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Conclusion of the Sensational Murder
Trial in Toronto.

A VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL

Brought in by the Jury After Two Hours
of Deliberation - Evidence Given as to
the Good Character of the Prisoner -
Great Interest Taken in
the Case.

Toronto, May 7.—The trial of Clara
Ford for the murder of Frank Westwood
last October opened at the Criminal
Assizes here yesterday. After Mr. Chan-
cellor Boyd, the presiding judge, had ad-
dressed the grand jurors B. B. Oaker,
Q. C., arose and informed the court that
he was ready to proceed with the charge
against Clara Ford.

Mrs. Clara Westwood was the first
witness. She stated that Frank, who was 18
and worked in a wholesale house on Bay
street, was at home on the night of the
murder, Benjamin Westwood, Willis
Westwood, the servant, Bessie Stephens,
and her husband, Mrs. Westwood said
that Frank came home at 10.30. He and she
sat in the dining room, which faced the
kitchen. The room was lighted, the blinds
were up and a person near the water
closet was seen who was in the room.

They sat together for about twenty
minutes and then retired. She heard
Frank go downstairs, heard a noise like
glass breaking and Frank's voice crying:
"Mother, Mother, I'm shot!"

She went down and found Frank lying in
the vestibule. There was a smell of gunpow-
der. Mr. Westwood followed her to the
telephone and rang up Dr. Hart. When he
returned Frank had gone upstairs and her
husband was outside shooting.

As a result of that shot her son died on
Wednesday morning, October 19, at 4
o'clock.

W. G. Murdoch took the cross-exami-
nation, during which he being the witness
shaken by several severe shocks. It was
the grand jury experimenting with the
Hydrant elevator which Mrs. Westwood
identified the waistcoat and shirt worn by
Frank, which was then handed to the
jury.

Toronto, May 7.—There was no abate-
ment of interest in the trial of Clara Ford
yesterday. The prisoner sat in the dock
apparently indifferent as to the outcome.
Mrs. Westwood, the girl whose life is im-
personally intertwined with that of the ac-
cused, gave evidence for the Crown.

The prisoner's alleged accomplice, Flo-
rence McKay, was called by the Crown,
and went into the box wearing a defiant
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she thought it from a view on York street
for \$1.50.

The Jew gave her six bullets. She
said that she wanted to protect
herself as she returned home late from
work. Continuing she said that she had
fired two shots out of it during the sum-
mer, out in the lake, "just for devil-
ment."

This was the weapon she gave to Ste-
phen, who said: "Inspector Stark wants
to talk to you down at the office. She
went down with Porter but was not
aware that she was under arrest."

She described the route they took, the
arrangement of the office and the ap-
pearance of the man who took down her
name, age and address. Then they look
her before Detective Reburn, who went
out with the other two. Reburn returned
with the trousers in his hand on the night
of October 19th he asked in a gruff, snappy
voice. She told him she was at the To-
ronto Opera House with Flora McKay
and described her costume, which was
produced by her. Reburn told her that she was seen in
Parkdale that night and she denied it.

When asked how she knew Frank
Westwood and she said no. She then
asked her what she was doing up there
that summer, but she denied that she was
there.

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A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Every thing well Mixed up.

WILTSETOWN.

SATURDAY, May 4.—Our farmers are busily engaged in seeding operations and some have nearly finished. Everybody is busy with gardening and house cleaning.

The Tuesday night prayer meeting will be held in the school house. A new baby girl at Samuel Covey's.

SHEATOWN.

MONDAY, May 6.—Mr. M. Hefferman and wife of Wexford passed over our town. Messrs. N. Shea, J. Cox, J. Kavanagh, and W. G. Howland were near drowning while spearing fish.

Miss E. Cox is dressing making on Wexford Avenue. Our school is doing tolerably well under the surveillance of Miss O'Neill.

It is said that Wm. Flood will take to himself a partner after house-cleaning. Visitors: Messrs. E. Leeder, T. L. Flood, M. Noonan, B. Cain; also Misses J. Foster, A. Hickey, M. Coby, L. Preston, and Bertha Flood.

DELTA.

MONDAY, May 6.—The farmers are improving the opportunity offered by the fine weather by getting in their grains. Mr. G. Curtis of Queen's University, Kingston, is home on his vacation.

Miss Ella Sily of Elgin is visiting at Mr. B. H. Wells of this place. Mr. B. H. Wells is renovating and building a new addition to his house. When done, we expect to see a star boarding house.

A picnic was held by some of our young people at Wabana Park last Saturday. A very delightful time was spent.

A holiness convention was held here last Friday, the meetings being led by Miss Mason and Birdsall. The meetings were very enthusiastic and much good was done.

The pupils at our school were very busy last Friday, it being Arbor Day, and succeeded in getting the school and grounds cleaned, which makes a decided appearance for the better.

The people who moved into Delta on Tuesday, 30th April, from all the surrounding villages to hear Miss Hext were greatly disappointed, as she failed to fulfill her engagement.

WEXFORD.

MONDAY, May 6.—Our genial friend, Mr. Thorpe, has laid by the till his new and now devoted his spare moments to horticulture and milk-drawing. He says the soft spring winds will give the natural color to those pale faces, equal to his celebrated pills.

Honore Baruch has been in active business for the last ten days making stump speeches around stone piles and frog holes on his new farm. We learn that John Spence, near Charleston, caught and sold four hundred trout on Monday. He says that John Shea and Allen Kavanagh don't know how to set a trap or snare a rat like that good nose of his.

Uncle Tom and Henry Troop passed through here on Monday, May 2nd, en route for Jamaica. They say their play is hard to beat if they only had a clown.

T. L. Flood is preparing to enter wedlock and will erect a cottage at Fly Creek.

Jan Bolger is at Orchard Villa and is a busy man on his pretty farm. J. Dixie is plastering with mortar the homes of Messrs. P. and J. Flood. Combination pie season is almost over on this street.

Misses Nunn and Leeder acted as sponsors for Wm. Curtis' babe. Visitors: B. Cain, Messrs. Keenan and McClutchy; also Misses Hastic, Dorsey, Savagard, and Wiseman.

The correspondent of the Front of Yonge enquires concerning the possible accommodation for twenty guests in Sheatown and refers to Mr. J. Kavanagh. Said gentleman being presently at the Turkish baths in Montreal, requests me to do his journalistic work; hence, I say that the venerable knight of the quill must hereby learn that we can accommodate over one hundred guests at our hotels in Sheatown and give them the very best treatment. A certain man in our town purposely bought an incubator from which he has raised over 200 chickens in order to have them for the guests. I tell you, no fies on Sheatown but, my dear old friend, our hotels in Sheatown are strictly temperate, likewise the people. No man in Sheatown would be seen carrying a black bottle. Of course, ladies would not disgrace themselves, if others carry it, not to speak of putting in their heads for joy.

FAIRFAX.

Monday, May 6.—Mr. T. Flood of Fly Creek was a guest at Ed. Dyers on Sunday last. About fifty will go from here to Warburton to hear Mrs. Cornstalk, the great singer.

A steamer is expected down from Moorstown this evening loaded with eighty-four state telegraphers to complete the locks. Mr. John Gavin returned from Colorado on Thursday last. Mrs. P. Flood passed through town to-day. The water in the locks is very low at present.

ELDER MILLS.

MONDAY, May 6.—Our farmers are busy with their seeding. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Weaver start for Ashton near Caledon Place to-day to make cheese for the season.

Mr. Dixon though he got out a large quantity of ties for the B. & W. and is now sawing shingles. The fence at the rear of the school house grounds has been repaired. When the rest of it is built it will be a great improvement on your other correspondence. But the question is, when will it be done?

Mr. P. M. Monroe aged 92 years and Mrs. Monroe 87 are probably the oldest persons in this vicinity, if not in the county. In March last they had been married 68 years. They are both able to go around among their neighbors and Mr. Monroe recently walked more than a half mile to see some of his friends.

GREENBUSH.

MONDAY, May 6.—Farmers are busy with their seeding. Mrs. Levi Stone who, with her two children, has been visiting her father, Mr. Robt. Connell, during the past winter, started for her home in Tacoma, Wash., last Thursday. She was accompanied as far as Carleton Place by Mrs. Connell, who intends visiting some relatives at that place.

The house of Mr. Geo. Langdon, about a mile west of here, had a narrow escape from being burned on Tuesday last. The fire was caused by some sparks falling on the roof. With the prompt assistance of some of the neighbors, the flames were extinguished in time to save the house.

The illness of Mrs. Alex. Blanchard who has been an invalid for the past six years, has taken a serious turn and small hope is entertained of her recovery. She has the sympathy of the entire community in her suffering.

Mr. A. L. Tinkens left last Saturday for New York where he intends to spend the summer.

The remains of Mrs. Walker, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kerr, were brought to the family burying-ground on the farm of Richard Kerr yesterday on Thursday last. The Rev. Johnathan Kerr, brother of deceased, accompanied the remains to Brockville where he was joined by the other members of the family.

PLUM HOLLOW.

MONDAY, May 6.—Weather very warm and bright yesterday. The thermometer stood at one hundred in the sun and in the shade.

The trees are fast leaving out and will be a mass of green in a very few days.

Francis and Monnie Kilborn have left us. Monnie has gone to Quebec to take charge of a cheese factory and Francis has gone to Easton's Corners as helper in a factory.

Mrs. Harriet Jackson was baptized in the creek here last day of April.

Mr. James Burns has purchased a new threshing machine. Jim is a hustler and believes in having things ready, and as he is a general friend to all and an experienced and clever thrasher, we can be sure his efforts will be crowned with success.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to announce the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Zila Jacks of Lyndhurst, formerly of this place. In her infancy she died at rest in the burying ground here to-day. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in their sad bereavement.

MCINTOSH MILLS.

MONDAY, May 6.—The residents of our town are highly pleased over the new name given to one of the principal streets. G. B. Leeder was in town this week.

The board of health has, after serious deliberation, decided to erect a building 20x30 over the Mill pond, which will be used as a public bath and will especially be open to farmers during the summer. The bath when completed will be under the able management of Mr. Beaumont for the gentlemen's department, and the ladies quarters will be directed by one Miss Judy Buckley of Boston. All young men will be charged 25 cts. and old men 50 cts. Prices range according to the quality of soap and water that will be consumed in cleansing those classes. The people of Fairfax, Warburton and Deer Lick are invited to a good wash in this sanatorium. Quite a few of our citizens are afraid that the bath will be quite obnoxious to pisciculture, because the effluents waters that will come from the bath may poison the young fish.

Monday, May 6.—Mrs. M. Leeder spent Sunday last with Mrs. M. August.

Mr. F. Davis is recuperating on the balmy breezes of Fly Creek for a few days.

Uncle Tom's Cabin won't be able to reach Caintown till about September. We are credibly informed that our old and much esteemed friend Jack the Ripper is about to move near Howling Hollow.

Mr. C. Clow secured the agency for Jas. Wright's new patent gas. The manufacturer has secured a good, reliable, energetic agent in Mr. Clow.

Mr. Peter Flood of Wexford and his cousin John Gavin gave a concert here on Wednesday evening last. The music furnished was excellent and as comic vocalists they could not be excelled.

A dance was held at Mrs. M. Leeder's on last Monday night at which quite a jolly crowd gathered. Dancing was kept up till near morning when all went home well satisfied that a good dance could be held on High St.

Visitors: E. Flanigan, T. Edgers, J. Palmer; also B. Mulone, Emerson and Denby.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

A carload of fine salt in barrels, just to hand, at G. W. Beach's.

The "blotter" costume has been adopted by many ladies of Kingston. Sunday was a very warm day. Old Probs. promised a rain, but it failed to arrive.

A number of Brockvillians arrived in Athens on Saturday en route for Charleston lake.

The village band has mastered its first tune and its future progress promises to be rapid.

Bargains in men's suits. Bargains in boys' suits. Bargains in children's suits at G. W. Beach's.

The district meeting of the Brockville district will be held in the Wall street Methodist church, on Wednesday, May 15th.

The advance agent of Miss Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess and reciter, was here this week endeavoring to arrange a date under the auspices of some local organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Brockville General Hospital will meet the residence of Mrs. H. H. Arnold, Reid at Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

At the recent exams at Queen's University Miss Mabel Bellamy, a pupil of Athens high school, wrote on Latin, and was successful in the two former subjects.

Dr. Creighton of Delta has assigned to Mr. Omer Brown for the benefit of his creditors, who meet on May 7th to adjust matters. It is a rare occurrence for a professional gentleman to make an assignment.

Just received—another lot of fine bedroom suits and have added to my large stock of parlor suits a very fine line of rug suits. Stock complete in every line.—T. G. STEVENS, Furniture Dealer and Undertaker, Athens, Ont.

There will be a special meeting in the Salvation Army Barracks on Wednesday evening, 8th May, led by Captain Cameron of Brockville. All are invited to be present. An interesting time is expected.—CLARA STATA, Captain.

A telegram was received at the post office last night announcing the death of Mr. W. Barrett of Smith's Falls, who formerly resided in this village.—Central Mirror.

Many readers of the Reporter, and especially those composing the Reporter's material of 1890, will remember the genial Billy Burkett who drove the stage from Westport to Beaufort.

On Tuesday evening last His Honor Judge McDonald delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on the annual report of the Board of Agriculture. The lecture was held in the Lecture room of Christ church. The trip was through Canadian territory and must have given the audience new and enlarged ideas of the extent and importance of this Canadian industry.

The annual meeting of the members of the Mechanic's Institute was held in the library rooms on Monday evening, May 1st, at 8 p.m. Rev. Wm. Wright the president in the chair and Mr. G. Sharman acting as secretary.

The annual report was read by the secretary for the year 1894-5 up to May 1st, 1895.

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ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Kith of the Pen.—Local Announcements.—Solved Right Down.

D. & A. Corsets at G. W. Beach's. The population of Brockville is now placed at 9,078.

Quarterly services will be held in the Methodist church on Sabbath next. Westport is to have a street-sprinkler this summer—and why not one in Athens?

For floor paint, alabaster curtain poles, window shades and wall paper, go to G. W. Beach's.

Mr. John R. Reid, of Ottawa, arrived in Athens last week in the interests of the Sun Life.

On entering this educational centre from the east the traveler is confronted with a placard requesting him to "pay his toll."

Mr. Caldwell's mill at Lombardy was idle for three weeks, owing to the spring freshet, but is now doing a rushing business.

Dyspepsia seldom causes death, but permits its victims to live on misery. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.

Salmon, bass and bullpouts are all in evidence this week. The spring has been very unfavorable for good salmon fishing again, if any, large catches have been made.

Owing to an incomplete revision of the proof-sheets of the sermon published on our supplementary page this week, several errors appear therein, none of which, however, materially affect the sense.

Grave-robbers stole a body from Portsmouth a short time ago. The theft was discovered and such a vigorous search instituted to recover the corpse that it was returned to the cemetery. Every effort is still being made to discover the guilty parties.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson and son Harold leave Athens on Thursday next for Belfast, Ireland, sailing from New York on Saturday.

Guests of relatives of Mr. Thompson in Belfast and during their contemplated five months' absence will visit points of interest in Scotland and England.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE WILL MEET AT SPENCERVILLE, JULY 9th.

Have you seen the new lace curtains at G. W. Beach's this spring at 40s, 50s, 60s, 75c, and \$1.00 pair, 8 1/2 yds long?

Miss Maggie and Allie Frye, H. Crawford and H. H. Stevens, were guests of the Mission Wight. Lilac cottage, last week.

The thermometer registered 96 in the shade on Sunday. The winter clothing worn by citizens added about ten degrees more.

Yesterday's Recorder announces the illness of Judge McDonald from blood poisoning. He is reported as improving, we are pleased to say.

The Leeds Farmers' Institute will make another excursion to Ottawa this season probably on June 11th. The route will likely be over the Grand Trunk and Canada Atlantic.

The Ontario Medical Society has lodged a complaint against Dr. Ross, a well known practitioner located at Portland, with a view to his disqualification as a physician, several charges of grave nature being made. The evidence will be taken before a court composed of three members of the Discipline Committee of the Medical Society and M. M. Brown, County Crown Attorney, will act as a prosecutor.

The "playing" of traveling troupes by local societies has not, so far as we have been able to learn, proved a paying investment. As a rule, these troupes stipulate that the players receive \$35 and from 50 to 75 per cent of the gross receipts of the troupe. In some cases they are paid for the hall, the printing, and doing the necessary bill-posting. The troupe takes absolutely no risk—the contract contains no allowances for bad weather or bad roads—and if any very low prices are not out of the funds of the society. The average receipts from an entertainment in Athens total about \$40, so it will be readily seen that there is considerable room for losing money on such contracts. Of course, it is with no desire to make money that the societies engage these entertainers; it is with the altogether praiseworthy intention to provide the public with good, wholesome entertainment which could not, perhaps, otherwise be secured, but whether the prospective profit and loss are properly adjusted is a matter that will probably receive more consideration in the future than it has in the past.

Liberal Prices. Those of our readers who are of a literary turn of mind will appreciate the liberal offer made elsewhere in this issue by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., who announce a series of prizes amounting to \$300 for the best short original stories submitted in the competition. The amount offered is, we believe, the largest ever awarded in a competition of this kind in Canada, and any part of it will be given to the author of the story of the length named. We will be glad to hear that any of our readers has succeeded in capturing one of the prizes.

Back to the Old Church. Mr. Claxton, who for a time assisted in conducting the meetings held in the Green Block, has been prior to his conversion to Mr. Horner's way of thinking, a proponent for the ministry of the Methodist Church.

Over a year he had devoted all his energies to advancing the cause of the ministry. He is now convinced that he was pursuing a wrong course he last week sought advice from a Methodist minister with a view to securing reinstatement among the probationers. He was referred to the Chairman of his District and was informed that a strict adherence to the requirements of Conference and the practices of probationers would best fit his appeal for favorable consideration. This is the line he is now pursuing.

Market. The first meeting of Brockville cheese board was held on Thursday last with a good attendance of sellers and buyers. The offering was large for opening day, totalling 1744 boxes. Only 7c was offered for white and 7 1/2 for colored. The cable stood at 47 for white and 48 for colored. Not a single box was sold.

After the adoption of Secretary Gilroy's annual report, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: President—Major Redmond, Lansdowne. First vice-president—Andrew Gray, Morton. Second vice-president—John E. Seely-Treas.—C. J. Gilroy, Glen Buell. Auditors.—Horace Brown, Athens; T. H. Percival, Plum Hollow. Salesman.—R. G. Murphy, Elgin.

It was announced that the B. & W. would be the same as last year, 125 cents from Lynn and Seely's and 15 cents from points west of those places to Montreal.

COMFORTABLE CATTLE CHAIN.

Manure and cheap Tie for Fastening Cattle. The method now in vogue of fastening cattle is quite common in the barns of dairymen where wooden or iron stanchions are not in use. It is doubtful if a more satisfactory, cheaper or humane method of cattle fastening can be provided. For the neck and throat a strap with a light iron ring permanently attached is worn continuously. A light chain 3 feet long has a ring at one end which slides freely on a round stanchion of smooth hardwood about 3 inches in diameter.

Notes About Horses. Horses need to be fattened for market. The colt's education can hardly begin too early.

For the colt's feet put in shape every few weeks so as to keep them true and level. When the toes are allowed to become too long there is danger of producing ring-bone.

The English climate is said to be very trying to American bred horses, giving them throat affections which impair their value. Those that are taken over young should escape these troubles.

one of the oldest existing moses of domesticated cattle is very little known on this side of the Atlantic, but few of them have ever been imported previous to the time of the late Mr. W. W. Beach.

The present arrival of the French cattle is of a superior quality. The French cattle are of a great size, with rather coarse bone, long and heavy head, heavy horns—usually bent forward and downward—long, deep body, broad hips, short legs, thick and mottled hair, well covered with a coat of various shades of red, white, roan and reddish brown in spots, and brindled streaks. The horns are of the best quality, straight and large, well formed adders. It is claimed for them by Norman farmers that they are the best of any other breed, and they unquestionably hold the leading position among French breeds of cattle. Twenty-five to thirty quarts of milk a day, not an unusual yield for a Norman cow in full flush and is sometimes considerably exceeded, while 6,000 pounds are made in the best years. It is mainly for their milk that the famous Camembert and Brie cheeses are made. The latter, known in Paris under the trade name of bierre d'Eligny, commands the highest price at the weekly market sale of the Halle Centrale, the great market place of the French capital. As best animals, Normans are noted for early maturity and great weight rather than large net weight of dressed carcasses. Cows which have been bred for the dairy may be fattened until they attain weights of 1,300 to 1,600 lbs. Steers at age of two and three years weigh from 1,000 to 1,400 lbs., and there are authentic records of Norman oxen which at six years of age weighed 4,100 to 4,800 lbs. This "genital purpose" quality is of great importance to the principal exporters of France, as it enables them to turn to profitable account their "dowager" cows and surplus males. The beef is of good quality, but there is a larger proportion of bone and fat than in the British breeds of beef cattle. They are heavy eaters, and require an abundance of nutritious food. The strongest claim to public favor made in behalf of this breed is on the ground of its hardiness and freedom from all tuberculous taint. In Normandy great numbers of these cattle are kept in thriving condition without winter and summer, throughout the year.

The habitant of Norman cattle companies is an event which may prove to be of some importance to American live-stock interests. This land of the queen of abundant food material would seem to be the very place for these great feeders, with their immense capacity for grain and forage in milk and beef. If they sustain the claims made for them, and prove to be adapted to conditions of soil and climate, they can scarcely fail to be a valuable acquisition.

The poultry craze. No delusion has emptied the pockets of a greater number of victims in this country than the poultry craze. More money has been wasted, actually thrown away, probably, on elaborate and unpractical poultry houses than on any of the other buildings connected with a village or farm establishment. We are not in favor of making new recruits to poultry culture by the wholesale, but we do believe that helpful information should be fully given to those already keeping poultry that they may keep it at a profit rather than at a loss, or if successful that they may secure still greater success.

Infants milk dealers are up in arms against some of the provisions of a new city ordinance. It is provided that every milk dealer shall carry enough in stock, from July and August to prevent the milk from heating. While some of the members of the milk dealers' association are in favor of the ordinance, others object vigorously to the same, and it would be a hardship to the dealers.

Currents are propagated from cuttings by cutting last year's wood to six or eight-inch lengths and planting in moist, rich soil, transplant after one or two years. Current cuttings do better taken in August than in spring.

Improving the Hoop. Prof. Thomas Hunt correctly says that when calves are raised for dairy purposes it is possible, by judicious training and feeding, to greatly increase their value for all improvements in dairy cows must begin with the calf, and the first point in this is to procure the best possible sire. No one has yet fixed on the best cow for all purposes combined, nor can it be said that there is any best dairy cow. One Irishman chooses Jerseys, another Guernseys, another Ayrshires and Holsteins, and all for the same purpose; and each owner will say that his choice is best and will discuss without end the fine points of his favorite breed. No person can say which is the best cow for any other than himself, and in improving his stock the owner of native cows can do no better than to choose the best of those and then procure the best thoroughbred bull he can, of such breed as he may fancy. The improvement of his herd will begin right with this step, and may be continuous as long as he stays in the business. There is not much danger of the average dairy man getting to a point where no further improvement is possible. When we find a man who thinks he cannot make his herd any better than it already is, we are pretty sure to have a man who is already on the back track, for if improvement is not continuous, retrogression will be apt to set in.—Farmers' Voice.

Finishing Cattle for Market. Finishing off heaves quickly for market is highly important at times, and never more so than now when the continuance of present high prices can only be conjectured. It is a most favorable time, therefore, to fatten and sell not only all calves that will make prime beef, but all farrow cows, light oxen or lean steers and any other kind of meat cattle that are no longer to be kept. As a rule, the sooner a farmer is quit of such stock the better. High pasture and heavy feeding with cotton seed or linseed (crushed or ground), wheat bran, oat meal or corn meal, will put these cattle in reasonable condition in a surprisingly short time. Begin with a small quantity when cattle are not used to grain, increasing the allowance steadily until they are taking all they can eat without apparent detriment.

Hops in Clover Grow Fast. Hops running on clover are singularly free from disease, says the American Agriculturist. If a wind-proof shelter is given to the hops, they will grow with plenty of clear water at all times, they care during the growing season will not overtop the hops, and the plants will be kept to irrigate the pasture occasionally to keep the clover thrifty. In the late fall feed on clover hay, turnips, beets and a little grain. Large, rangy sows should be kept, as they are the best grazers and milkers, and should not be bred to fine bred, quick growing males. The mother will ensure the pigs a good start and the sire a quick growth, so that they may be finished with the least expense for grain.

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