stunting is very great. Pigs born in the winter are more likely to succeed, as they have their mother and her milk for warmth and sustenance during the cold weather, and by weaning time, the warmer weather of spring approaching. Of course, the spring is the best time for pigs to come, so far as that one litter is concerned, but unless they come very early in the spring it is very hard to have the second litter come early enough in the fall. Everything considered, where two litters are to be raised, probably the last half of March and the month of August are about the best times for farrowing.

Winter Protection for Pigs

There is far more loss of pigs from too much shelter than from too little. Two of the most necessary things for a pig's health are ventilation and a dry bed. These are much more important than heat. Small pigs must have protection from cold but a mature pig can stand a great deal of cold without suffering any harm. Exercise is always an essential to hog health, and very often too much shelter is combined with lack of exercise. These remarks show why it is that the pigs that rustle around the straw stack and shelter in an open shed often do better than those that have expensive warm buildings to protect them. The outdoor pigs have fresh air and lots of exercise, and they usually manage to find a snug dry nest to sleep in. The tightly built piggery is badly ventilated, with the air laden with moisture and the floor swimming in slime. As a result, the cost of the building is worse than wasted. It is, therefore, not necessary to put up expensive buildings for pig raising. Cheap cabins that keep the wind from blowing directly on to the pigs are all that is needed for wintering grown pigs. At the experimental farm we find that sows wintered in such cabins have larger, stronger litters than those that wintered in a comfortable piggery. Another good cheap shelter for pigs is a runaway underneath a straw pile. When

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Rumely Reorganized

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Since last writing for "Farm Problems," Manitoba has made a great change in the matter of her agricultural administration. We have a new Minister of Agriculture, to wit, Hon. Valentine Winkler, and, judging from the beginning he has made, there is every prospect that at last Manitoba will be on the map agriculturally. Already there has been some reference in The Thresherman to the appointment of A. J. McMillan to the position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the advancement of Professor Bedford to a new position which has been created especially for him.

Probably no better illustration could be given of the inefficiency of the late agricultural administration than the fact that a man of Professor Bedford's wide and valuable experience should have spent a large part of his time in the mere mechanical operation of signing game and other licenses and similar work of a wholly unimportant character which could have been performed equally well by any clerk. Now, Professor Bedford, with an adequate staff under him, will give the whole of his time to the problem of eradicating noxious weeds and the development of demonstration farms. The weed problem has become so serious in Manitoba that only the most thorough and drastic measures can overtake it.

Recently the representatives of the Grain Growers' Association appeared before the Canada Grain Commission protesting against the cutting down of their grades of grain on account of the presence of wild oats, some of them going so far as to claim that the grain should not be cut down in grade unless there was over five per cent of wild oats in it. The present year has been terribly prolific of wild oats. Last fall was so dry that very few of them germinated and the same was true during the spring of 1915 up to the month of June. When the rain came the weather turned cold and while the wheat grew very slowly, the wild oats grew apace. Never in the twenty-five years that I have been travelling over the West have the fields been so frightfully infected with this pest. and, indeed, with noxious weeds of all kinds, wild oats, sow thistle and the various mustards, however, standing out. It is very natural that the farmers should feel aggrieved that their grade is so seriously lowered, but if the attention had been given to this question of weed eradication that should have been, even an unfavorable June like that of the present year, would not have been so fruitful in the production of weeds. The present crisis in the agricultural situation with reference to weeds is a very serious



The newest and the most important factor in the board of governors of the Agricultural College is the admission of women to that board. On the basis of ordinary common sense it would have seemed reasonable to expect that women would have been appointed to that board as soon as there was a woman's section of the college. Reduced to plain terms, the situation is this:

The Head of the Herd

one and only the united efforts of the governments, the municipalities and the farmers themselves will avail to overtake it. It is, however, of supreme importance that the man in charge of this work should have wide experience, be generally recognized as an authority and be the possessor of great tact in dealing with the public. All of these qualities Professor Bedford possesses in abundance and great results may be looked from his administration of this new department.

The Agricultural College, so far as the men students are concerned, exists to promote better methods of agriculture in the province and to induce boys to remain on the farms, as a place where a good living under healthy and pleasant conditions is assured. If the women's section of the Agricultural College means anything it should mean that the girls who attend are being trained to make homes and to bring up the next generation. If it is so extremely important that the best kind of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs be bred, the best methods of plowing followed, surely it is as important that the young women who attend the college should be taught those conditions of life under which they may bring healthy children into the world and train them to be good citizens! If we admit these two things are equally important, then the admission of women to the governing board of the college is surely a small step in the right direction.

When men are waxing eloquent on the subject of the importance of the work of women as the homemakers, they usually forget that while with their mouths they laud the importance of being a wife and a mother, by the laws they have made and the acts which they daily perform, they publish to the world the fact that really the rearing of pure bred cattle is much more important than the rearing of pure bred and highly bred children-highly bred in the sense of having come into the world under the best possible auspices and clothed and fed and educated in the best possible manner after their arrival. Far too often in the history of the West the man who has spoken eloquently at breeders' meetings on the care of brood mares has neglected to see that an equal amount of care and consideration was given to the mother of his children in similar condition. It is just another illustration of the truth which Nellie L. McClung has so ofter pressed home in speaking of the need of the woman's point of view in the government of the country, namely, that men naturally think in terms of property, but that women just as naturally think in terms of the value of human life. The settlement of this whole vexed question will not be reached by the placing of two women on the board of the Agricultural College of Manitoba, but the mere fact of the recognition of their right to be there is an advance and an advance for which the women of the province will be deeply grateful. Thoughtful women recognize that men have not done these things with the deliberate intention of belittling the importance of the home and the family, but merely because they have not thought. As it takes a

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Stacking

It may not be too late when this issue reaches the farms of the country to say a word about stacking. The governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta have both issued warnings in this respect. The railway companies are also drawing attention to it. In the past, when the railways urged stacking, it was generally conceded that they were doing so because they had not equipment for handling the crop, but this is not the case in the present season. The railways could not be better equipped for the movement of grain than they are at present. The difficulty lies not there, but in the lateness of the season and the fact that being an exceedingly heavily strawed crop, threshing is necessarily a more lengthy business than usual. It is not possible for the crop to be threshed from the stook even if snow does not come, to remain, until well on in November and any man who has crop and can stack will find that the threshers will be much more ready to come to him as the weather grows colder than if it is a question of threshing from the stook.

Directions for stacking can be had, where there is no one in the district who is experienced in the matter of building stacks, by applying to this column. Much valuable grain may be saved in this way.

Selling Stockers South

During the past two or three weeks I have had many letters on the subject of so large a percentage of our young cattle going south of the line to be finished, and a certain amount of pressure is being brought to bear upon the Dominion Government to place an embargo on this young stock going out of the country. Personally, I have refused to advocate that any farmer hold his young stock and feed it, not that I do not regret very much the fact that thousands of head of stock and feed cattle are going across the line to be finished and that the American farmer who buys them will secure the major part of the profit, but I realize that at the prices at present offered for well finished steers, farmers see nothing to induce them to go on finishing for another year. Every-

thing that the daily and agricultural press can do has been done to press home upon the Dominion Government the need of providing a proper outlet for finished cattle-for the present season on the hoof, but preferably in the form of chilled meat. The enormous increase in the chilled meat exports from the United States and the fact that our own packers are shipping chilled meat to Chicago are evidences that it is high time Canada was getting into this trade. The Dominion Government has appointed a market committee and there is talk of an agricultural commission; in fact, there is any amount of talk but very little action. If it had not been for the open market to the south, butcher steers would have been cheaper in Canada than they are, and they are cheap enough, Heaven knows, while the American buyers are paying extremely high prices for stockers and feeders.

Every farmer who is interested in this question, and who is not? should be prepared to take action when he comes to his yearly gathering of farmers, whether it be a live stock association or the grain growers' association. The provincial governments are showing a great willingness to help, but the question of export markets is clearly the duty of the Dominion government. Following the tremendous propaganda "Patriotism and Production," it was reasonable to suppose that something like an adequate attempt to provide for the marketing of the produce would have been made, but the days go by and nothing is done excepting loud lamentations that our young feeding and breeding stock are going south.

In the eight months from the 1st of January to the 31st of August, out of some 21,000 head of cattle shipped to the United States, over 17,000 were stockers and feeders. The percentage is much too high. The West never had such an abundance of feed as it has to-day, but with finished steers selling at \$.650 to \$6.75, an offer of \$4.50 to \$5.50 for stockers looks like the better price to the average farmer, and I, for one, while I deplore his doing so, do not blame him for selling and saving himself the trouble of feeding.

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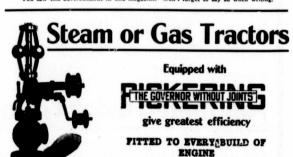
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The wheat crop of 1915 will go down to history as the greatest Western Canada has so far produced. Yields are a constant surprise and evidently all estimates will have to be shortly revised upward. The early movement was unusually high in grade. But a period of five weeks of very showery weather has just passed and much damage has been done on wheat in stook, quite generally over Manitoba and Central Saskatchewan. Threshing is again general all over the West at this date but much damaged wheat will now come on the boards. Much wheat, one and two Northern, before the rains, will be three Northern or tough at least, as over-anxious farmers will thresh much of it too soon. And yet every one of us would likely do just as they, in view of the lateness of the season. Though inspections at Winnipeg have on several days beaten records of other years, up to October 10th inspections since September 1st were only 48,000,000 bushels, or a little less than those of last year at the same date.

Export business has been intermittent owing to the exceedingly great advance in Ocean freights. France needs about 100,000,000 bushels from America to supply her deficiency. Ordinarily this shortage alone would have some time ago brought sharply higher prices in America but the steadily mounting ocean freights have effectually dampened enthusiasm on the bull side despite wretched threshing weather across most of our West and the spring wheat States. To-day a sharp advance has been recorded on the rumor that the Allies would abandon the Dardanelles campaigning and Roumania would join Bulgaria against Confirmation of either is lacking, but now that the war loan for a half billion dollars has been arranged by the Allies, a wave of buying has ensued and bullish enthusiasm is rampant. However, a big run of wheat, which good weather will now permit, will likely temper this feeling and might even bring lower prices before the close of navigation.

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weather has delayed threshing. She can ship very little of it. Italy has a fair crop but will need considerable from America. India has had excessive rains but in Australia prospects are excellent.

The American Government crop report, issued October 7th, indicated a spring wheat yield of 345,163,000 bushels and a total yield of 1,002,029,000 bushels, winter and spring, the greatest crop Uncle Sam ever had. With a few weeks good weather, the visible stocks in all terminals in North America will likely greatly increase. Ocean boat space is scarcer than a year ago and less grain will likely be moved across the Atlantic than last year in the four months of the big crop movement. Europe wants our wheat and will take it as rapidly as it can be moved to her, freight space being the crux of the situation. A rapid movement for the next month might easily bring lower prices because of congestion.

Not for some years has American wheat sold at such a spread over Canadian wheat and a determined effort is now being made by our Western Farmers' Organizations to secure free entry of our wheat to the U.S.A., especially our tough wheat of high grade which American millers need for blending with the soft winter wheats which were damaged by rains. If this concession be made, our wheat would immediately come to a parity with American wheats and likely even exceed them. Even now, some parcels of tough one Northern and tough two Northern have been worked successfully to Minneapolis, after paying duty.

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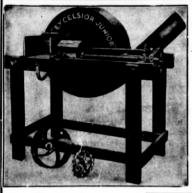
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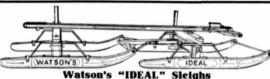
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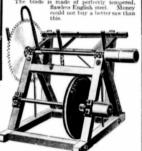


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THE harrow is frequently the least understood and the most despised tool on the farm. Harrowing is usually delegated to the cull team and also to the cull driver, in consequence of which cull results are naturally often obtained. Notwithstanding this, the usefulness of the harrow has been demonstrated on almost every kind of soil, and at all periods of the growing season. That its usefulness was appreciated in Shakespeare's time may be gleaned from those lines in Richard

"I will go root away The noisome weeds, that without profit suck

The soil's fertility."

It is even made mention of by Biblical writers. Referring to the harrow, Job said: "Will the unicorn harrow the valley after thee?"

However, since only the lighter soils were cultivated in ancient times, the harrow often consisted of bushes or branches of trees, which merely scratched the surface of the ground. Even to-day, in some of the more remote parts of Europe the peasants use a brush harrow of this sort. The march of progress does not halt for the remote districts to fall in line, and we find that the old "A" harrow, which originally consisted of thorn bushes with a cross-arm

The Use and Abuse of the Common Brag Harrow

Address by The Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan at the 1915 International Dry-Farming Congress, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.



The Hon. W. R. Motherwell

attached, was improved upon by the Romans, who devised a square or oblong harrow made with cross-bars and provided with numerous teeth. This remained the standard type until late in the sixteenth century. Since then the harrow, in its course of development, has consisted of a wooden frame with wooden teeth; a wooden teeth; are wooden frame with iron teeth; or wholly of iron. The second type is still in use to a considerable extent, but iron harrows are now most commonly employed. Of a very different character is the chain harrow, which consists of a collection of iron rings, and the disc and acme harrows with which we are all familiar.

The Uses of the Harrow

In dry-farming practice, probably no other implement plays so important a part in moisture conservation as does the drag harrow. In regions of scant rainfall, practically all ploughing except sod should be harrowed immediately after, or better, at the same operation as, the ploughing. In fact, the harrowing should be considered as part of the operation of ploughing.

If we did not have the harrow the much talked of "soil mulch" would be very hard to obtain. There are other implements on the farm which we could use to produce this mulch, but the small acreage covered by them in a day makes the cost of production so great that their use is prohibitive. The two outstanding features of the harrow in producing a mulch are the rapidity with which the work can be accomplised and the efficiency of the work done.

Not only is the harrow a splendid implement to use in producing or restoring a mulch, but is beneficial also as a packer. In newly ploughed land especially, the harrow teeth go well into the ground, breaking up the lumps right through the furrow slice, compacting the soil, and thus materially aiding the capillary action of the soil moisture.

For every pound of dry matter produced in a plant, from four hundred to seven hundred pounds of water are absorbent. Experiments have proven that a single stroke of the harrow has checked evaporation to the extent of one hundred tons of water per acre. This is equivalent to an additional yield of approximately four bushels of wheat to the acre.

The ordinary iron or wooden drag harrow should be and is usually constructed so as to avoid the teeth tracking. This is best accomplished when only one place is provided for attaching the

whilffle trees. In the case of a 4-horse harrow with two hitches provided on one long evener, careless driving, or one team habitually slower than the other, may result in the teeth tracking continually, which is not harrowing at all.

A much better arrangement than the usual long heavy evener on say a 6 section harrow with two horses hitched near each end, or better even than having the four horses hitched to the middle of a long evener, is the one which I shall endeavor to describe. The 6 section harrow should consist of two complete harrows each 3 sections wide, each drawn by a light evener wide enough for 3 sections. To each evener is attached a set of two horse whiffletrees. The inner sections of these combined two sets of harrows can be kept the proper distance from each other by first running the 4 evener attachment links for the two inside sections, through a piece of hardwood 2 x 4 and 4 feet long, in which the necessary holes have been made to allow the links to pass through easily and work freely. This keeps the two 3 section harrows in position just as well as the one long heavy evener, and does not cause the front of the harrow to dig so deeply into the soil, which is much to be avoided in harrowing soil with much top litter or other refuse in it

Preparation of a Seed Bed

In the spring when every farmer is anxious to commence seeding, the harrow is most essential. As soon as the land is in a reasonably friable condition it should be harrowed, which operation will form a mulch and thereby check the rapid evaporation that is always going on in the spring. Sometimes the spring opens up several weeks before it is advisable to start seeding. Early in the interim it is particularly desirable to harrow the land to be sown a short time later, thus preventing the escape of large quantities of water that would be lost by evaporation in the meantime. By checking evaporation, harrowing is an important factor in warming up the soil and preparing it for the seed, as every pound of water we see rising in vapour from the surface represents a loss of heat from the soil. After the seed has been sown, the value of the harrow can once more be demonstrated behind the seed drill, thereby putting, not only the proper finishing touch on the field, but also putting it in better shape for successful harrowing after the crop is above ground.

Weed Destruction

As a weed eradicator, the harrow is indispensible, but when it is to be used for weed destruction the weeds should never be allow-

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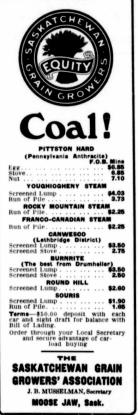
When the weeds are at this stage, on a warm, dry day, the harrow will kill millions of them. In summerfallowing from the time the land is shallowed ploughed or double disced the previous fall until freezeup the season it is fallowed, the harrow can be used at intervals to good advantage for accomplishing the following purposes: killing weeds, conserving moisture, making a firm seed bed. stirring up the surface of the ground and permitting access of proper amounts of air, thus giving the soil bacteria an opportunity to change the plant food from an unavailable to an available condition.

Many authorities recommend harrowing fallow or summer tilled land as soon as possible after every considerable rain. This is not always practical in wet, cloudy weather, nor desirable in the case of weedy land where a much more complete germination of weed seeds can be secured in the top soil by letting it remain wet to the surface for three or four days after a rain. This encourages the fullest possible germination of weed seeds which may then be destroyed by the same harrowing that restores the soil mulch and with no appreciable loss of moisture in the meantime.

If the top soil to the depth of the usual mulch-say one and

ed to get beyond their seed leaves. one-half inches-is kept continually stirred and dry by the harrow, no weed seeds in that layer of soil can germinate, but remain there to cause mischief later on. In many older districts and counties the practice of harrowing the growing crop is followed with excellent results, as in fields where annual weeds are troublesome the crop has often owed its salvation to the fact that it was harrowed after it was above ground. Harrowing winter grains during the following spring is now a recognized practice all over America and elsewhere, but it took long years to establish the custom because of fear lest the grain be maltreated or partially destroyed by the operation. Harrowing spring crops may be practised with equally good results if certain precautions be taken. That French Weed or Stink Weed, one of the worst annual or winter annual weeds which the Saskatchewan prairie farmer has to contend, can be controlled by the timely use of the harrow is now a matter of history in many of the older districts of the Canadian West.

> The methods to employ and precautions in harrowing spring grain crops depend in some measure on the primary object that induces one to harrow grain. If a field is to be harrowed for the purpose of restoring a soil mulch and stimulating growth, then it should be done at a time and by such



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means as will do the least possible damage to the young grain plants. It is generally conceded that the best time to affect this is just as the grain is showing above ground and again when the plants are four or five inches high, or about A light meeting in the rows. wooden harrow with round teeth is preferred in such instances, and care should be taken not to have a lot of rubbish on the top of the ground to drag on the harrow teeth and mess up the young crop.

Harrowing to stimulate the young plant growth is doing for the field crop what the gardener does for his garden crop when he hoes or rakes it and the ommission has a similar noticeable effect

If, on the other hand, harrowing grain is contemplated primarily to destroy young weeds which, if permitted to remain, will often take such a terrible toll of the crop, then the harrowing is best performed (weather permitting) when the young weeds are small and tender, and not yet out of their seed leaves, regardless, to a large extent at least, of the stage the young grain is in. To do this successfully, and not retard maturity by thinning out the crop, it will be necessary to sow a little heavier to allow for the destruction of some plants. The harrow best adapted for killing weeds in growing crop is the one that is sufficiently heavy and close cutting to kill the weeds, and at the same time do the minimum damage to the crop. A high framed, long toothed harrow with abundance of clearance, and teeth that will not track is the one that usually best fills the bill in such

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out a much better drag harrow than has yet been seen on the market. It is hoped that the growing popularity and importance of harrowing young crops of growing grain will speedily produce the mind and the man with sufficient inventive genius to supply this much required want.

The Abuses of the Harrow

Damage is often done to growing crops by harrowing when the leaves are wet and full of water. as they are more crisp and tender at this time than on a warm, dry day. This is especially so in harrowing a corn crop. Also, if the land is wet the harrow teeth will gather soil and rubbish and pull out considerable grain. If harrowing is done when the ground is too loose, a great deal of the grain may be pulled out or covered, with consequent loss to the farmer.

Harrowing the land in puddled condition .- By harrowing the soil when it is very wet, its physical condition is seriously impaired, and it is difficult to restore the land to a friable granular state. If the soil is puddled and the granules broken down, and the surface films of moisture on the smaller soil grains come so nearly in complete contact that there is scant room for air to circulate and plants cannot thrive. Soil bacteria of the aerobic kind are thus rendered useless. This is especially so in clay soil where the soil particles are of very minute dimensions.

Excessive harrowing is very detrimental in districts where the soil lacks fibre and is liable to drift. Many industrious farmers are led astray by the term "dust blanket." This may be suitable in some parts, but should be changed to "earth blanket," as nity for the inventive mind to get many people in harrowing their

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land work diligently to produce a dust covering, and the result is that with high winds the whole mulch drifts off. When a soil mulch is well loosened and thoroughly separated from the firm ground beneath, and especially after the mulch has become dry, little benefit can be gained by harrowing unless there are weeds to destroy.

When the surface of a field is infested with weed seeds and the harrow is being used as a weed eradicator care must be taken not to apply it too soon after rain as the rapid formation of a dust mulch prevents the weed seeds from germinating. The amount of moisture lost by this method of cultivation will be more than compensated by the elimination of weeds.

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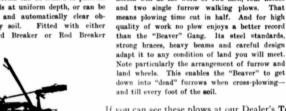
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should be done with caution and on a limited area for a try-out, as soils, harrows and drivers differ so materially, and there is always the danger of retarding maturity in the later districts unless an additional quantity is sown per acre to allow for what is dragged out

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The Right and the Wrong of the Tractor

There has been a good deal of talk about the modern tractor, especially the so-called "baby" tractor, as an aid to farming.

The modern gas tractor of 10 or more horsepower has thus far. within its limited area of use, proved to be an auxiliary of the farm horse rather than a substi-When properly handled, the tractor is often of great value in permitting one or two men to perform a large amount of work within a limited length of time. With further development, a lower first cost, and operated by workers who have been carefully trained, tractors will undoubtedly continue to grow in number and efficiency, extending their field of work into new territory. The heavy demands for power to break new land are practically

over, and the growth of the tractor will hereafter be due more to its merit than in the past.

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In past years, wherever the tractor seems to have succeeded, the farms have usually been very large. The present trend of the tractor industry, however, points to the development of cheaper and smaller outfits, designed to pull only from two to four plow bottoms, and these should make good on farms of moderate size, providing they cost considerably less per unit of drawbar power than the equivalent in horses.

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The physical condition of the land determines largely the degree of success which can be obtained with a tractor.

But the most important qualification is efficient management.

The operator must understand his tractor thoroughly, and not only be able to locate quickly any trouble which occurs and remedy the same promptly, but he must be capable of avoiding a great many of the troubles commonly experienced with tractors, by frequent inspection of the bearings, ignition system, etc., thus keeping them in first-class condition at all times. The necessity of having tractor owners properly trained for the operation of their outfits has been recognized by most manufacturers, and several have established schools for their customers.

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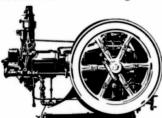
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leges have added courses in tractioneering, and there are several privately conducted tractor schools. It is believed that most farmers who contemplate purchasing a tractor would find it well worth while to take a short course in tractioneering at some one of these schools. It will be time and money well spent.

Another important factor in determining the success or failure of a tractor is the amount of capital invested in it. The average farmer can not afford to increase his power investment to any great extent. In purchasing a tractor he should not, therefore, spend as much for it as he can realize on the horses it will displace.

It is significant that many farmers who have bought second-hand tractors at low prices have been very successful with them. It is also significant that the sales of the larger and more expensive outfits have fallen off, while those of the smaller and comparatively cheap ones have largely increased.

It is apparent that the price of tractors has been too high in the past to permit the average farmer to use them successfully. The indications at present point to a general reduction in the price of these outfits and an increased sale as the price is lowered.

The fact that the tractor, as a mechanical power outfit designed for pulling implements and for

doing stationary work, is still in the process of development must be remembered.

It is generally recognized that the gas tractor was of great value in rapidly breaking up large areas of prairie sod in the West at a time when horses were not available, but after the sod was broken they proved an unprofitable investment for the individual farmer in a large percentage of cases.

The average life of a tractor has been variously estimated by owners at from six to eight years.

The plowing done with tractors has been little, if any, deeper than that with horses.

Combination work is not practiced to a great extent and usually is limited to harrows or drags after the gang plow.

The percentage of tractors which are operated at night is comparatively small, varying from eleven to fourteen per cent, although the tractor's efficiency at night is very good.

No injurious packing of the soil is caused by the tractor's wheels if the soil is in proper condition to be worked.

The tractors which have been operated by kerosene show, as a whole, slightly better average results than those operated by gasoline, indicating that the heavier fuels can be burned at least as satisfactorily as the lighter ones.

The amount of kerosene used per unit of work, however, is usually slightly more than for gasoline, which would appear to indicate that the carburetion of the kerosene is generally not as perfect as that of the gasoline.—"Dry Farming and Rural Homes."

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RESULTS OF CO-OPERATION IN HANDLING WOOL

Manitoba Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg

The sheep industry has never received the attention it deserves in Manitoba, primarily on account of the high cost of fencing. This difficulty, to a large extent, is now being overcome, and the breeding of sheep promises to become one of our staple industries.

Sheep should be not only a profitable branch of mixed farming, but their introduction into our farming system will do much to help control the spread of noxious weeds, and an increased supply of lamb and mutton will go a long way in helping to reduce the cost of living both on the farms and in the cities.

In order to encourage the sheep industry and assist the farmers of the province in finding a satisfactory market for their wool, the Provincial Department of Agriculture undertook to handle this season's wool clip for the farmers, on a co-operative basis.

At the request of the minister of agriculture, Hon. Mr. Winkler, George H. Greig, secretary of the Provincial Sheep Breeders' Association, took charge of the work about the middle of May. Circulars were sent to every known breeder of sheep in the province, announcing the plan, and giving instructions for packing and ship-ping the wool. Upon receipt of the farmer's wool, whether the product of one or two sheep or a thousand, it was carefully weighed, then graded by an expert wool classifier sent out by the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It was then properly packed and the grade and weight branded on each sack.

The department paid the farmers an advance of fifteen cents per pound upon receipt of the wool.

Upwards of 74,000 pounds, four car loads in all, were received and finally sold to the highest bidder, the North West Hide & Fur Co., of Winnipeg, securing the lot at \$26.80 per hundred, except for the tags.

In order to make this effort as instructive and helpful as possible, each farmer was paid for the value of his wool, those having good sheep, well cared for, and putting up their wool in good condition receiving the benefit over those whose wool was of inferior quality.



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He further stated that much of the Manitoba wool was somewhat lacking in yolk, weak in fiber, and dark, as compared with the bright wools of Ontario and Ouebec. Of course this is easily accounted for by the fact that in this province sheep are largely used as weed destroyers and allowed to run on the summer fallows, where they get a great deal of soil blown into the fleeces.

On the whole, the results have been most satisfactory, the price realized for the farmers, after paying the one cent per pound commission charged for handling, being from five to seven cents more than would have been realized had the department not taken up the work.

The grades, values and quantities of each are given in the f-11------ +------

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Grade	Value	Amount
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Low Medium Combing		32843
Coarse Combing		3000
Lustre Combing		5745
Fine Medium Clothing		694
Medium Clothing		4359
Low Medium Clothing		2403
Fine Clothing		750
Rejections		1391
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Farmers Co-operative Fattening Station to be Established at the Poultry Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College

In order to help the farmers in preparing and marketing this season's poultry crop, it has been decided to open this fall a farmer's co-operative fattening station in the Poultry Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College. This station is to be operated on a strictly co-operative basis, ensuring to the farmers the best prices for their poultry. The demand in Winnipeg for properly dressed poultry of high quality is much beyond the supply and it is hoped to obtain the advantages of the extra prices paid. Not only will the fattening station provide best prices for the farmers, but it will ensure a much better finished product for the consumer.

The chickens are to be shipped in from the farmers, fattened in the poultry plant, then marketed. Only the actual cost of fattening and handling the poultry will be charged against the farmer and deducted from the price received, dressed.

Only spring chickens of the heavier breeds will be taken. Before shipping, the farmer must communicate with the Poultry Department of the College, stating the number he wishes to have fattened, also the breed. The importance of this rule is due to the fact that only a limited number

can be handled at one time; by complying with it the supply can be regulated so that there will be no overcrowding. The farmer will be notified when to ship as soon as the Poultry Department has received particulars from him.

Farmers must furnish their own coops, the express on which will be deducted from the amount their chickens bring on the market. All coops must be properly addressed to the Poultry Department, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg.

It will take from fourteen to eighteen days to fatten the chickens. They will then be killed, dressed and sold at the highest prices possible and the returns made to the farmer. Returns should be in the farmer's hands about three or four weeks after the chickens are shipped.

The Manitoba Department of Agriculture's recent efforts to assist farmers in marketing their wool clip to advantage met with complete success, and the department is urging all farmers interested in the production of better poultry to take advantage of this new co-operative opportunity. It is desired to get the work well under way at once and to that end farmers should write to the Poultry Department of the College, as above stated, without delay.

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"The soil," said the political economist, "is what supports us." "Well, I don't know," said the captain, thoughtfully, "the ocean supports me about eleven months



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Concrete and Tile Silos are Durable when Properly Constructed

An anonymous booklet, evidently prepared to discourage farmers from building concrete and tile silos, has recently been circulated in some parts of the country. The booklet consists of photographs of cracked and collapsed silos, and the examples shown represent what may happen when concrete and tile silos are improperly constructed, but they should not be used to discredit these types of silos.

Whenever farm buildings are not permanently located, or if for other reasons a temporary structure is desired, the wooden silo may be preferred to one of concrete or of other durable material. Where lumber is cheap, or where stone and gravel can not be readily obtained, the first cost of a wooden silo day be less than that of a concrete silo. But for a permanent structure it is generally best to construct of tile, concrete, cement block, or some other durable material. Silos properly built of these materials are not likely to be damaged by winds. They must be properly reinforced, however, or they will crack and eventually fall down.

In some cases the cracking of

the concrete silo is caused by too small a proportion of cement used in its construction. More often, however, the trouble is due to improper reinforcement. Aside from the matter of reinforcing, most of the failures of concrete silos have been caused by poor and insufficient foundation.

The concrete silo should be built with a solid wall six inches thick and reinforced with steel rods or woven-wire fencing. The joints in each course of the wire fencing should overlap and the ends be tied.

It is sometimes stated that the silage next to the wall will spoil for a distance of six inches. If the silage is not well packed and if the inside walls are left rough, it will spoil at the edges, but this may happen in any type of silo. If the inside walls are comparatively smooth and coated with raw coal tar thinned to the consistency of paint, and the silo is properly filled, the silage will keep in good condition for several years.

The impossibility of moving is another argument which has been used against concrete silos, but a man who builds for permanence and has a live stock business definitely established has no occasion for moving the silo.

Some concrete and tile silos have been poorly constructed and improperly filled, but these are not sufficient reasons for condemning these types of silos. The unqualified assertion that tile, concrete, cement block and brick silos are not durable is not based on facts.

Details for constructing wooden and concrete silos may be obtained by applying to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, or the Manitoba Agricultural College, etc.

An Appeal to the Patriotic Threshermen

What is most certain to prove as popular as the magnificent spirit displayed by the industrial employees of Winnipeg is the September Harvest Patriotic Appeal that is being sent out to thresherman and their employees this week. The Patriotic Fund is making this appeal to men engaged in threshing and harvesting throughout the province and asks for the co-operation and sympathy of the men. A printed information sheet showing details of amount of money paid out during the past twelve months for the support of the deserving wives, mothers and children of our soldiers is being sent to every thresherman in the province. This opportunity for the threshermen and harvesters generally to

join in and do their share comes at an opportune time when the fund is just entering upon its second year's work. At the present time there over three thousand families of soldiers receiving aid from the fund and the demand for money now exceeds \$50,000 per month. The success of this Harvest Patriotic appeal depends greatly upon the energy and sympathy that the threshermen put behind it. The Patriotic Fund committee, however, feel that the threshermen will take a personal and patriotic interest in the call to help in such a worthy cause. Judge R. H. Myers is chairman of the provincial subcommittee and the manner in which the campaign will be carried on will be that the men who are engaged with the threshing outfits will have deducted from their September pay one or more days' pay and the foreman or threshing machine owner will forward same through to Chas. F. Roland, Industrial Bureau, Win-

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What Was He Thinking Of? Seth—"Uncle Silas, do you like bananas?"

Uncle Silas (hard of hearing)—
"No, indeed; I prefer the oldfashioned nightgowns."









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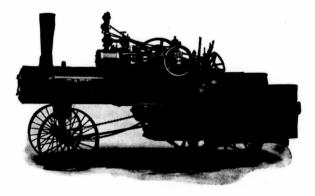
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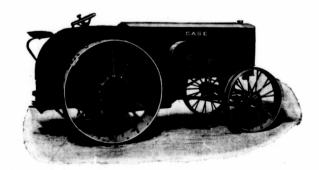














Milk Supply on the Farm

There is too much lack of system in handling the milk cow on the ordinary farm in order to get the best results. The farm is not usually provided with dairy appliances and fixtures to care for the cow or the milk she produces properly. This, of course, is on account of the dairy being regarded a side issue and the milk produced and sold as just so much

The cows employed in the milking class too frequently do not get much attention; they take the every-day, go-as-you-please range of the other stock cattle and are not given special dairy care in view of producing a large flow of The farm dairy should be carefully organized and in a sense made a special department in view of acquiring the best milkers possible of the breed kept on the farm, if a special breed is desirable. It will pay to put this department of the farm into the hands of some member of the family and have it looked after carefully.

The farm dairy should have its barn and equipment for stabling the cows so as to keep them clean and free from dirt, manure or any unsanitary conditions that would in any way damage the quality of the milk. Exercise out in the open lots or pastures during the autumn and winter seasons is practically a necessity. The farm milk cow should be a privileged character on the farm insofar as the straw stack, stalk fields, etc., are concerned, and besides these means of gathering of the waste of the farm she should be provided morning and evening with a full feed of ground grain, silage and cut alfalfa, such as the manager of this department determines as a good and sufficient ration for each cow.

If the farm dairy develops a money-making prospect - and it will when properly handled-then build it up by the selection of better cows. Take from and add to the herd until there is a distinctly strong milking tendency estab-lished. Every farm, whether specially engaged in the dairy industry or not, should keep cows of the best quality. Such cows are available. Of course, the initial outlay will be more than with the poorer kinds, but the produce will soon pay the difference in cost, and the profits in the business are then encouraging.

It is not necessary to discard any particular breed of cattle when building up a good lot of milk cows. Stick to the breed of your choice, but select for the liberal milkers. The Shorthorns are already highly spoken of as milkers. The large milker, no matter of what breed, may transmit this tendency to her heifer calves. It is a safe venture to try this prospect in improving the milking quality of your herd.

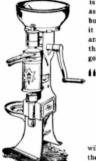
Give the Calf a Chance

The dairy industry is not relinquishing its hold on the small farmer; in fact, there is more interest developing in the ownership of the milk cow now than at any past period. There is the additional incentive of calf raising with every cow owner, whether he be dairyman or farm cattle raiser. The present situation offers this feature with the milk dairy that induces the keeping of the calves to be hand raised.

The raising of cows of dairy blood has become an industry in many dairy sections, where a few years since every calf, male or female, soon after birth found its way to the yeal market. The leading experiment stations are now engaged in compounding and testing feeds that will grow the hand-fed calf to the best advantage of both calf and owner. The old-time buttermilk calf was not a profitable animal to produce; it too frequently passed through a stage of poverty, lack of thrift and a general condition of decline in the first year of its existence.

The stunted calf was a common thing on most farms where handfed calves were raised. It was a matter of no concern with the owner as to thrift. The calf was supposed to take up the refuse, skim milk, buttermilk, etc., and become a self-supporter on grazing in a calf lot producing very little but weeds. Clean buckets for the calf and a ration of grain in addition to the daily milk allowance, with especially prepared calf foods, is in the line of the present system of calf raising where the dairy is conducting both features of industry - milk production and the growing of the dairy calf for the dairy cow.

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The Relation of Roots and Subsoils

THE impetus given to agricultural progress in the last few years by the dry-farming movement has resulted in so much investigation and research work as to render many of the old ideas obsolete. One of these was that plants rooted in the plowed ground only, and that the nature and condition of the sub-soil had little to do with making crops.

This may be true to some extent in the more humid states, but in the dry-farming area we are beginning to appreciate the fact that the condition of the subsoil is even more important than that of the seedbed, for while the latter supplies a large proportion of the humus and plant food, the former holds the moisture, and unless a crop is well rooted in it, the harvest will not be large. It is quite true that the soil solution in the seedbed is richer in plant food than in the layers below, but while the surface roots are gathering this in, the top roots in the wet sub-soil are insuring the crop against drouth, which is bound to come sooner or later.

An ordinary seedbed about 10 inches deep will not hold over 3 inches of water, and this amount, although it may start a crop, will not make it, but if underneath we have 3 or more feet of sub-soil containing a like proportion of water there will be sufficient to mature a crop even in a dry year.

Except for a foot or two on the surface, our soils are dry, sometimes for hundreds of feet, and there is practically no moisture in the sub-soil excepting what we put there by deep plowing, and other improved methods of tillage, but in this dry (sub-soil) farming we find that under the right conditions the roots of crops will go down from 2 to 10 feet.

When heavy crops are made, the roots of winter wheat are found 6 feet from the surface, and those of ordinary crops often 4 feet-other things being equal, the deeper the rooting, the heavier the vield.

Penetration is most easily effected by the roots of plants when the sub-soil is neither too hard nor too dry. It is difficult to give the actual percentage of water required for plant penetration for the reason that in this matter there is not only a difference in the nature of plant roots, but also in soils.

It has always been a wonder to students of the vegetable world how the roots of plants and trees

can pierce almost any earth substance which contains the necessary amount of water.

The explanation is that the hair roots are microscopic, even the main root sprouts are, at the start, as fine as hair-there is always plenty of room for them between the soil granules; they work their way through the soil, and make tneir growth afterwards, crowding the soil apart.

A rootlet of a tree may enter a crack or pore in a sand rock, and after a few years increase in girth and crack it all to pieces.

Bergen, of botanical fame, tells us that on a corn root 1-17 of an inch in diameter and only 1-100 of an inch long, he counted 480 root hairs. (Bergen's Botany, page 35.)

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A good humus soil will often hold 17 per cent with the dry subsoil in actual contact with it and beyond a little blending where the dry and the wet come together there will be no change in the statu quo until more rain comes, then the free water over and above the 17 per cent will move down into the dry sub-soil, increasing the depth of moisture but not the percentage.

On the writer's ranch it was found by keeping tab on the moisture in different fields that the roots of rye and some other small grains could easily penetrate an ordinary clay loam sub-soil when the moisture content was as low as 12 per cent, but that the roots of corn, sorghum, etc., required something like 14 per cent; but that on the other hand the latter when once established could more nearly exhaust the soil of moisture probably owing to a denser system of root hairs.

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The benefits of humus are both physical and chemical. In sandy soils its plastic nature enables it to bind the grains together and make the soil more compact and at the same time increase the water-holding capacity of the soil. But humus is less plastic than clay and has a tendency to separate its fine particles, producing a crumb-like structure. Here also the water-holding capacity is increased, this time by separating the too closely crowded particles so as to offer greater space between them. Again, unless the soil be saturated with water the aeration of clay is much improved.

Both sandy and clay soils work much easier when well supplied with humus for they keep more moist and do not become too light, nor too stiff and lumpy. The better aeration and darker in color make the clay soils warmer and much earlier.

Chemically humus is beneficial to the soil, first because in its gradual decay it furnishes nitrogen, phosphorous and potash in those forms most readily used by plants. In addition it is beneficial because in its decay acids are formed which make soluble the mineral food bound up in the insoluble rock particles.

The presence of humus in the soil supports the growth of many kinds of bacteria. These gradually complete its destruction. These bacteria require air so that continuous cultivation by getting more air into the soil greatly hastens the humus loss. weather and bare soils also favor this. No opportunity to increase the humus supply or to save the products of its decay should be lost. All manure from farm stock should be hauled and spread upon the fields. This is one important source of profit from live stock.

All corn stalks, straw or any other refuse from crops should be turned under by the plow. Such stalks as crimson clover, cow peas, rye, buckwheat, etc., should be used as cover crops in the fall and turned under in the spring to furnish green manure. These cover crops also prevent leaching of nitrogen freed during the warm days, and store it for the next season's crop.



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OES after harvest cultivation assist in solving the weed and noisture problem? It certainly does, and the earlier the after harvest tillage begins the better. One of the most beneficial methods is to disk the stubble right behind the binder. I have found this one of the best methods of getting small weed seeds to germinate, as if the disking is done at cutting time the weather is usually quite warm, and as we usually have showers of rain at this time the seeds will germinate quite readily, far better than if the cultivation is left till after threshing is over, and the weather is cold. On a field treated this way last fall I had a splendid growth which made good fall pasture till freeze up. This same field I disked again and harrowed on May 2, this spring, and when I came to plow it for summerfallow in June I found plenty of moisture which had been held there by the surface cultivation. Now I had another field for summerfallow which had been fall plowed and harrowed. When summerfallowing it we found it quite dry and hard which goes to show that, on my land at least, the disking and harrowing is the best method for retaining moisture, and as for getting rid of weeds I believe disking is the best, especially if the weeds to eradicate have small seeds, such as French weed and mustard, as the disks bury them just about the right depth to start well, whereas, plowing is apt to bury them too deeply, and they will not germinate until turned up again. In cases where wild oats are the worst pest skim plowing would be all right as the wild oats germinate readily if buried not more than four inches deep, and it is hard to cover them all with the disks especially if they are in thick patches.

In preparing land for oats or barley for the following season I find it best to disk the land in the fall and after the weeds have made a good start in the spring, usually about May 15, I plow, harrow well and sow to oats. I find that this system holds the moisture better than land plowed in the fall, and the weeds disked down in the spring. As a rule in this district spring plowed land will hold the moisture better than that which has been fall plowed.

While busy with after harvest work do not fail to look over the summerfallow that has been prepared this season, and if any winter annuals are discovered give the field a stroke of the cultivator as if these weeds are left. and it turns out to be a wet spring it is almost impossible to make a kill before the wheat should be sown. Using the cultivator in the fall may have a tendency to make the summerfallow a little more liable to blow in the spring, but it is better to take a chance on a little loss by drifting soil than to have a certainty of a crop of weeds. If Canada thistles are showing up in patches plow them deeply a few days before freeze up. This will kill a large percentage of the roots. Do not harrow the patches thus plowed but leave it open to frost and sun.

Put More Brains Into Farming

The best of farmers realize very keenly the supreme importance of wise and efficient farm management. It means so much to the final outcome. The man who is a student of his farm very soon gains the conviction that the subject is bigger than he is; that he needs all the help, both physical and mental, that he can employ to make things come out right. And then, with the best of forecast, he is subject to the hazard of the weather which often sets him back and thwarts him in his wisest and best endeavors. As one farmer once remarked to us who had formerly been a railway engineer and a good one too: "I used to think that railroading could beat any vocation in compelling a man to keep his wits on their feet all the time; but farming, if you do it right, can beat the railway twice over.

Some men get discouraged in trying to do as well as they know. There are so many hindrances in the way. But there is this to be said of the farm: It is a place for the best trained brain, the wisest foresight and the largest use of what science has to give if we but know it, and there is no place that for better business management than the farm. Farmers as a rule do not appreciate the possibilities of their own farms. Farming has not been considered a learned profession. From father to son for many generations it has not been thought necessary to be well educated in farming. It is for that reason



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that you see so few young men developing their minds and making an intellectual study of this pursuit.

But conditions are changing. The expense of living is increasing, the soil is growing less and less productive in the hands of nine out of ten farmers. The allurements of town life and the hope of winning a big fortune are taking away the best intellectual product of the farm. The mistaken notion that a man can never win distinction in society by being a farmer misleads a host of young men who are raised on the farm. And then there is the strange unreasonable idea that thousands of farmers have that there is no need of giving their sons special education for farming. They are willing to spend their hard earnings to send a boy through college to make, very likely, only a third rate lawyer or doctor of him. Such farmers lack a true appreciation of the possibilities of first class farming to start with. Both they and their boys see only the work side of farming. They do not see that there is a still more strenuous work side to every other pursuit if a man wins his best rewards.

But the light of a truer conception of what real farming means to the farmer himself, to his mind as well as his hands, is dawning on the world. If special attention and training is worth anything anywhere it is worth it on the farm. Because so many farmers do not see this great truth, farming is what it is, soil impoverishment is what it is, and the state of individual mentality on the farm and the low profit of farming is what it is.

Advantages of Fall Plowing

In the Canadian northwest where grain is the principal crop it is a good plan to stack the grain off the stubble in order that fall plowing may begin as early as possible. After the field is thoroughly disked plowing can be continued until it freezes up. This will save much work for both men and teams in the spring.

In this part of the country I think one acre plowed and worked down in the fall is worth nearly two acres that is left until spring to plow. I prefer the ground ready for the drill in the spring, as ground that is ready to drill is so much sooner planted than ground not plowed. The snow seems to lay on land not plowed much longer; it is longer thawing out, and if the snow is plowed under (as I have seen farmers do here), the ground is so cold that the grain will not grow after it

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is planted. On land that is plowed in the fall and disked or harrowed I find it thaws out sooner, and the snow leaves quicker in the spring and I am able to get it planted while I am waiting for the other land which has not been plowed in the fall to thaw out and get ready to be plowed. A week or ten days gain in seeding time makes a great difference in the crop in the fall, as the frosts will sometimes commence so early that it ruins the grain before it ripens. It makes a difference in the yield of the grain. The best crops are always (for me at least) from grain sown on fall plowing instead of spring plowing. I think it is an improvement to the land to plow it in the fall. It is not as good as summerfallow, but I think it is next best to summerfallow. There isn't such a great rush in the fall with the work as there usually seems to be in the spring, unless the fall is short and it freezes too soon to get any fall plowing done. It divides the work over the whole season better too, to do the plowing in the fall. LF.T.

Muskrat Farming

Muskrat farming has proven to be a profitable business in the United States. Large areas of marsh lands in Ohio and Maryland are made to yield good returns through the production of muskrat fur. Indeed it has been stated by competent authorities that many of these marsh lands are worth more, measured by the actual income from them, than cultivated farms of like acreage in the same vicinity. Owners of



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such marsh lands usually lease the trapping privilege, uniting with the trappers to prevent poaching. The returns from the sale of the muskrat fur are divided equally between the owner and the trapper, the latter securing whatever he can from the sale of the flesh.

Such an industry might well be developed in Canada. The country possesses great areas of marsh land, at present of little direct value, which might be made to produce considerable revenues. Muskrat fur is steadily growing in favor. The aggregate offering on the London market in March, 1914, exclusive of the Hudson's Bay Company's sales, was 4,646,500 skins. While this figure probably shows an accumulation from the previous year, still the price quoted for April was 50 cents a skin. The demand for muskrat meat would be confined almost solely to the Indians unless it were found possible to utilize it as a flesh diet for other fur-bearers that are being farmed. Such an undertaking should prove of special value to the Indian and other trappers who carry on their work in the more remote portions of the country. At the same time, many areas of marsh land in the settled sections which now are of little or no use might easily be made to yield considerable financial returns.

The Gas Engine on the Farm

By EUGENE V. GILE

The dominant requirement of all labor-saving machinery is the power that propels it, whether man, beast or mechanical, according to "the survival of the fittest." Beyond any doubt the gasoline engine on the farm is the fittest thing that has recently been placed within our reach, considering the variety of uses to which it can be put and the efficiency and economy with which it will do its work.

In view of the requirements of the average farm I consider a two to four horse power engine sufficient in power for most all purposes, and the expense of operating is naturally less.

In selecting a gasoline engine it is best to be shown just what it will do before the purchase is made. Like every other kind of machinery some "makes" will prove more satisfactory than others, especially in the consumption of gasoline; and the more simple any machine is, to actually perform its work the better; still in the standard "makes" of gasoline engines there is very little difference in these respects.

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As the farm water supply is one of the most important problems of the farm, pumping water for all purposes to house and barn for two cents a day, if the gasoline engine would do nothing else, would make it the best investment on the farm. I think it worth the cost of our engine every year to have water in the barn lots alone; as for household, yard and garden use I don't know how to estimate that.

We will have to admit that a windmill would supply water about the place just as does my gasoline engine. But in case of fire, no water tank—no wind what then? Or during the dry, hot summer months when the garden requires a great deal of water and there is scarcely a gentle breeze, let alone a wind—what then? I have heard these complaints made by windmill owners and one of my neighbors, whose well is in a low place, partially surrounded by trees, had to discard his windmill and install a gasoline engine.

On the large ranches in the West, where wells are several miles apart, with an earthen tank provided and the mill allowed to run at will, the odds are in favor of the windmill; but in the section of shallow wells I think all must admit that the gasoline engine has several points in its favor. The well, at which our engine is placed, is so situated that pumping is the only practical purpose to which the engine can be put; but so confident am I of what the gasoline engine will do on the farm, that in the near future I intend installing another adjacent to the laundry and wood shed.

The farm laundry at very small expense can be so conveniently arranged by properly piping and heating the water, by the equipment of washing machine and with gasoline ironing machine and with gasoline engine power, that one of the most laborious routines of larm life may be reduced to easy and compara-

tively pleasant work, and accomplished in less than half the time required in the old way. In so many farm homes where satisfactory hired help is unavailable, or for any other reason, the gasoline engine means a great deal in the laundry problem. Now, if there is anything that will lighten the work of the women on the farm, by all means let us give it a thorough trial, as we would an improved planter or mower.

Before we established our water system I was rather indifferent about working in the garden, due principally to so many attempts at gardening that failed. But now, since we have the water available, it is quite a pleasure, from the time of setting the plants till the gathering of the vegetables. Last year, from May 11th to July 18th, we had no rain, yet through irrigation we made an abundance of cabbage, tomatoes, beans, etc., not only for home consumption, but sold more than enough to pay the expenses of running the engine the entire year. Our neighbors who did not irrigate practically failed. This year, despite the 'epredation of various kinds of bugs, worms and other "garden sass.

I have reached the conclusion that, barring hail or the unusual depredation of insects, there is no such thing as failure of our farm gardens when the gasoline engine is used to irrigate them. Further, I believe that the surplus garden products can be made to meet the expenses of gasoline power to pump, churn, saw wood and wash clothes

About as gratifying a sight as the farm home can display is a huge stack of wood, ready cut for burning in cook stove, or heater; its presence denotes a thrifty owner. All you need is a small gasoline engine and a power saw; these will give the boys more time for mental improvement and the hired men time to-say, haul out a few more loads of manure or repair the fence. The grind stone or emery wheel, gasoline power driven, enables one to keep the plow points and other tools in perfect cutting condition with little effort and no expense. It can be done while the engine is running some other machine that does not require watching. With the corn sheller, corn mill and feed cutter, run by the gasoline engine, the feed products of the farm are turned into their most available form of feeding. Why haul a load of corn several miles to market, sell it perhaps under difficulties, then invest the proceeds in chops?

When the silo becomes recognized as an essential factor on most every farm, as it unquestionably will before many years have elapsed, the gasoline engine will be the power that will drive the ensilage machinery. Perhaps one, or several farms may combine and establish a small ice and refrigerating plant-another use for the gasoline engine.

The vacuum cleaner on the farm! Why not? The little engine, properly harnessed, is all that is necessary.

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MIXED FARMING IN WESTERN CANADA

By W. C. McKillican

Continued from page 10 the straw is blown out at threshing time, a rough framework can be made that keeps a passage open into the heart of the stack. This forms an ideal winter shelter, supplying dry bedding, shelter from winds, a fair amount of warmth, and, at the same time, ventilation. This has been demonstrated by actual practice to be a successful method.

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The Feeding of Pigs

When young pigs are weaned is a time when careful feeding is needed. It is a critical time in their growth, and an unthrifty condition developed then is likely to be permanent. The pigs should be encouraged to eat for themselves while still nursing the sow. If she is given food that they can eat they will soon learn to go to the trough. Shorts or ground oats in a slop in her ration will soon attract the little fellows and get them eating.

There is no feed equal to milk for young pigs. Skim milk either sweet or sour, and butter milk are good feeds. If fed sweet, the milk should always be sweet, or if fed sour, should always be approximately the same degree of sourness. Either sweet or sour is good, but alternating sweet and



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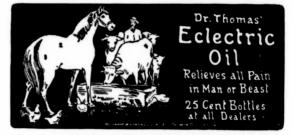
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sour is almost sure to cause digestive troubles. With the milk there should be given some meal. Shorts or feed flour and ground oats are the best feeds for young pigs among the home grown feeds of Western Canada. The oats are better with the husks screened out for the first few weeks. A mix-ture of oats and either shorts or feed flour makes a first class feed.

Where milk is not obtainable it is never possible to get quite so good results as where it is, but nevertheless good healthy pigs can be grown without it though as rapid growth is not possible. Digester tankage is a packinghouse by-product that is very valuable as substitute for milk. It should be fed only in small quantities, not more than a tenth of the ration. It is concentrated and readily digestible, and contains protein and ash in abundance. Roots are also a help to young pigs that cannot get milk.

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easily fed. They may be fed on whatever can best be spared in the grain line - oats, barley or shrunken wheat. Grain screenings, even with a fair proportion of the larger weed seeds such as wild buckwheat and wild oats, may be used for feeding mature pigs quite safely. Milking sows should be better fed; they should get feeds that will encourage milk flow. Ground oats, shorts and roots are among the best.

The question of wet versus dry feed is often a cause of difference milking sows or newly weaned making a slop of feed. It has been shown repeatedly by experiment that pigs do just as well on dry ground grain, provided they get plenty of water to drink, as they do on slop. The extra work of making slop is therefore wasted. Neither is there any advantage in cooking feed for pigs. They digest it fully better raw than cooked. In cold weather there is a benefit in giving them their feed hot, but it is the heat and not the cooking that helps.

In summer time the feeding of pigs may be cheapened by the use of pasture. Ordinary grass pasture will provide a pig with good feed, and if there is plenty of it, it is all right. What more pasture per acre is desired, it is advisable

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that he would never again have the use of his legs, which were, by this time, totally paralyzed from the

He came under my care April 10th, 1914, and on the first day of the following August he returned to the farm at Sperling, Man., where he plowed until freeze-up. He is still at work on the farm, and writes that

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Girls' Cozy Corner

Dear Cozy Corner Girls,—You have responded beautifull, to the prize offer for the best description of the flags of different nations. The avarding of the prize was difficult, as several letters were nearly the same. Some sent in carefully tabulated forms but no description. I am sure the study of flags has been very interesting to our girls. Do you know that not one boy sent in a description of the flags?

So many girls responded that we cannot publish the descriptions. The following names I have placed on the honor roll as their descriptions showed careful study:

Lucla Henry, Birtle, Man.
Teenie Hoffman, Rosenort, Man.
Opal Tollestrup, Raymond, Alta.
Celia Frances Kueber, Killam, Alta.
Annie May Teece, Lemberg, Sask.
Ethel Wilde, Waskada, Man.
Annie Allardyce, Burnside, Man.
Frances Stevenson, Hopehill, Sask.
Alice Paege, Chipman, Alta.
Lizzie Campbell, Piche P.O., Sask.
Ruth A. Campbell, Hatfield, Sask.
Nellie Maddess, Shaunavon, Sask.
One writer, who sent in seventy-six
names, did not sign her name. The prize
is awarded to Teenie Hoffman, Rosenort,

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Man.
The descriptions on "My Garden" were

very interesting.
Elizabeth W. Noble, Davidson, Sask.,
won the prize. Her description was the
best, and her letter was very neatly

Other letters for the Honor Roll were

written by: Nellie Maddess, Shaunavon, Sask.; and Horebill, Sask.

Frances Stevenson, Hopehill, Sask, One writer did not sign her name. There were no photographs sent by the girls. The boys were ahead in the photo-

graph contest.

A prize of One Dollar will be awarded next month to the girl who sends in the best essay on this subject: "My Ambition in Life." The contest closes November 16th. I trust the girls of the Cozy Corner will respond as well as they did in the flag and garden contests.

Sincerely,
Cousin Doris.

Prize Letter.

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Dear Cousin Doris,—Seeing you are offering a prize for the best description of a garden, I will try to describe mine, also to win that dollar.

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My garden is fifty yards long by four-teen wide. I planted all vegetables lengthwise. I planted four rows of onions, each onion six inches apart, and the rows ten inches apart. Next to that I had three rows of carrots. I allowed four inches between each carrot, and an

four inches between each carrot, and an eight-inch space letween each row.

Next to that I had one of peas. Then one row of kale, each plant eight inches apart. Next to that one row of parsley, one row each of sage and beans.

Then three rows of beets, each beet six inches apart, and the rows seven inches apart. Then next to that I had three of

e rows ten inches apart, and errows ten inches apart.

Next I had four rows of turnips, each

Next I had four rows of turnips, each turnip six inches apart, and the rows ten inches apart. I had one row divided between lettuce and rhubarb.

I was careful to keep my garden free from weeds. I have the satisfaction of seeing all my vegetables in good condition.—I am,

Elizabeth W. Noble. Box 335, Davidson, Sask

Prize Letter.

Dear Cousin Doris.—I am going to escribe as many flags as I possibly can. love to draw flags, too. The British flag has two wide red

The British flag has two wide red stripes, one running lengthways, the other perpendicular. Then there are two narrower ones, reaching from corner to corner (they all cross in the centre). All the red stripes are trimmed with a nar-row white, while its field is blue. The French flag has three stripes, red.

The French hag has three stripes, red. white and blue. They are perpendicular. The Russian flag has three stripes as well as the French, but they run lengthways, and its colors are white, blue and

red. The Italian flag also has three stripes, running perpendicularly. Their colors are green, white and red. On the white stripe is some kind of an armorial bearing, trimmed blue, red field, and a white

cross in the centre of it.

The Portugal flag has two stripes running perpendicular. Their colors are blue and white. It has an armorial bearing

on the centre with sheaves in it, and a crown on top.

The Belgian flag has three stripes—black, yellow and red. They are perpendicular.

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The Servian flag has three stripes—
red, blue and white. They run lengthways. The blue stripe has an armerial

ways. The blue stripe has an armoral bearing: on it is a crown.
India's flag has seven red stripes on a white field. In the top left corner it has an oblong blue field with two wide red stripes across each other (that is perpendicular and lengthways), then two narrower ones cross from corner to corner. They all cross in the centre.

corner. They all cross in the centre.
The Canadian flag has a red field. In
the top left corner is the British flag,
and in the bottom right corner is an armorial bearing with its emblem on it.
Also British, Scotch, Irish and other
British possessions' emblems.

The German flag has three stripes—black, white and red. They run lengthways.

The Austrian flag also has three The Austrian flag also has three stripes. First comes one red one, then a white one, then a red and green (that is, one stripe, but it is only divided half red and half green. In the centre it has two armorial bearings; each one has a crown on top. The stripes run length-

ways.

The Turkish flag has a red field. On it is a piece of the moon and a star.

Japan's flag has a white field with a big red circle in the centre.

Egypt's flag has a red field and a hite piece of the moon. Mexico's flag has three stripes, green, hite and red. They run perpendicu-

larly. The The American flag has seven red stripes on a white field. In the top left corner is a blue field with forty-five

Siam's flag has a red field with a white clephant on it.
Spain's flag has three yellow stripes and two red ones. They run length-

ways

ways.

The Roumanian flag has three stripes
—blue, yellow and red.
They are perpendicular.

The Persian flag has a white field
trimmed with green. On the centre is a
lion holding a blue sword, the sun, and a

crown.

San Marino's flag has two stripes, white and blue. They run lengthways.

The Chinese flag is the shape of a rectangle, the field is yellow. On it is blue dragon and a red ball.

Bulgaria's flag has three stripes—white, green, and red. They run length-

ways.

Costa Rica's flag has one narrow blue strip, then a narrow white, then a wide red, then another narrow white and narrow blue. They all run lengthways.

Switzerland's flag has a red field with

a small white cross. Greece's flag has five blue stripes on a hite field. In one (the left top) white field. In one corner is a blue cross.

corner is a blue cross.

Liberian flag has six red stripes on a white field. In the top corner is an oblong blue field with a white star.

Chili's flag has two stripes—the first is half blue and white, and the other one is red. On the blue half is a big star.

Denmark's flag has a red field with a big cross. I know yet several more, but I am too tired.—I remain,

Your sincere friend,

Teenie Hoffman.

Box 317, Rouleau, Sask., August 4th, 1915.

Dear Cousin Doris,—Thank you very such for the book, "A Bunch of Dear Cousin Doris.—Irank you very much for the book, "A Bunch of Cherries," which I received two weeks ago for the prize letter in the Cana-dian Thresherman and Farmer. I have read it and like it fine. Louisa M. Alcott, L. T. Meade, and Mary J. Holmes are my favorite authoresses of girls'

I was very surprised and disappointed not to see any letters from the cousins in last month's paper. I guess they will write more now that we have the holiwrite more now that we have the holidays. I just love to read the letters. The story in last month's paper about the two little girls, Hilda and Janet, is very pretty. I think that Hilda loved her mother best, for she was contented to just sit and watch her while Janet was neither contented nor happy with all her toys as well as a loving and anxious mother. Besides, Hilda was willing to help her mother while Janet would not have thought of doing so.

My sister Clara and I tried our Grade VIII. examinations this summer, and we were very glad to hear that we passed.

VIII. examinations this summer, and we were very glad to hear that we passed. I like to go to school, and like all my studies, except grammar, although I do not get along very well in some of them. We have just one colt this year. Her name is Maud. She is a Clydesdale, and Dad says she is going to be just like her mother Beauty, only bigger.

We have five little calves, but we have taken them down to pasture near the Creek, for we have not enough milk and pasture for them at home. The crops

pasture for them at home. The crops are good most places around here except strips north of town which were caught by the hail. It is reported that hail stood on the ground six inches thick, and one farmer lost all but about an acre of

one farmer lost all but about an acre of crop. Isn't that awful? We were so thankful that we didn't get the hail. On July the Twelfth Orangeman's Day was celebrated in Rouleau. There were many Orangemen there; some of them delivered fine speeches on the origin of the Society, its beliefs, its reliorigin of the Society, its beliefs, its religion, and the part it is doing to help this awful war to come to a close. There was a procession, and a patriotic rug given to Avonlea for having the best namer. There were two baseball games —Avonlea vs. Rouleau, the first of the season between them, so it was exciting. Rouleau came off victorious, score 18-14. The other game was between Pitman and Hearne, but it was not so interesting, as Pitman easily won. There were boys' and girls' races, but I did not see them; also a kite dying contest. The weather was so fine that no one found cause to compl.in about it. I will now close, hoping my letter is not too long or dreary to be seen in print. Your loving cousin, Alice K. Hill. season between them, so it was exciting.

Dear Cousin Doris,—I saw in your last issue your offer for writing a description about a favorite animal.

about a favorite animal.

I have not had much experience with animals, but what I have had I think I like the cat best. We have a big, gray cat. He has no other name except "Kitty." He is very good to himself, and always finds the most comfortable place in the house. If you sit down to read or anything he jumps up on your shoulders and fixes himself for a nap-the is very good at eathing mice and He is very good at catching mice and rats. He hardly ever scratches. But sometimes gets into scraps with other cats.

The cat belongs to my brother, but we The cat belongs to my protter, out we all claim him as our own. He was very small when we got him, but he is nice and fat now. I would like to correspond with someone of my own age. Wishing your club every success.
Your loving cousin

Bessie Tolton (age 12).



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Dear Cousin Doris,—My favorite animal is our old pet cat, Tom. He is Maltese in color with white feet and breast. We got him five years ago this spring from a friend in Washington. Three years ago we decided to come to Alberta to live, and we did not like to elave our old pet behind. So papa put him in a box and we carried him with us on the train. We fed him bits of bread and cheese, etc., on the train, and whenever the train would stop Tom would meow, and the people on the train, we finally reached my uncle's at Stavely, Tom was very thankful to get out of his box. It was not long till he bad caught several gophers. He is useful to us as he keeps the gophers from the garden, and also catches mice. He is also very mischievous, as he tries to catch the pigeons occasionally, but has never succeeded yet. He likes to roll a ball or a spool of thread around the floor. When any of our family sits down he jumps on our lap and goes to sleep, but he is very timid when a stranger is around. Tom is very particular what he eats; he will net drink cold or skim milk, as we have always given him fresh milk ever since he was a kitten. I would like to win the prize, for I am fond. A free Huffman.

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Dear Cousin Doris,—I think I'll write
to the Girls' Cozy Corner to join your
club for this year. I can bake a cake all
myself. I am nine years old. I am
reading in the third reader. My sister is
two years old and her birthday is on the
thirteenth of December. I will close with a riddle:

with a riddle:
Round as a moon, and as black as a coon, and has a tail on it?
Answer.—A frying pan.
Yours truly,
Marie J. Brust.

Spruce Grove Centre, Alta.

Dear Cousin Doris,—This is my first
letter to your club. My father has had
The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer
for three years already. I love to read
the interesting letters, and thought I for three years already. I love to read the interesting letters, and thought I would try and write one. I go to school and am in Grade VII. I am thirteen years old. Our teacher is Mrs. Clark, and we all like her. The school is half-a-mile away north. There is a large hotel and store and ten houses, like a little village, half-a-mile away. We live on a farm—a half a section. We have thirteen horses and four colts and twenty-six cattle and 100 chickens and seventy pigs. We have fifteen buildings on our farm. I have five brothers and three sisters and two brother-in-laws and two nieces and two nephews. I was horn on our homestead, and am theyoungest girl. There are sixteen going to our school, and we had a dandy concert, too. I will tell you the programme after. We have a hall in our school, and we have the concerts in it. We are snitting cuffs at school for our soldiers. I have nearly finished a pair already. My uncle went to war, and is Sergeant-Major. He sent us a Christmas card, and sert him a present for his birthday. There is a dance in our school hall, and my sister and the two oldest brothers went.

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Lefore I used to get letters from girls in
England, but now they don't write. I
would like a girl to correspond with if
they will write first, please. I would be
very glad to answer a letter.

ery glad to My address: Elizabeth Ziegler, Spruce Grove Centre, Alberta, Canada.

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us. I live on a farm eleven miles from Red Deer, and the Red Deer river is running through our place. We live one mile and a-half from our school. I like to go to school. I am in grade three. Well, my letter is getting pretty long. I will close with many happy wishes for the club.

Lilly Ann Erikson.

Coasting skipper (to interviewer)—
"Yus. From your papers you'd think the
sea round the coast was full of German
submarines. But it ain't so reely. W'y,
sometimes we goes for as much as a
nour without seein' p'raps more than one

Doctor Saved His Life

A Chinaman was asked if there were good doctors in China.

"Good doctors!" he exclaimed, "China have best doctors in world. Hang Chang one good dector; he great, he saved my life."

"You don't say so! How was that?"
"Me velly bad," he said. "Me called Doctor Han Kon. Give some medicine. Get velly, velly ill. Me callee Doctor San Sing. Give more medicine. Me grow worse—going to die. Blimebly callee Doctor Hang Chang. He no got time; no come; no come. He saved my life."

Temper or Nerves

Temper or Nerves

Little Molly had been very trying all
day. That evening, when her grown-up
sister was putting her to bed, she said
she hoped the child would be a better
girl to-morrow and not make everybody
unhappy with her naughty temper, Millie
listened in silence, thought hard for a
few moments and then said wisely:
"Yes, when it's me it's temper; when
it's you it's nerves."

Mother (who is teaching her child the alphabet)—"Now, dearie, what comes after 'g'?"

The Child—"Whiz!"

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AT THE TWILIGHT HOUR

By Margaret E. Sangster, Jr She sits by the window reading.
In the last red glow of the day;
When the sun, like some monarch's ruby

ruby,
Is vanishing swift away.
And her bands, that are worn with
working.
Rest light on the printed page:
While her mind forgets want and
sorrow

And toiling and care and age.

She sits by the window reading.

And the day that is almost done
Lights her face with a golden glory.

Sent down by the dying sun.

And her heart, that is tired, maybe. And weary and worn with pain, Responds to some writer's message, Like a plant to the fragrant rain.

THE GOLDEN PROMISE.

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." (Deut. 33:25.) Courage, my soul, this promise is for

Courage, my son, the:
thee:
To bear thee up from hour to hour.
The Father's loving hand upholds with

power;
And as thy days, thy strength shall also be,

When dangers round thee lower.

Why dwell with anxious thoughts up-

on the years, anxious years, He hides from

Why lift the veil He throws across the

coming cares should cause thee needless fears,

Up, soul, gird thee, thy faith renew.

His tender care along the journey's length, Buoyant with hope, with love untold, Will with fresh mercies every hour unfold

For every need will give thee added strength— And blest support thy life uphold.

Let us tabulate the difference be-tween the degenerating village and one where community civies and school centers have undertaken to regenerate

The Unregenerate Village Individualism. Every man for himself. Indifferent competition. Lace and church prejudices. Indifference to farming methods. Unkempt farms. Lawlessness in the schools. Lawlessness in the public commons. Unsupervised entertainments; a jealousy between groups of people.

The Regenerate Village.

Collectivism Village improvement work. Co-operation. Secular leagues and clubs Secular leagues and clubs.
Eager acceptance of help from Bu-reau of Agriculture.
Junior Civic Leagues, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts.
The social center at the public school-building for adults as well as children; free lectures, supervised dances, exhibi-tions, moving netures.

tions, moving pictures.

"Real gentle-folk are natural, No foreign accent mars their speech, They fear no comment from the world,

No special favors they beseech, polished ease is ever theirs, A mellow style which friendship For gentle-folk are dowered with

THE SKY IS A DRINKING-CUP

A plentiful supply of brains.

he sky is a drinking-cup, That was overturned of old. That was overturned of old,
And it pours in the eyes of men
Its wine of airy gold,
We drink that wine all day,
Till the last drop is drained up.
And are lighted off to bed
By the jewels in the cup.

Richard Henry Stoddard.

WOMAN AND WOMAN

Madame Sarah Bernhardt is 73 year-old yet she is soon to start on a six months professional tour of America. A sercentage of her profits has been prom-ised to the French Red Cross and to an organization of women caring for orphans.

war orpnans,
Mme, Alexandra Kokotseva, the Russian "Joan of Are" has twice been
wounded. She is an officer of a Cos-sack regiment. For bravery and distinguished ability she has been awarded

the Cross of St. George—a decoration much coveted by Russian army officers and she has been listed for a mili-tary pension. Thousands of women are fighting in the Russian ranks.

AN IDEA FOR THE RURAL TEACHER

TEACHER

A great change has come over the character of country schools in recent years and a large part of this change is directly due to the tireless efforts of country teachers, who have taken upon themselves many functions for which they receive no pay and perhaps little credit. It is in the direction of children's play activities, the general enrichment of life, that so much still remains to be done. But the labor is of the constructive kind that ought to inspire any teacher and the results are quickly apparent. A very interesting effort in this direction was recently described by a writer in the History Teachers' Magazine. She teaches in a small village school and has lived from chudhood on a farm. Inspired by the example of large cities, she conceived the idea of starting a museum which should tell the story of farm and community life in her own town, from the

time of its acquisition by For this purpose she secured the use of an unused room in an old house, and started the museum with a big wooden started the museum with a big wooden cradle made by her great great uncle for his children. At first the museum contained only family heirlooms, but gradually others became interested and began to contribute articles. Every-thing was carefully labeled and its story, if story there was, attached to it. "Though my museum is yet quite young," says the writer, "I have in mind several uses for it. I see it in the future as a valuable collection of illustrative material to use in teaching history. It is to be a place to which illustrative material to use in teaching listory. It is to be a place to which I can invite the local schools with their teachers each year to get acquimited with the long ago. It is to be a place to which I can take my history-loving small boy friends and satisfy some of the curiosity. Then the good it has done me, in uplifting sentiment, exercise, activity, research and ultimate satisfaction. I should not care to miss." Such a museum as this might easily become a permanent part of a country

Lesome a permanent part of a country school. The teacher who is timid about attempting pageants and plays will per-haps find in this idea the socializing medium she is looking for.

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YOUR TOWN

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You don't have to slip your clothes in

a grip And start on a long, long hike

You'll only find what you've left behind. For there's nothing really new It's a knock at yourself if you knock your town;

For it isn't your town, it's you.

Real towns are not made, by men afraid, Lest somebody else gets ahead: If everyone works and nobody shirks, You can raise a town from the dead.

And if, while you make your personal

stake.
Your neighbor makes one too;
Your town will be what you want to

see For it isn't your town, it's you. — Selected

SWAN LAKE

(The editor apologizes to Swan Lake H.E.S. for the late publication of this

The meeting of the Home Economic ociety was held as usual in the hall

Society was held as usual in the hall on Saturday.

After the business part of the meeting, the first item on the programme was a solo entitled "March on to Berlin," by Miss Mabel Simpson which was much appreciated. She was followed by Miss Campbell with a reading on "Diseases of the Teeth"; Kenneth Couch also contributed to the programme with a recitation entitled "What can a little chap do?"

Mr. Holland gave a very interesting and instructive address on the Cutworm and the Army Worm. He first drew the attention of the ladies to the coming exhibition at Swan Lake on August 3rd, and asked their co-operation in making the fair a success, par-

ticularly in ladies' work. He also thought the boys and girls should take up some hobby such as nature study, etc. which would improve their opportunities as well as fill in their time. Regarding the Cutworm Mr. Holland explained that the eggs laid by moths in the late summer hatch into small caterpillars or Cutworms which lie concaled just beneath the surface of the ground near tender parts of plants. They feed mostly at night. Later, cold weather and lack of food necessitate hibernation in the soil or under rubbish, wood piles, etc. The damage is more noticeable at that time for the cutworms are fair sized, hungry, and vegetation is searce. After a time the cutworms are fair sized, hungry, and vegetation is searce. After a time the cutworms are fair sized, hungry, and vegetation. Many moths may be caught at night by placing a light above a tub of water. This will not reduce the number of caterpillars much, as the females do fly far before laying the eggs; it will reduce the number of caterpillars much, as the females do fly far before laying the eggs; it will reduce the numbers about the bouse. A reliable remedy is the poisoned bait made as follows:

Mix 1 lb. Paris green with 25 lbs. of dry bran: add 2 or 3 qts. molasses to 5 or 6 gals, water and stir the mixture thoroughly into the poisoned bran. Let this stand several hours before using and scatter broadcast in infested fields in the evening. In gardens, strew the pieces along the bases of the plants being attacked.

The meeting closed with the singing (the National Anthem and the serving of lunch

MIAMI FLOWER SHOW.

Fourth Annual Fair was Decided Success—Aug. 27
The fourth annual flower show arranged for this district by the H.E.S. ranged for this district by the H.E.S. was held on Friday and proved highly successful, despite the first efforts of the frost king. The centre and one side of the agricultural hall was filled with lovely blooms, and another section was reserved for the vegetables, most of which had turned golden yellow at finding themselves thus suddenly thrust into society. Mr. J. Cox. Fellow Royal Horticultural Society, sent out from the city by the Agricultural College to do the judging, stated that the entries, each after their own kind, were very good—up to anything he had seen in the province.

cach after their own kind, were very good—up to anything he had seen in the province.

Mrs. McNeven, president, and Miss Seip, vice president, supported by the directors and members of the society, were in charge of all the arrangements for the day. During the evening the cut flowers were sold, the proceeds being donated to the Red Cross society. Allison Craig, editor Woman's Page Free Press, was the guest of the H.E.S. on Flower Show Day and the members of the society enjoyed her campany. She was entertained during her stay. Friday and Saturday, by Miss Seip.

[The editor of this department met Alison Craig since her visit at the Flower Show and she was most enthusiastic over the display. She says the women of Miami are unusually familiar with the art of cultivating flowers and have a scientific knowledge of botany as well.—P.R.H.]

SWAN RIVER

SWAN RIVER
The members of the H.E.S. have been meeting every Friday evening for the past two months, at the Rest Room, to plan work. Almost every woman in the town is working in one way or another for the Red Cross Society. On our Fair Day, Aug. 11th—the Economic Society raised \$40,50 by selling ribbon badges at 10c. each. Then a couple of weeks later they had a sale of cooking also in aid of Red Cross work at which \$18,00 was raised. All are busy knitting socks for the soldiers.

E. Baldwin.

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SHOAL LAKE Interesting Demonstrations on Bread-Making.

Regular meeting held on Saturday, August 28th. President in the chair. Thirty members and eight visitors pres-

ent. Meeting opened with "Maple Leaf for Ever" being sung. Minutes read and adopted. Correspondence called for. Business of the day was the voting on the papers sent by the College for our consideration.

Programme (1) Paper by Mrs. Matheson: "Principles of Bread-making; best grains for flour; different means of raising, proper fermentation, and the degree of heat

needed."
(2) Paper by Mrs. Cameron: "The Disaster of White Bread," showing that Disaster of White Bread," showing that white bread was first introduced instead of whole meal bread one hundred years ago, in London, Eng., and since then the use of it has spread over the world to the undermining of the strength of many people, hurting their sturdy growth, weakening their nerves, and loosening their teeth.

Demonstrations.

Sour milk bread, shown by Mrs. Matheson

-Plain white loaf, shown by Miss Jenkins.

3.—Raisin loaf, shown by Mrs. Nicol 4. Whole meal bread, shown by Mrs.

5.—Nut loaf, shown by Mrs. Sewell. 6.—Molasses bread, shown by Mrs.

After the demonstrations were over, After the demonstrations were over, and the recipes of each lady's work copied, the room committee served tea, and the different kinds of bread were enjoyed by all present. A talk by Mrs. ...c.Laughlin on won-en's votes, the dower act, and the franchise for woman, brought a pleasant and helpful meeting to a close. The National Anthem was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

K. E. Sykes.

Sec.-Treasurer Shoal Lake H.E.S.

[This department would like the recipes mentioned above; our women readers would appreciate them.—P.R.H.]

EXCELLENT PATRIOTIC RESULTS.

Birtle Man., Sept. 15.
Our Society has met regularly since
our last report and the attendance has
kept very good. The programs are

varied and at each meeting we have a demonstration of some kind which adds much to the interest. Frequently dis-cussions arise which bring out much

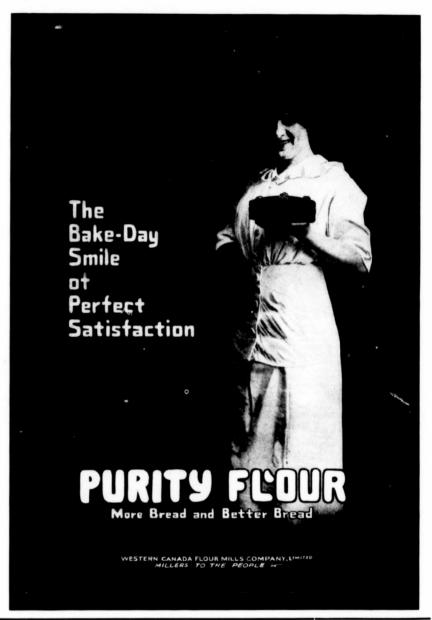
cussions arise which bring out much useful information.

We have a large committee organized for war relief work and by a Field Day of sports, etc., they raised over \$300 for Red Cross Work, \$200 of which they sent to the Head Society, the remainder to be used in buying materials for home sewing. By monthly showers of different kinds they will continue their efforts.

continue their efforts.

Our club room is much appreciated by country members and others and expenses are almost met by the weekly teas served by the ladies in turn. Many have told us what a great convenience the room is and how well worthy of support. It is managed entirely by the Home Economics Society and its continued success depends on the energy of the committee. Our membership is greater now than at any time in its history. greater history.

Elizabeth R. McCurdy, Sec.-Treas.



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THE POWER OF EXAMPLE

Read at the H.E.S., Birtle.

"The Power of Example," a figure of speech denoting the attitude, both mentally and practically, that is shown from one individual to another; the officer of our works and actions, our looks, smiles, frowns, our indifference, the sins of omission and commission, the potency in fact of "Silent Teach-

In choosing this subject and thinking it out, to me it seems exhaustive, full of teaching, full of lessons in regard to what touches us all, in fine it is a line

what touches us all, in fine it is a line of thought on which we must all agree that "Example" is a vital factor in the well-being of our home-life.

Our outlook on life is sometimes very colorless, often bounded by a very narrow horizon. We only see just as fra as we want to see: to others our personality, it disconsisting the property of the prop as we want to see: to others our personality is disappointing, our example in sweetness and amiability is depressing, and we suffer from a cramping effect on the mind, our influence for good becomes "nii"—and, what otherwise might be helpful to those about us, to those poor souls more tried than we are, becomes minimized, and the good we would do eludes us, and so we have to "Udvine a tribution of the control of the contro and so we lose the chance of "Helping lame dogs over stiles."

A good or evil thought may in time ecome an act—an act grows into a ubit, a habit itself in the end, often ruins a life, and our example may be the starting point for good or evil to some whom we may never know in this

I will take first our casual ways of conversation—we think it does not mat-ter very much if we are not careful, no one takes notice, we think, no one remembers; our flippant speech sinks into space-our repartee sounds very smart, and if we are not very careful as to detail, for instance, in repeating an unkind remark (forgetting that the one who repeats is worse than the one one who repeats is worse than the one who says) or a malicious story, we twist the truth into a horrible shape, and our example is like a scorching fire, for having some of the truth in it, we make it the worst of lies, and the effect is like the sting of a mosquito, it burns and burns, and the contemptible insect flies away earing nothing for the pain it has left behind, and the bitter word cuts and some sensitive heart feels badly, and wonders why it should be so, and still the cruel example goes on.

Then another phase, the most important of all, why do we forget the little ears that are always too sharp portant of all, why do we forget the little ears that are always too sharp in hearing and remembering what they should never have heard, and the child who sees and listens, judges more frequently, and more justly than we give them credit for, and the pernicious example of those who are their trainers makes the child sly, furtive and deceitful, spoils its sweet innocence, for in no relation of life need we be so careful of the "Power of Example" as in our conversation before children. "Take care that ye offend not one of these little ones." How often do we forget when criticising our friends, say, in the home-circle, at mealtimes when conversation runs riot, and we forget to be on guard before the younger members of the family. I have myself often wondered at some mothers how indiscreet they are, in fact, I have seen the children look in wonder at their mother when she has recited for the benefit of a visitor a bit of gossip all too palpably long-drawn-out. The young people not being able to read between the lines, repeat the story out of doors, it is carried on, and there is always at hand the mischief-maker who will say, "of course I don't like to tell you," and so on, and like a pebble thrown into the stream, makes waves which widen, and widen, till a very sea of trouble is made by the pitful example of a thoughtless mother. One

day an old woman said, "Some things used to be done a good deal better when I was young, than they are now, such as making tea and darning stockings." I agree with that old lady, and would say that some old fashioned customs might be revived for the betterment of the race, such as sending children out of the room, when their elders are conversing. We may be able to regulate our own talk but we can-not do that with the frivolous conversation of our guests.

Another train of thought or subject is the practice of always finding subject is the practice of always finding fault with people whatever they do, watching for a ground of attack, always ready to impart a bad motive to a kind action, this is usually the outcome of jealousy, to wish to find those whom perhaps we may not like, to be always in the wrong, and, being greatly disappointed if we find that they are much better and much nicer than we gave them credit for. Surely this is the evidence of a distorted mind, and the example of such as they is like the silence of the snake creeps unseen, and whose prox makes one shudder.

makes one shudder.

Another quality of the danger of a pernicious example is in constituting ourselves judges of people we know nothing about, in fact posing as critics.

One Sunday coming out of a popular Church my friend and I (this was in a big town), fell into a conversation as to the different reasons why most people go to Church, and she said to me. "If you are in a crowd just outpeople go to Church, and she said to me. 'If you are in a crowd just out-side the building and listen to people you will hear the most uncharitable remarks.' One will say—"What a dull service": "The choir is very poor," and "as to the playing, well, that organist is not much good, etc." Another will say, "I don't care much for that man's preaching, nothing, in it, how easily we saily say, "I don't care much for that man's preaching, nothing in it, how easily Parsons carn their living—wish I could get mine as easily," and so on—what we may call mischievous ignorance; and not confined to big cities, or crowded churches either—they forget or perhaps did not want to remember that those taking part in the rendering of the service, give their best and often at the cost of self-sacrifice; such criticism is a damaging example to those who are always casting about for an excuse to neglect the flouse of God.

The Mind is the Index of the Spoken

excuse to neglect the House of God.

The Mind is the Index of the Spoken
Thought or Silent Action
We say, "Every man is a law to
himself." Is he not sometimes a law
also to others? Do we not live by "Admiration, Hope and Faith?" We must
affect those with whom we associate,
and a conscientious person will say,
"Have I hurt that one whom I want to
help, by my thoughtless example? How
we look up to and respect the one who
will not condone a mean action—will
not overlook a lie—how we feel the
exhilarating power of other influence, to not overlook a he—now we feel the exhibitrating power of other influence, to us it is like a breath of sea air, and in the high ideals of such a one we see

the high ideals of such a one we see what we may become,—perhaps.

The Bishop of London in one of his well known addresses says,—'The example of a life well lived does more good than ten thousand sermons.

There is one more,—or I should say, one of many more—thoughts on the Power of Example, I shall just touch upon, and that is the matter of dress, a very exhaustive subject, and I do hope I have managed to keep to the point of it, as it touches on the endeavor of the H.E.S. to keep to home topics; but the matter of dress is a home topic, and a most potent—Sijent Teacher. In our little "Work-a-Day World" our worst enemy would not vereign and the control of the contr the home, who comes to the breakfast



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table carclessly dressed, untidy, ruffled and tously hair, is one who will never command respect from her children, from the poor power of her example; even our most disagreeable tasks of domestic duties may be done in a way that will hurt no one, after all it is merely a matter of habit,—and that brings me to the other side of the question,—is it not just as faulty to be too careful about our looks, and a stumbling block, and a sanare to those worse off than ourselves? I will tell you a little story that is quite true:

A young lady Sunday School Teacher in a city Church once in the course of her lesson asked her girls the question that if they were going to ask God for anything special what would they ask for—the question went round till it got to the last one who was sitting near to her, "Nellie," she said, "What would you ask for?" The girl stood up, and stroking the soft furs and velvet of her teacher's dress said, "I would say, th' Lord make me stylish."

The teacher was a good woman trying to do her duty; fine clothes to her meant nothing, it was natural. Thoughts about her dress never obtruded, but the words of her pupil were as a scorpion, the thought that her example in wearing fine garments had nullified all her teaching by creating ency. Truly is it said that the "Small things of life are the great things," that the "Great things of life may be obliterated by the small things, and how often "Evil is wrought by want of thought."

thought."

When we drop to the lower level of those who misunderstand our motives, and retaliate, our influence for good is "nil." If the better things were only done that we intend to do, that we desire to do, if we would always love and practice the highest, surely this fair earth would be a pleasant place, and as Tennyson says,—"The whole world would be bound by chains of gold about the feet of God."

E. Bagshawe.

Experience Extracts

The Farm Wife's Worry

She sets her bread at night, wraps the bread pan with quilt and blanket and puts it in a warm corner and is confident that all is well. But a blizzard comes up in the night or one or another temperature change takes place; the k.tchen stove goes out, and in the morning the half-raised dough is all but stone ing the half-raised dough is all but stone cold. A little thing, perhaps, a bread setting gone wrong, but no little inci-dent in the kitchen life of the farmer's wife with a hundred things to do and but one pair of hands to do them with.

out one pair of hands to do them with. It's nothing short of a domestic disaster! Hay is a good insulator, and a well-made hay-box capable of taking in the bread pan might solve many problems. A box into which the bread pan will fit, a box each way three to six inches larger, the intervening spaces well packed with hay a suitable array as a six in the same part of the same part with hay, a suitable cover, also insulated, to fit snugly, and all would be well—a sort of bread insurance policy. The pan of dough snugly tucked away in such a box means far more certainty in the face of rapid changes of temperature than any quilt or blanket.

For Biliousness
If a member of the family is suffering from sickness of the stomach, try the white of an egg slightly beaten. It acts

To Clean Silverware

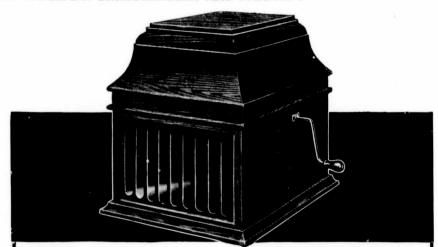
To clean silverware, let the pieces to be cleaned stand in buttermilk over night. Then in the morning wash with hot and soap

water and soap.

White Stains on Varnished Surfaces
Saturate a woollen rag with equal
parts of linseed and olive oil and apply
to the white patch at .atervals of a half
hour. It depends upon the duration and
depth of the stain as to how many applications will be necessary, but persistence in this treatment will positively
remove it. remove it.

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. ash in the regular way next day and the mildew will be gone.

A Hot Water Bottle
Oats heated in a frying pan until

A Hot Water Bottle
Oats heated in a frying pan until
very, very hot, then put quickly into a
warmed flannel bag will greatly relieve
eramps, headache, etc. It is light and
retains heat. The top must be securely

tied.

How to Keep Vegetables
Potatoes may be kept in a cool, dry,
dark place. At no time should sprouts
be allowed to grow.
Vegetables lii e parsnips, carrots, beets
and turnips may be buried in sand in a

cold cellar. The skin protects the vege-table and the sand protects the skin. The cold cellar provides the temperature

Sweet potatoes may be kept until January if put away clean and dry in

chaff.

Ripe pumpkins and squash, if the skins are wiped off occasionally, keep well in a cold place. Cabbages should be placed in boxes or barrels, roots up.

Fruits, as a rule, mold easily. Pears, peaches, plums and cherries decay easily, while apples and oranges may be kept for some time with proper care. Winter apples with their smooth skin, oranges and lemons should be wiped with a dry cloth, then wrapped separately in soft paper and stored in a cold place. The soft paper prevents mold spores, found in the air, from dropping on the skin and also prevents the moisture that may

on the skin from further conden-

sation.

Grapes may be kept for a long time in sawdust. Sound cranberries may be kept by putting them into crocks and covering the berries with cold water. The crock should be covered with a plate that fits closely. The water should be changed once a month.

Recipes

To Set Icing—To prevent the icing from running off a cake, first sift flour over it. Then wipe off with a soft cloth. You will find this method will set and dry much more easily than ww.lout it. Pumpkin Marmalade — Seven pounds pumpkin, cut fine. Five pounds white

sugar. Sprinkle sugar over pumpkin and let stand over night. In the morning add two lemons cut fine and five cents worth of crystalized ginger cut fine. Boil until thick. This is just as nice as orange marmalade and much cheaper.

Grape Juice—The unfermented grape juice has become so popular as a cooling drink that there is a growing demand for it. Remove all stems from the grapes, wash and let the fruit come slowly to the boiling point. Strain through a thick cloth; return the juice to the fire in a porcelain-lined kettle and simmer twenty minutes. Then to sugar; cook slowly ten minutes longer, skim and bottle hot in airtight bottles or jars. To serve it, fill a glass half full of powdered ice, add two thin slices of lemon, and fill nearly full of the grape juice; add sugar if not sweet enough.

Crystallized Grapes-Select firm, per

grape juice; add sugar if not sweet enough.

Crystallized Grapes—Select firm, perfect bunches of uniform size, wash carefully and when dry dip them in white of egg, roll in pulverized sugar, without mashing. Arrange them on a platter on a bed of leaves; chill and serve.

Grape Meringue Tarts—Make a deep pie pastry and line a pudding form with it, forming sealloped edges to it; chill, brush with white of egg, prick with a fork, to prevent blisters, and bake adelicate brown. Beat the whites of five eggs to a stiff dry froth, add a cupful of sugar and flavor with a teaspoonful of the sugar with a teaspoonful of sugar and flavor with a teaspoonful of sugar and flavor with a teaspoonful of sugar shield with the sugar with a pair of pineers take each grape by the stem and dip into the sugar till coated; place each separately on a marble slab or platter to dry.

Grape Jam—Remove the skins from the pulp, keeping them in separate bowls; heat the pulps in procelain lined kettle with a cupful of water; when heated well, press through a colander to separate was seeds; add the skins to the pulp and weigh. To each pound of fruit add three-fourths of a colander to separate was seeds; and the skins to the pulp and weigh. To each pound of sugar and just enough water to prevent burning; cook slowly for forty or fifty minutes. Apples mixed with grapes improve the jam and jelly.

Grape Catsup—This is an excellent way to utilize sour grapes. Remove them from the stems, and cook until tender, masning them well; strain and measure the pulp; and to every six pints

of pulp add two pounds of light brown sugar, two cupfuls of vinegar and one ounce each of ground cinnamon, allspice and mace and half an ounce of cloves. Boil slowly till of the proper consistency (it should be thick); can while hot and keep in a cool place.

Grape Snerbet—Three pounds of the

best Concord grapes, juice of three lemons, three pints of water and a pound and a half of sugar. Wash the grapes and put them in a granite pan, over which a strong cheesecloth has been laid. and put them in a granite pan, over which a strong cheesecloth has been laid. Mash well with a wooden masher, then squeeze out all the juice; measure and add an equal amount of water, the lemon juice and sugar. Previously boil to a syrup the sugar in a quart of water and allow for this water when measuring. Add the syrup and have the freezer packed and everything ready so the mixture may be frozen at once. Do not use any tin or iron utensils, they will change the color of the juice. When partly frozen, add the beaten whites of two eggs to each gallon of sherbet made, sweetening the egg slightly. Let stand for several hours before serving, then serve in long-stemmed glasses on grape leaves, with a dainty bunch of grapes on each plate.

Grape Conserve—3 quarts grapes, skinsmowed, reserve skins; 3 lbs. sugar; 1 lb. seeded raisins; 1 lb. walnuts chopped. Cook grapes until seeds separate. Strain and force pulp through strainer. Torape pulp add grape skins, sugar and seeded raisins. Cook 30 minutes, add walnuts and cook to desired consistency. Turn into sterlilized jelly glasses. Adjust covers.

Graham Cookies—1 well beaten egg;

covers.

Graham Cookies—I well beaten egg;
2 thsp. meited butter; 1 thsp. molasses;
1 tsp. lemon extract; few grains cinnamon; few grains cloves; 1 cup sour cream mixed with 1 tsp. soda; 2½ cups graham flour. Mix the first eight in graham flour. Mix the first eight in-gredients, add the graham flour and beat thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a well greased baking pan. Bake in a moderately hot oven.

Mother's Corner

To An Infant Son

Had we but known That just ahead our lives would meet, Would we have walked with willing feet

feet
Or loitered, idly, by the way?
Had I but known that love complete
Was coming nearer day by day,
Was coming in my heart to stay,
Would I as carclessly have gone
Along my pathway, on and on,
Had I but known?

Had you but known
That fate was leading me to you,
C t of the old life into the new,
Would you have ventured on with
dread—

dread—
Have run with fear or joy instead?
Had you but known that one bright day
Our paths would meet, and all the way
our lives would never be again
As in the past, My Darling, then
Would you have gladly come to me,
Not knowing what the end might be,
Had you but known?

Had I but known
Just what the future had in store
For me, I would have tried the more
To have been a worthy mother, Dear,
And when I saw you drawing near
I could have looked in baby eyes
With more of hope and less of fear,
That I was worthy of the prize
For which I'd longed for many a year,
Had I but known.

—H. C.

There have been many requests lately for the booklet, Helps for Expectant Mothers, which is sent free upon request. Should any of our women readers, who

The following letter came to me this month and I am asking our readers to

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Should any of our women readers, who are far from a dector or nurse, require any further information, a personal request to me will be attended to promptly. Address all communication to 983 Grosvenor Ave., Winnipeg.

Please Answer this Letter

answer it. You probably remember the beautiful article by Mrs. Lute in the August number. I have in this department written straight from the heart, because I love the home life and I do think there are more splendid men in Canadian homes than the kind described in the letter. There is one paragraph in the letter that I have omitted. I shall answer the letter later after the discussion of it by our readers. What is your opinion?—P. R. H.

opinion?—P. R. H.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton—In this month's issue of the Canadian Thresherman you have an article from American motherhood by Mrs. Lute. Now what do you suppose any sensible single woman will

mental nonsense.

I certainly agree that woman's destiny is marriage, husband, home and family, provided all things being equal, that she gets a suitable mate. But statistics have shown us that fifty per cent of all marriages are unhappy, that there are twelve divorce cases in every one hundred marriages in the United States. There were forty applications for divorce at the Dominion session of parliament in 1913, which is nearly equal to the United States in proportion to the population.

population.

I wonder if the "famous woman" ever knew anything about real people, if she

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did she wouldn't talk such simple child-ish nonsense. I have been a woman's nurse for some four years, thirteen months of that time I spent in one of the largest hospitals for women in the West and I venture to say I know a little about the "inner channels" of some ittle about the "inner channels" of some women's lives and believe me the most of them are not such as arouse the envy of any famous single woman or of any sngle woman who is not famous either. It appears to be a tendency of human nature to refuse to see things as they really are, except in cases where these things as hon affect your face.

really are, except in cases where these things do not affect you. I readily agree that the single woman's life has many disadvantages. What life has not? but when we consider the many disadvantages of the average married woman's life, I think things tally about

woman's life, I think things tally about even.
You married people never weary of drawing pictures of the single people. How tired and lonely and weary and dis-appointed we must be and how empty our lives are. I suppose many married people do this on the ground that misery loves company. I take it if marriage was such a heavenly state there would be no need for married people to console them-selves by comparing their lots to single people.

selves by comparing their lots to single people.

You know yourself, Mrs. Hamilton, that marriage is only a man-made institution. How could it be perfect? The idea is ridiculous, to say the least. I am truly sorry the "famous woman" hasn't got a drunken husband. Send your "famous woman" along and I'll give her enough to do to keep her from regretting that she didn't, after so many years, manage to round up a husband. I am willing to wager it is her own fault as only the ideal man would do.

I am sorry that I have no further time at my disposal to continue this discourse. I wonder what Nellie L. McClung thought of that article. I shall ask her when I

of that article. I shall ask her when I

Yours truly, A Manitoba Nurse.

The Baby on the Farm By Dr. Helen McMurchy

The following article is taken from The Farmer's Magazine.

O. Child: O, new-born denizen
Of Life's great city. On thy head
The glory of the morn is shed
Like a celestial benison:
Here at the portal thou dost stand
And with thy little hand
Thou openest the mysterious gate
Into the future undiscovered Land.
—Longfellow.

-Longfellow —Longfellow.

There is a baby coming to some of our Canadian farms this Christmastide. He knows what he is about, that baby. Christmas is a good time to come. And Christmas is a good time to come. And a Canadian farm is a good place to come to. Should I have said "She!" Let me say it now. Girls and boys are at a premium in Canada—a premium which grows bigger every day. And—especially



the West—girls are at an extra premium. Girls are wanted in Canada. It is almost impossible, unless you are more hard-hearted than any lady ought to be, to keep single in the West.

But to return to the Christmas baby on the farm. The little sacred soft head, pillowed on its mother's breast, for the first time, near Christmas Eve, seems, if possible, more sacred than when it comes

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at any other time. The mother keeps all the things about that baby and ponders them in her heart, like the Mother of long ago. For "The Sign was A Child."

Born on a farm. It is the place to be born. Take all the members of Mr. Borden's cabinet and ask them where they were nursed, and see if the majority of them, like the majority of city men everywhere who have "done things," do not tell you about the farm where they were born. There is better air on the farm, and more quiet and cleaner milk, and other fine things too numerous to mention.

and other fine things too numerous to mention.

"They went to another cosier cave when the baby came," as Kipling said about the cave-dwellers. And these ancient Troglodytes were right. The baby is a great civilizer. Things that will do before the baby comes will not do when his coming draws near. The baby's mother and the baby's father have a right to think more of themselves and have things more suitable and comfortable than before the baby came. They have a family now. The baby is a powerful constructive force. He can unite those whom nothing else will keep together. God himself needs the baby's tiny hand to hold people together. Many good things are not worth while except when there is a baby to do them for.

for.

It is one grown person's work to look after a baby. And yet if you understand the business it can easily be done. The baby is a great worshipper of system. Start him right, and he will go on as regular as the clock.

Here is the baby's clock—for one month old and for five months old. The clock was made in New Zealand, and is warranted to go.

The baby knows what to do if put to the breast within two or three hours after birth. That is the most impor-tant even (after being born) in the whole history of babyhood. The baby must nurse well within the first twentyfour hours. That one event seals his fate. If nursed by the mother, the chances are great that the baby will live. If not nursed by the mother, the chances are great that the baby will



Clock for a Five Months' Old Baby

The baby does not need to be fed oftener than once in three nours, and perhaps twice or three times during the night. Two or three days of regular feeding and the baby will wake regularly at feeding times. It will only be necessay to wake him a few times and the clock-like alternation of sleeping and waking to feed will be established. The new-born babe should sleep nine-tenths

of the time. Babies who are regularly, and properly nursed will sleep soundly and long, digest their food well and be contented and happy. But if the mother is irregular and unsystematic about bathing, dressing, feeding and putting to sleep, the baby is not happy or contented. tented.

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Never give a child a so-called "comfort." It should ratner be called "torment." It is harmful. It will not help to give the baby "a good constitution." That greatly-desired boon, "a good constitution," depends largely on the care, skill, patience and common sense employed in nurturing the baby during the first two years.

POEMS WORTH READING

Song of the Soldiers

What of the faith and fire within us Men who march away

Ere the barn-cocks say

Night is growing gray,

To hazards whence no tears can win us;

What of the faith and fire within us

Is it a purblind prank, O think you,
Friend with the musing eye
Who watch us stepping by,
With doubt and dolorous sigh?
Can much pondering so hoodwink you!!
Is it a purblind prank, O think you,
Friend with the musing eye?

Nay. We see well what we are Though some may not see Dalliers as they be!— England's reed are we: We see well what we are doing,

Her distress would set us rueing: Nay. We see well what we are doing, Though some may not see!

In our heart of hearts believing In our heart of hearts believing Victory crowns the just, And that braggarts must Surely bite the dust, March we to the field ungrieving. In our heart of hearts believing Victory crowns the just.

Hence the faith and fire within us Men who march away Ere the barn-cock say Ere the barn-cock say
Night is growing gray,
To hazards whence no tears can win us;
ence the faith and fire vithin us
Men who march away.
—Thomas Hardy.

A Cross in Flanders

In the face of death, they say, he joked

In the face of death, they say, he joined—he had no fear:
His comrades, when they laid him in a Flanders grave.
Wrote on a rough-hewn cross—a Calvary stood near—
"Without a fear he gave.

His life, cheering his men, with laughter on his lips."

So wrote they, mourning him. Yet was there only one
Who fully understood his laughter, his

gay quips, One only, she alone

She who, not so long since, when love was new confest, Herself toyed with light laughter while

her eyes were dim, And jested, while with reverence despite her jest She worshipped God and him.

She knew-O Love, O Death!-his soul

had been at grips
With the most solemn things. For she, was she not dear?

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Yes, he was brave, most brave, wi laughter on his lips, The braver for his fear!

-G. Rostrevor Hamilton

The Story of the "Master Mechanic" & Overall 83

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The "home-made" article carries with it a warm glow of kindly sentiment that is never lost on the purchasing public. And when that grateful feeling is accompanied by the fact that it also represents a big saving in the household exchequer, who would have the hardihood to preach the virtues and advantages of the imported variety, weighted as it is far ahead of original cost with duty, freight rates and selling-charges?

The idea, for example, that millinery worth the name cannot be designed and "built" in Winnipeg to compare with the "creations" of Paris or New York is a joke that we haven't the heart to laugh at. It is but a thin mask to one of the most serious leakages in our domestic economy which does not end with the fads of women folk. The same fallacy is regularly nursed to some extent in the sobe walks of men who buy hand-saws, wheel barrows, gang plows and pant suspender. It would be an eye-opener to the ran and file of our Western people if the could be shown in some impressive war what is designed and manufactured fo common use, practically at our own doors in these days, and what splendid feature of quality and finish these home mad goods possess—even when placed side by side with picked exhibits of the importe specialities.

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side with picked exhibits of the importer specialities.

What has been done, say within the last decade, in establishing and developin manufacturing industries is little short, astounding, and not the least impressive, of these is the birth place and still the home of the "Master Mechanic" overalls. These, together with their own brands of tents, shirts, window shades, and awnin-eter, are manufactured by the "Western King Manufacturing Co. Ltd." of Win-nipeg.

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few years ago but its products have lon
since found their way to every corner of
the Western market and by sheer weight

of quality and value have won the complete confidence of the people.

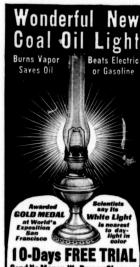
The factory and plant is the largest and most complete of its kind in Western Canada and its comperers are by no means to be held in light esteem either as to equipment or influence. The accompanying illustrations are only an indication of what is going on every day during a working week of 48 hours, spread over four immense factory flights, designed and constructed to carry the weight and vibration of a mass of heavy machinery.

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The machinery alone is an exhibit of intense interest. It represents the very

The machinery alone is an exhibit of in-tense interest. It represents the very-last thing of its kind and there is nothing of more recent (unless it be very recent) introduction in any overall factory the world over. The sewing machines with twin needles engaged on the lap-seams of heavy canvas tents are very striking. They are equipped with a patent rotary "puller," which takes the place of the hand that is usually employed in pulling or clearing the stitched fabric from the needles. needles

or clearing the stitched fabric from the needles.

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examination before it leaves the factory.

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For who has not known the misery of having school work broken into, just as it is going well in the autumn by an outbreak of measles. And it is certainly well that the teachers should be in possession of a few facts relating to this disease, in order that they may

to this disease, in order that they may do their part towards checking its infectious spread.

"Measles," says our authority, "is one of the commonest diseases on the face of the earth. It is caused by infection through the upper air passages, is transmitted by direct contact, is chees the carried in the early stope by sages, is transmitted by direct contact, is characterized in the early stages by watering eyes, rising temperature and other disturbances, followed in from one to six days by the familiar measles rash and runs a normal course of some ten days duration.

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"It is the ailment fewest of us es-cape and the one most of us know least about from personal recollection, as the attacks usually occur in early childhood. It is, fortunately, not largely fatal when care and close attention are available, and an early attack is usu-

atal when care and close attention are available, and an early attack is usually believed to give immunity from subsequent infection in the majority of cases, though not by any means as invariably as many people believe.

There is nothing to alarm the careful, but much cause for reflection by the carcless, in the statement that entirely dependable statistics show that from one to six per cent of all cases of measles terminate fatally. The percentage varies vastly with the circumstances of locality, environment and especially the age of the sufferer. The great majority of fatallities occur in the first three years of life. After those years of infancy the number of cases and, consequently, the majority falls rapidly, although it is believed that in the comparatively few attacks at more advanced ages the possibilities of serious effects are more pronounced of serious effects are more pronounced

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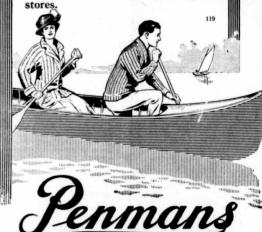
And it is not claimed that the dis And it is not claimed that the disease is decreasing to any noticeable extent. There are several obvious reasons for this continued prevalence. Knowledge of the virus causing the disease is still incomplete. Epidemics are difficult to control even by the utmost vigilance, for the simple reason that infection may occur even before the patient shows distinctive marks of the disease, and it is therefore impossible to segregate successfully. It is asserted that the disease may be comsible to segregate successfully. It is asserted that the disease may be communicated at least four days prior to the appearance of the characteristic rash upon the first patient, though as a matter of fact in a great many cases spots may be seen in the mouth within the first or seeded days.

spots may be seen in the mouth within the first or second day difficulties con-fronting health officers is that same indifference to which we have referred. Parents have been even known to de-liberately subject their children to in-fection so that they might "have it fection so that they might "have it over and done with." If some of these

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There are apparent reasons why cases of Measles increase with the beginning of the cold season. Fresh air and sunlight are as fatal to this as to any other ailment—subjection to vitiated atmospheres encourage the disease.

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THE STAKE AT ISSUE

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—and to blight—the whole field of
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in trade, and in commerce; and, so
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"Many instructive features in this colossal vision of Teutonic patriotism, and some of the more immediate measures proposed to realize it, may be learned from the businesslike petitions to the German Chancellor. It is in effusive confidences like these, and not in the inspired paragraphs, prepared and the inspired paragraphs prepared and exported for neutral consumption, that exported for neutral consumption, that the true scope of Germany's ambitions may be seen. Belgium, France, Russia and England above all, are to be trampled in the dust before her, so that they may never again dispute her mastery of the world.

mastery of the world.

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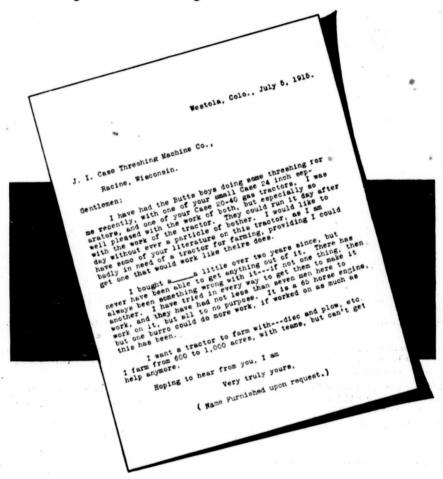
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