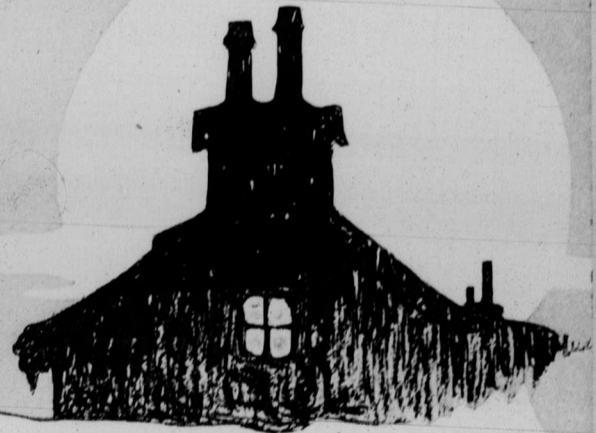
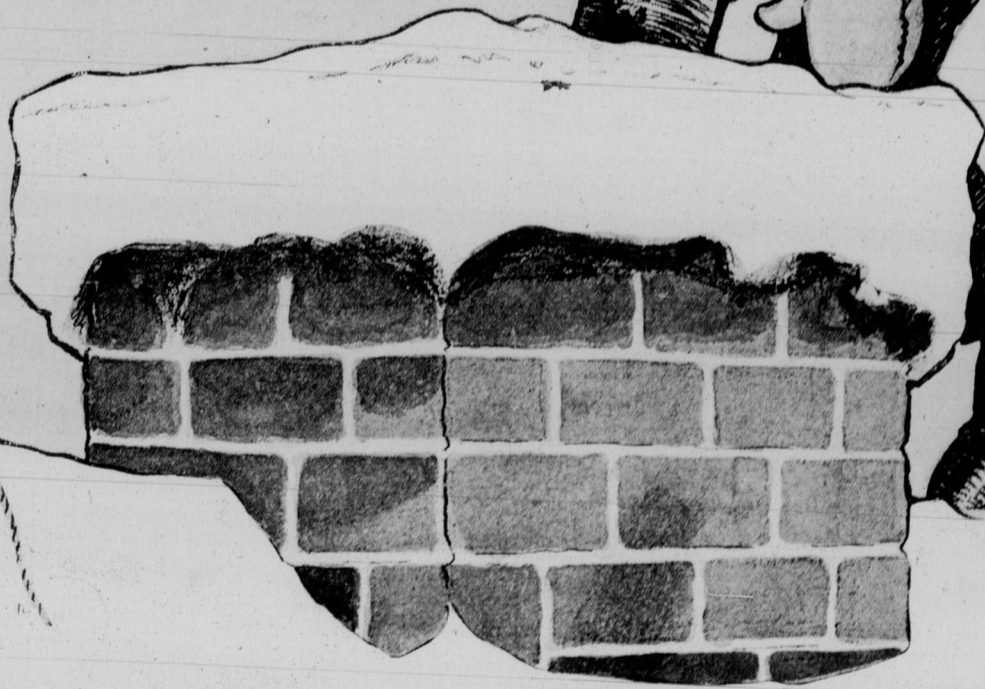


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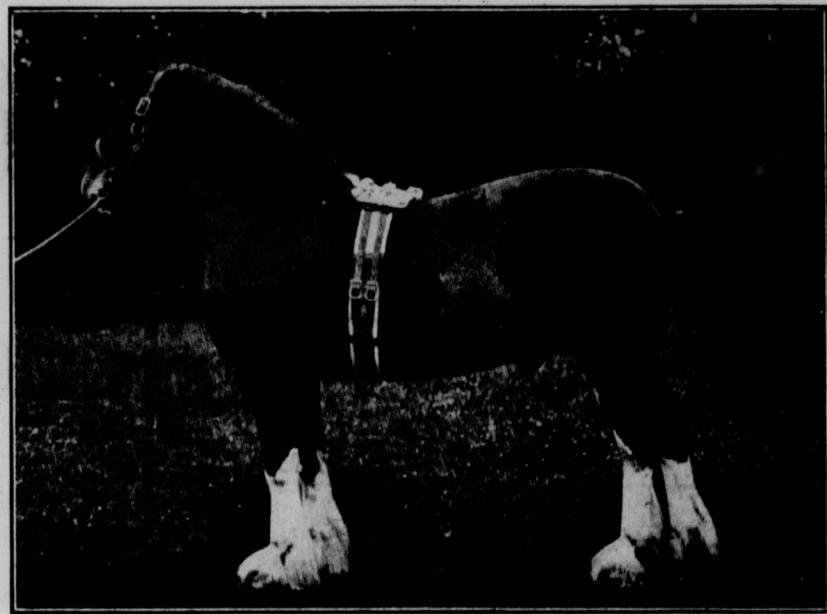


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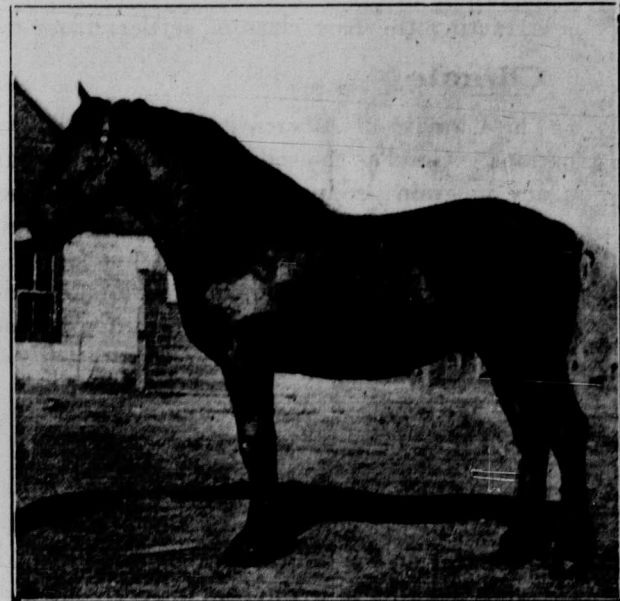
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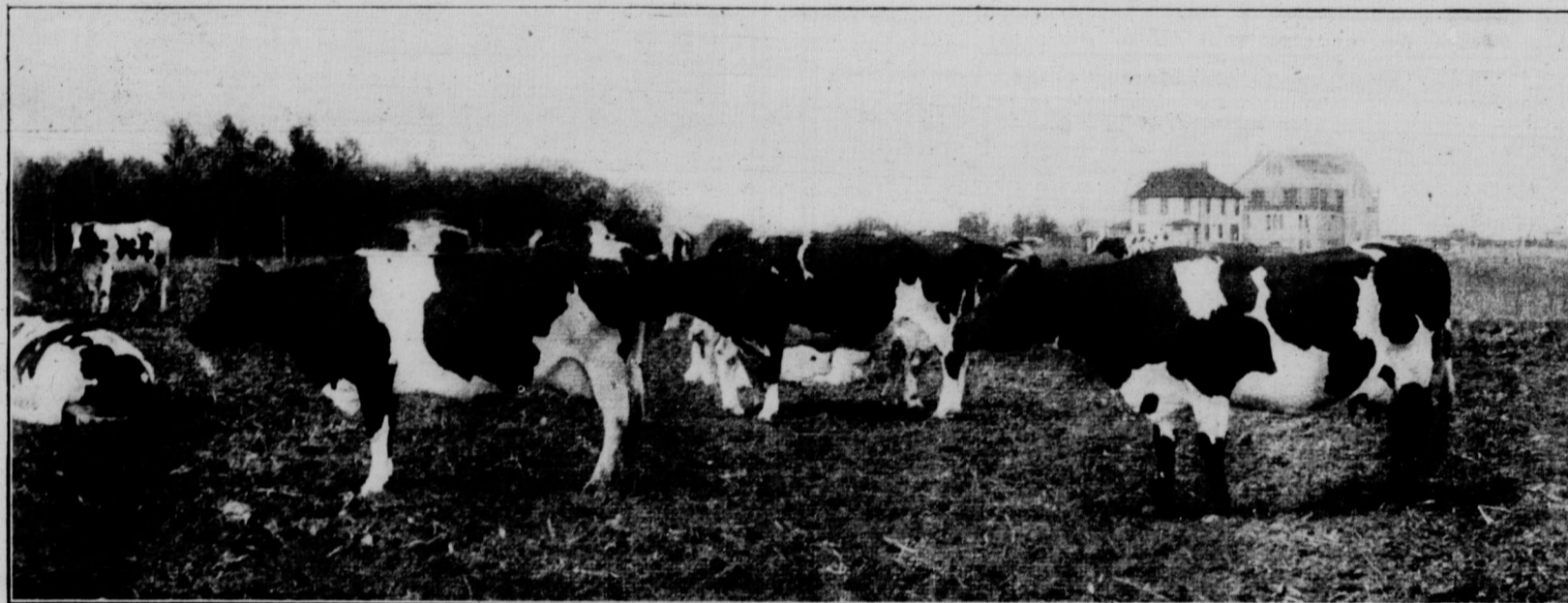
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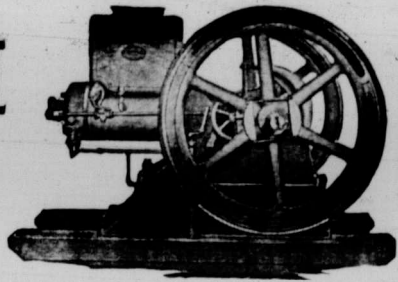
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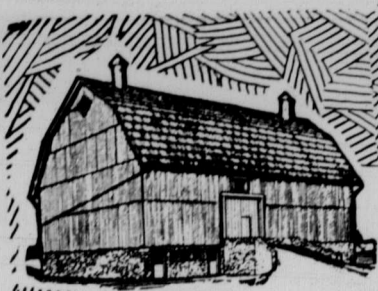
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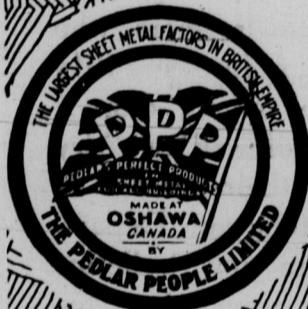
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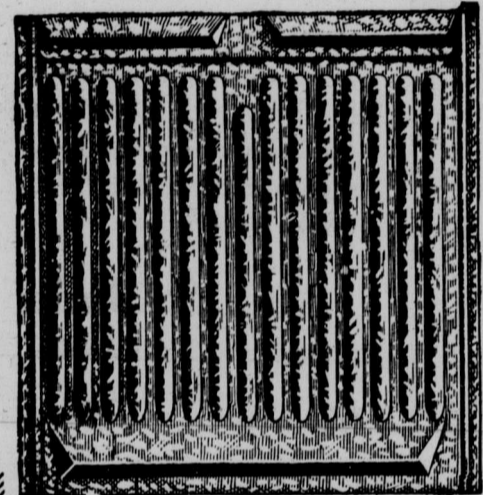
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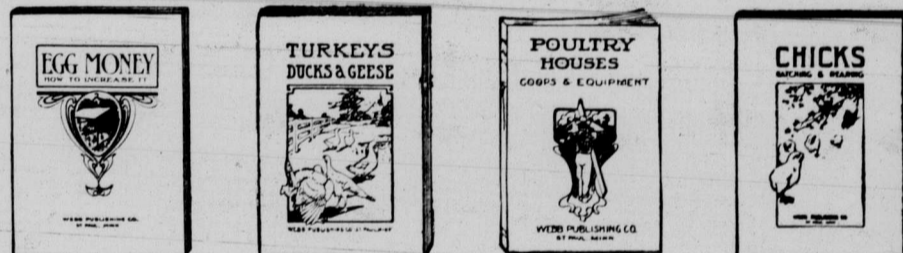
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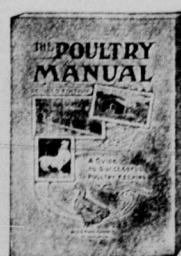
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The report continues:

"The prospects at present facing Australia are that the crops will prove the lowest average yield since the well-remembered and disastrous season of 1902. In the view of the leading Australian grain merchants, it is anticipated that importations of oats and barley will be necessary within a few months, and that overseas wheat will be required early in 1915.

Canada's Opportunity

"New Zealand is experiencing similar prospects, and, as supplies of cereals cannot be obtained from that dominion, Australia must look to Canada and the United States for its requirements. Already applications have been received from some of the largest grain merchants in Australia in several states for information respecting Canadian supplies available and lists of the principal dealers.

"Arrangements will be made well in advance by Australian grain merchants for purchasing cargoes for forward delivery, and Canadian exporters may be disposed to give this unexpected demand their prompt consideration. There is no doubt sufficient wheat in Australia for some months to come, and the yield this season may prove to be sufficient for domestic requirements.

"On most reliable authority it is anticipated that importations of oats and barley must shortly be arranged for, and it is to this trade that Canadian exporters are urged to give their first attention.

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The Canadian Peace Centenary Association, after securing the views of a large number of prominent men in both Canada and the United States, has decided that the present war in Europe shall not be allowed to interfere with its plans to fittingly celebrate the Hundred Years of Peace between Canada and the United States. No definite arrangements as to the time and place of the celebration will at present be made, however, and in the meantime the Association is proceeding with its educational work, literature is being prepared for the schools, and prizes will be offered for the best essays on Anglo-American relations. Church services will also be held on February 14 next.

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CHRISTMAS

The Christmas of 1914 will not soon be forgotten. It will be remembered by the children of today when they are grandmothers and grandfathers as the Christmas—perhaps as the first Christmas—of the Great War. It is difficult to think of Christmas and war at the same time. To celebrate Christmas, the birthday of The Prince of Peace, while the greatest efforts of most of the leading nations of the world are bent upon killing the people and destroying the property of neighboring countries, seems almost like a mockery. The Christmas spirit is the very opposite of the war spirit. The teachings of Christ are entirely opposed to war. His message to the world was love, not hatred; peace, not war.

But, nevertheless, it is our highest duty at this time to cultivate the Christmas spirit. We can see today more plainly than ever before the disastrous results of the distrust and deceit, the jealousy and antagonism which have characterized the attitude of the nations towards each other. Peace, perhaps, will come now only when the foe, crushed and helpless, pleads for mercy. But peace will only be preserved if the policy of force is displaced by the spirit of Christmas. There is, too, a strong appeal to the Christmas spirit in the dire need of so many thousands, and indeed millions, who have been suddenly thrust into poverty thru the war. In Belgium alone nearly seven million women, children and men are actually on the verge of starvation. In the other warring countries distress probably is not so general, but in Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Servia and Turkey there are many thousands of little children who will be orphans this Christmas Day because their fathers have lain down their lives on the battlefield. This is a year when the true Christmas giver will not send diamonds to the rich, but the necessities of life to the needy and the starving.

TO HELP THE BELGIANS

Knowing that our readers are deeply interested in the Belgian people, and are contributing very generously to their aid we are publishing herewith a letter from the Belgian Consul in Winnipeg:

Grain Growers' Guide,
275 Sherbrooke St., City:

Dear Sirs:—Please accept my most grateful thanks for the interest you are taking towards the Belgian Relief Fund. It is not necessary for me to relate the sufferings of the Belgian people; we all know that they are starving and that we must send food, as much as possible and as quickly as possible. The United States and Canada are responding generously and enthusiastically to our appeal but we have to continue our work for the time being and try to interest all those who have not yet given.

I have been advised by headquarters in Montreal that for the present they are most in need of wheat and they would rather receive wheat than flour. The purchasing committee in Montreal purchased, the other day, \$65,000 worth of wheat and the shipment has already left Halifax. Would it not be possible thru the medium of your paper to ask the farmers of Manitoba to contribute their share, and any farmer could individually send addressed to me one bag or more of coarse wheat, and as you are aware, any express company or railway company will transport same free of charge, and from here it will forward to Montreal, also free of charge, or if they prefer, a committee could be formed in each village for the purpose of gathering the

wheat from the farmers and then ship same to me in bulk.

The British Admiralty is furnishing us with boats and transportation across the ocean to Rotterdam, so that everything that is given is taken free to Holland. Canada has already sent across about 12,000 tons of food and clothing, and we are receiving every day, contributions in money and kind, showing the appreciation of the Canadian people for the gallant Belgians, who have won the gratitude of the Allies and the admiration of the whole world. Even now, King Albert of Belgium is appealing to all Belgians thruout the world to go to the front to aid in the repulsion of the invader.

I have no doubt but that an appeal to the farmers thru your valuable paper will bring great results.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

A. J. H. DUBUC.

Belgian Consul.

Winnipeg, December 2, 1914.

It will be noticed that the greatest need of the Belgian people is now for wheat. There are a number of mills in Belgium unharmed and they can grind a large quantity of wheat if it were only available. The greater portion of our wheat has now left the farmers' hands and it is, therefore, impossible for thousands of farmers to contribute wheat who would gladly have done so if the call had come earlier in the season. But of those who have wheat many will be glad to contribute, and, as stated in the above letter, all that is necessary is to put it in sacks and bill to "A. J. H. Dubuc, Belgian Consul, Winnipeg," and it will then be forwarded free of charge by any of the railway companies. If there is enough at any shipping point to make a carload, it may be shipped in the same way. Those who have other food and clothing such as mentioned in our last issue, may also forward it to Mr. Dubuc. Those who have neither wheat nor other articles to send and wish to send cash should send it to The Grain Growers' Guide, and mark it for the "Belgian Relief Fund." It will be acknowledged in The Guide promptly and forwarded to the proper authorities. There are several millions of people in Belgium without food or shelter and it is a part of our duty to help them all we can. A strong commission, composed of men of the neutral nations has been formed with headquarters at Rotterdam, Holland. This commission has charge of the distribution of all relief sent to the Belgians, and ensures it being properly handled. We have already forwarded to the "Belgian Relief Fund" in Winnipeg \$600 contributed by our readers, and will be glad to receive any further contributions which our readers may send.

BONDING PRODUCE MERCHANTS

One of the first essentials to success in farming is a good market for the products of the farm. Not only must the price paid for these products allow a fair margin of profit to the producer, but the farmer must be assured of receiving his money after he has made the sale. In Eastern Canada in years past many farmers have sold and delivered their apple and potato crops at good prices, but met with an entire loss thru the failure of the buyer, who was frequently a speculator. In Ontario, we are informed that many farmers have in the past lost heavily thru the failure of cheese exporters. In Western Canada we have known a number of farmers to lose thru the failure of produce merchants.

Just recently one of the leading produce firms in Winnipeg has made an assignment. A large number of farmers had shipped butter, cream, eggs and poultry to this firm and had not received payments for shipments made during the last few weeks before the failure. Now the settlement will have to go thru the tortuous processes of legal winding up and it is doubtful if the farmers get very much for their produce, and what they do get will probably be a long time delayed. This same thing has occurred with other produce firms, not only in Winnipeg, but in other western cities, and it is very discouraging to farmers to lose the produce which means to them their living. The margin of profit is none too wide on any of our western farms and such losses cannot be borne. The Guide in such cases has always rendered what help is possible and given the legal assistance for the collection of such accounts free of charge, but this is only a small matter compared with the large number of losses, and generally it is too late to save the situation. There seems no good reason why farmers should not be protected on these lines of produce as they are on their grain. Under the provisions of the Canada Grain Act no person can go into the grain business, either as a commission merchant or as a track buyer, or in any way handle grain, without first receiving a licence from the Board of Grain Commissioners, and this licence is not granted until the dealer is bonded sufficiently to ensure that the farmer will receive full payment for his grain. It is entirely due to this wise provision in the Grain Act that our farmers have no trouble in getting payment for their grain. It seems to us that a similar provision should be made for the licensing and bonding of all firms handling all other lines of farm produce, and if this were done farmers then would be able to ship their produce to a licensed and bonded buyer and be certain that they would receive payment promptly. The increases in mixed farming will mean a large increase in the shipping of other farm produce than grain, and if this end of the farming business is to develop as it should, protection must be afforded to the farmer for the payment of such shipments. This seems to be a good subject for discussion among the local Grain Growers' Associations and by the annual conventions, and when the Board of Inquiry is appointed by the Dominion Government, we think it would be an excellent matter to bring before them when they come west.

SELF HELP ONLY WILL WIN

The outstanding lesson learned by the western farmers in the past ten years of their labors, is that the great improvements necessary in the development of western agriculture must come to the farmers thru their own efforts. The vast improvements that have been made in the grain trade for the benefit of the farmers in the past seven or eight years are entirely due to the fact that they have taken hold of the matter themselves, organized their own companies and handled their own grain. In other lines it will be found to be the same and the necessary improvements will come just as fast as the farmers themselves

understand the situation thoroughly and are prepared to work with each other for the common good. The farmers at the head of our organizations, who have worked out the reforms already accomplished, only succeeded because they have studied the matters before them and been supported loyally by the rank and file of the organizations. The greatest need of our farmers' organizations today is for well-informed, level-headed men of clear judgment. There are many such undeveloped in our organizations in every one of the provinces. Year by year we see young men coming to the front and taking a more prominent part in the work of the organizations. They have studied the problems of the farmers and have learned to discuss these subjects before a public meeting. There is still a need and an opportunity for a large number of our young men to come forward and meet the demand of the day. Our local associations are excellent training schools for the development of the leaders of our organizations and as our farmers' organizations are democratic in control the best men are steadily coming to the front, where they are most needed. We are now in the season where the local associations are holding their meetings regularly for debate and discussion. If each local association in the three Prairie Provinces would take hold of the course of study that has been prepared by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and devote an evening or an afternoon each week to the discussion of the problems dealt with in the course of study, the result would be a tremendous uplift to the organization itself and vast improvements in the condition of the farmers in every corner of the West.

The questions of the tariff, banking, co-operative credit, transportation, direct legislation, political equality, better farming, better rural schools, better country churches, better social life, are all problems that must be worked out to their solution by the farmers themselves. Some help will be received undoubtedly from other sources, but the main work must be self-help. There are splendid books and other literature available on every subject of interest to the farmers and it is the man and the woman who studies and profits by the experience of others who makes progress. The farmer today is not in the position of the farmer of twenty years ago. It is no longer possible to make money farming except by the most up-to-date business and cultural methods. And it is no longer possible for the farmer to work out his salvation individually. Organization is an absolute necessity, and the man who stays outside of the organization is not doing his full share towards the development of which the agricultural industry stands in need.

Co-operative bacon factories through the Prairie Provinces would place the hog industry of Western Canada upon a profitable basis. The bacon could then be properly cured and shipped to the foreign markets. The Prairie Provinces are well adapted to the production of pork but proper marketing facilities are lacking.

During the winter months now ahead of us the young men and women have a splendid opportunity in their local associations to prepare themselves to take their proper part in the development of our western civilization.

When we pay as much attention to the mental food and physical health of our children as we do to the choice young stock in our barns we will hear less of insufficient schools and of young people making a failure of life, and more of the increasing value of life and character.

There is one way by which money could be made cheaper in the West. That is for every farmer to set himself to work for the next five years to pay off his obligations to the mortgage companies, machine companies, lumber companies and the banks, and to borrow no more money. If this plan were followed the banks and the mortgage companies would be seeking out the farmers of good standing and urging them to borrow money at 6 per cent.

Andrew Carnegie says that success in business is held by the same tenure as success in public life, namely, at the cost of perpetual challenge to all comers. Figured on that basis, Andy was a success.

To be a successful farmer means to be well equipped to handle the entire business of farming and requires a broader education and deeper study than any other profession or occupation.

A farmer who has money to invest in "get rich quick" schemes can get rich quicker by putting his money into farm improvements.

The wise farmer will have his seed grain tested for germination. In this way he may save himself the loss of a large amount of his crop.

A Look into the Future



Christmas Morning in Squareddeal Land

Santa Claus and Little Billee

By John Kendrick Bangs

He was only a little bit of a chap, and so, when for the first time in his life he came into close contact with the endless current of human things, it was as hard for him to "stay put" as for some wayward little atom of flotsam and jetsam to keep from tossing about in the surging tides of the sea.

His mother had left him there in the big toy shop, with instructions not to move until she came back, while she went off to do some mysterious errand. She thought, no doubt, that with so many beautiful things on every side to delight his eye and hold his attention, strict obedience to her commands would not be hard. But, alas, the good lady reckoned not upon the magnetic power of attraction of all those lovely objects in detail. She saw them only as a mass of wonders which, in all probability, would so dazzle his vision as to leave him incapable of movement; but Little Billee was not so indifferent as all that.

When a phonograph at the other end of the shop began to rattle off melodious tunes and funny jokes, in spite of the instructions he had received, off he pattered as fast as his little legs would carry him to investigate. After that, forgetful of everything else, finding himself caught in the constantly moving stream of Christmas shoppers, he was borne along in the resistless current until he found himself at last out upon the street—alone, free, and independent.

It was great fun, at first. By and by, however, the afternoon waned; the sun, as if anxious to hurry along the dawn of Christmas Day, sank early to bed; and the electric lights along the darkening highway began to pop out here and there, like so many merry stars come down to earth to celebrate the gladdest time of all the year. Little Billee began to grow tired; and then he thought of his mama, and tried to find the shop where he had promised to remain quiet until her return. Up and down the street he wandered until his little legs grew weary; but there was no sign of the shop, nor of the beloved face he was seeking.

Once again, and yet once again after that, did the little fellow traverse that crowded highway, his tears getting harder and harder to keep back, and then—joy of joys—whom should he see walking slowly along the sidewalk but Santa Claus himself! The saint was strangely decorated with two queer-looking boards, with big red letters on them, hung over his back and chest; but there was still that same kindly, gray-bearded face, the red cloak with the fur trimmings, and the same dear old cap that the children's friend had always worn in the pictures of him that Little Billee had seen.

With a glad cry of happiness, Little Billee ran to meet the old fellow, and put his hand gently into that of the saint. He thought it very strange that Santa Claus's hand should be so red and cold and rough, and so chapped; but he was not in any mood to be critical. He had been face to face with a very disagreeable situation. Then, when things had seemed blackest to him, everything had come right again; and he was too glad to take more than passing notice of anything strange and odd.

Santa Claus, of course, would recognize him at once, and would know just how to take him back to his mama at home—wherever that might be. Little Billee had never thought to inquire just where home was. All he knew was that it was a big gray stone house on a long street somewhere, with a tall iron railing in front of it, not far from the park.

"Howdidoo, Mr. Santa Claus?" said Little Billee, as the other's hand unconsciously tightened over his own.

"Why, howdidoo, kiddie?" replied the old fellow, glancing down at his new-found friend, with surprise gleaming from his deep-set eyes. "Where did you drop from?"

"Oh, I'm out," said Little Billee bravely. "My mama left me a little

while ago while she went off about something, and I guess I got losted."

"Very likely," returned the old saint with a smile. "Little two-by-four fellers are apt to get losted when they start in on their own hook, specially days like these, with such crowds hustlin' around."

"But it's all right now," suggested Little Billee hopefully. "I'm found again, ain't I?"

"Oh, yes, indeed, you're found all right, kiddie," Santa Claus agreed.

"And pretty soon you'll take me home again, won't you?" said the child.

"Surest thing you know!" answered Santa Claus, looking down upon the

hundred and fifty times as many, kiddie. Fact is, you're all right—'way up among the good boys; though once or twice last summer, you know—"

"Yes, I know," said Little Billee meekly, "but I didn't mean to be naughty."

"That's just what I said to the book-keeper," said Santa Claus, "and so we gave you a gray mark—half white and half black—that doesn't count either way, for or against you."

"Thank you, sir," said Little Billee, much comforted.

"Don't mention it; you are very welcome, kiddie," said Santa Claus, giving the youngster's hand a gentle squeeze.



"Howdidoo, Mr. Santa Claus?"

bright but tired little face with a comforting smile. "What might your address be?"

"My what?" asked Little Billee. "Your address," repeated Santa Claus. "Where do you live?"

The answer was a ringing peal of childish laughter.

"As if you didn't know that!" cried Little Billee, giggling.

"Ha, ha!" laughed Santa Claus. "Can't fool you, can I? It would be funny if, after keeping an eye on you all these years since you was a babby, I didn't know where you lived, eh?"

"Awful funny," agreed Little Billee. "But tell me, Mr. Santa Claus, what sort of a boy do you think I have been?" he added with a shade of anxiety in his voice.

"Pretty good—pretty good," Santa Claus answered, turning in his steps and walking back again along the path he had just traveled—which Little Billee thought was rather a strange thing to do. "You've got more white marks than black ones—a good many more—a

"Why do you call me 'kiddie' when you know my name is Little Billee?" asked the boy.

"Oh, that's what I call all good boys," explained Santa Claus. "You see, we divide them up into two kinds—the good boys and the naughty boys—and the good boys we call kiddies, and the naughty boys we call caddies, and there you are."

Just then Little Billee noticed for the first time the square boards that Santa Claus was wearing.

"What are you wearing those boards for, Mr. Santa Claus?" he asked.

If the lad had looked closely enough, he would have seen a very unhappy look come into the old man's face; but there was nothing of it in his answer.

"Oh, those are my new-fangled back-and-chest protectors, my lad," he replied. "Sometimes we have bitter winds blowing at Christmas, and I have to be ready for them. It wouldn't do for Santa Claus to come down with the sneezes at Christmas-time, you know—no, sirree! This board in front keeps

the wind off my chest, and the one behind keeps me from getting rheumatism in my back. They are a great protection against the weather."

"I'll have to tell my papa about them," said Little Billee, much impressed by the simplicity of this arrangement. "We have a glass board on the front of our ortymobile to keep the wind off Henry—he's our shuffler—but papa wears a fur coat, and sometimes he says the wind goes right thru that. He'll be glad to know about these boards."

"I shouldn't wonder," smiled Santa Claus. "They aren't very becoming, but they are mighty useful. You might save up your pennies and give your papa a pair like 'em for his next Christmas."

Santa Claus laughed as he spoke; but there was a catch in his voice which Little Billee was too young to notice.

"You've got letters printed there," said the boy, peering around in front of his companion. "What do they spell? You know I haven't learned to read yet."

"And why should you know how to read at your age?" said Santa Claus. "You're not more than—"

"Five last month," said Little Billee proudly. "It was such a great age!"

"My, as old as that?" cried Santa Claus. "Well, you are growing fast! Why, it don't seem more than yesterday that you was a pink checked babby and here you are big enough to be out alone! That's more than my little boy is able to do."

Santa Claus shivered slightly, and Little Billee was surprised to see a tear glistening in his eye.

"Why, have you got a little boy?" he asked.

"Yes, Little Billee," said the saint. "A poor white-faced little chap, about a year older than you, who—well, never mind, kiddie—he's a kiddie, too—let's talk about something else, or I'll have icicles in my eyes."

"You didn't tell me what those letters on the boards spell," said Little Billee.

"Merry Christmas to Everybody!" said Santa Claus. "I have the words printed there so that everybody can see them; and if I miss wishing anybody a merry Christmas, he'll know I meant it just the same."

"You're awful kind, aren't you?" said Little Billee, squeezing his friend's hand affectionately. "It must make you very happy to be able to be so kind to everybody!"

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Santa Claus made no reply to this remark, beyond giving a very deep sigh, which Little Billee chose to believe was evidence of a great inward content. They walked on now in silence, for Little Billee was beginning to feel almost too tired to talk, and Santa Claus seemed to be thinking of something else. Finally, however, the little fellow spoke.

"I guess I'd like to go home now, Mr. Santa Claus," he said. "I'm tired, and I'm afraid my mama will be wondering where I've gone to."

"That's so, my little man," said Santa Claus, stopping short in his walk up and down the block. "Your mother will be worried, for a fact; and your father, too—I know how I'd feel if my little boy got losted and hadn't come home at dinner-time. I don't believe you know where you live, though—now, honest! Come! Fess up, Billee, you don't know where you live, do you?"

"Why, yes, I do," said Little Billee. "It's in the big gray stone house with the iron fence in front of it, near the park."

"Oh, that's easy enough!" laughed Santa Claus nervously. "Anybody could say he lived in a gray stone house with a fence around it; near the park; but you don't know what street it's on, nor the number, either. I'll bet fourteen wooden giraffes against a monkey on a stick!"

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A Christmas Incident

at Santa Domingo

By Anna O'Hagen

Not until she was fifty-five years old did Frederica Carey experience an overwhelming emotion. More than half a century of prosperity and dignity, of worthy affections not too vehemently cherished, and of meritorious activities, had left her a graciously handsome woman. Her gray hair had the luster of its dark youth, her brown eyes the clearness of their early years. The few delicate lines on her face had not marred its wholesome charm of pink and white.

Daughter of the leading citizen of Elmburg in the days when it was a mere town, she had married the leading citizen of the days of its young cityhood. Her husband had made unfortunate investments, and she had been left a widow without wealth, yet with sufficient means to maintain the simple and unostentatious elegance of living to which she had been bred.

It was on the evening of her wedding anniversary that her heart was pierced to its centre for the first time in all her years. She sat alone in her library, the light from the reading-lamp glowing about her. The letters of her two married daughters, decorously tender, lay in her lap. She had been looking back—over her life with a grateful satisfaction very slightly tempered by the grief of her fifteen years of widowhood. Always she had known upright and distinguished men and women and had been of them; always she had known orderly affections and—had experienced them. In her sorrows there had been no remorse, in her separations no shame. Surely, she thought, the world is very good to the sane and the deserving!

And then her son Theodore came in. She stirred from the review of her blessings and glanced at him. "Have you had your dinner, Ted?" she asked. "I was sorry you were detained to-night." There was a scarcely perceptible reproach in her emphasis of the adverb.

Theodore repeated heavily after her: "To-night?"

"Yes. It is our wedding anniversary—your dear father's and mine. I could have wished that one of my children might have been with me."

Theodore sank upon the sofa beyond the circle of light from the lamp. "Your wedding?" he mumbled. Then suddenly he buried his face in his hands and groaned. "God!" he said. "Your wedding anniversary."

His mother spoke sharply, fright making her voice almost strident. "Theodore! What is it? What do you mean?"

He made no answer, but sat huddled against the end of the sofa, his face hidden in his hands.

She rose and went toward him. "I insist upon knowing what the matter is," she demanded, trying to force his fingers down.

He dropped them limply enough and looked up at her. His forehead was wet, his dark hair streaked upon it. In his gray eyes there was a look of agony and appeal such as had never, been in any eyes turned toward her before. Mystified and terrified, she found herself suddenly angry. She shook his shoulder. "Tell me! Tell me!"

He made an ineffectual effort to speak, but no sound came. Then he buried his face in a cushion. When he raised it again there was determination on it. "Mother, mother," he cried, "I'm ruined! I've got to go away, to run away!"

"Ruined? Run away?" Frederica Carey was exasperated at words so meaningless in her vocabulary.

"Yes. I've been—all the money passed thru my hands—all the stock certificates—"

"Of course. You were the assistant treasurer of the company."

"Can't you understand? I've been stealing—speculating. Of course, I always thought—mother!"

She had drawn away from him and was staring at him with utter unbelief and loathing, as one looks at a monster too hideous to be true. Her face was as ashen as his own.

"Mother!" he cried again. "Don't—don't look like that!"

Her hands went out in a gesture of utter repudiation. She stumbled away from him and sank into a chair. The sight of her collapse, the quick understanding of her self-absorbed sense of outrage, gave back to Theodore himself something of poise. He sat up and his voice had a new ring.

"It seemed to me better that you should know, mother," he said, and at the title she struck out toward him with her hand, forbidding it. He drew his breath sharply. "Very well," he said. "At any rate, I thought it best that you should hear it from me. Lincoln—it's no excuse, I know—but he advised the speculations. At first I made some money; then I lost; then I borrowed—no, I stole. And now I am ruined. It's all gone, and I'm suspected. I know they've sent for some experts. I'm going to run away."

She raised her head at that, a sudden light in her eyes. For the first time since the revelation she spoke.

"Do you think you can get away?" she whispered.

The boy nodded. A piteous little

The boy looked at her helplessly for a second. "I was afraid," he began haltingly, "that you would want me to stay and take my punishment like a man. If you had wanted that I would have done it. I thought maybe that it would accord with your ideas of right and wrong. But I am going. I can escape. I shall. And I shall pay them back. And, mother—"

Again the gesture of repudiation. His mother was looking at him with hard and unforgiving eyes. But this time he was blind.

"Mother," he repeated brokenly, desperately, "Beth?"

"You did not think of Beth when you were disgracing your name. Why do you speak of her now?"

"I want you to see her," he begged. "I cannot. Make her understand that I was a fool, a weak rascal; but can't you make her see that there was something decent in me? Don't let her utterly—" He broke down.

"I wish that I might never see her again," answered his mother slowly.

"You do not understand what you have done. You have made me a reproach, my name a dishonor. I wish that I

of an upright race in a sudden burst of longing for her son.

II.

Not until three or four days had passed did publicity come. Then the officers of the County Traction Company, journeying to the substantial dwelling set upon its stately terrace, asked Mrs. Carey for information of her son. She replied, with some appearance of alarm, that she had supposed him absent on a business trip in the interest of the corporation.

Then followed the revelations. That Mrs. Carey fainted was due to no power of hers as an actress, but to the sudden collapse, from sheer relief, of nerves strained to the utmost for three days. She would never have to wait again for these words, never have to live in expectation of this scene! She need brace herself no longer; and so she fainted. The next morning's papers referred to her most gently and respectfully when they chronicled the embezzlement and escape of her son.

She had read the papers, each word a knife in her heart. She had telegraphed to her daughters. She had left word with her maid that no one could see her, and that she had nothing to say to reporters. She sat alone and fed her soul on bitterness.

There was an imperious ring at the door-bell. There was a swift flow of words, a flurry of skirts, and past the palpitating maid a girl flew down the hall and into the dining-room. It was Elizabeth Darrell. Her face was white save where two disks of excited red burned high on her cheeks. Her fair hair was disordered beneath her big hat.

"It isn't true!" she cried disdainfully all preliminaries. "It isn't true. I know that. But where is he?"

"I don't know," said his mother woodenly.

"Don't know? Why do you look so, Mrs. Carey? Why do you—you don't believe this—this absurdity?"

Something in her young disdain angered the older woman.

"I know it is true," she announced briefly.

Elizabeth's wrath flamed. "How do you know?" she demanded furiously.

"He told me."

The girl looked at the woman for a full minute with no change of expression; then she walked slowly to a chair and sat down. She remained quite still for another minute.

"Where has he gone?" she asked dully.

"I do not know."

They faced each other again; then the older woman leaned forward. "Do you care so much?" she asked curiously.

"How can you ask me?" replied the girl. "You who must love him beyond all words! Am I never to know where he is?"

"I do not desire to know."

"And I," said Elizabeth, "would give everything to know where he is, to go to him, to bring him back here for his expiation, to wait thru it, and to make him happy at the end."

"He has not disgraced your name, and you are young, and heroics are for you."

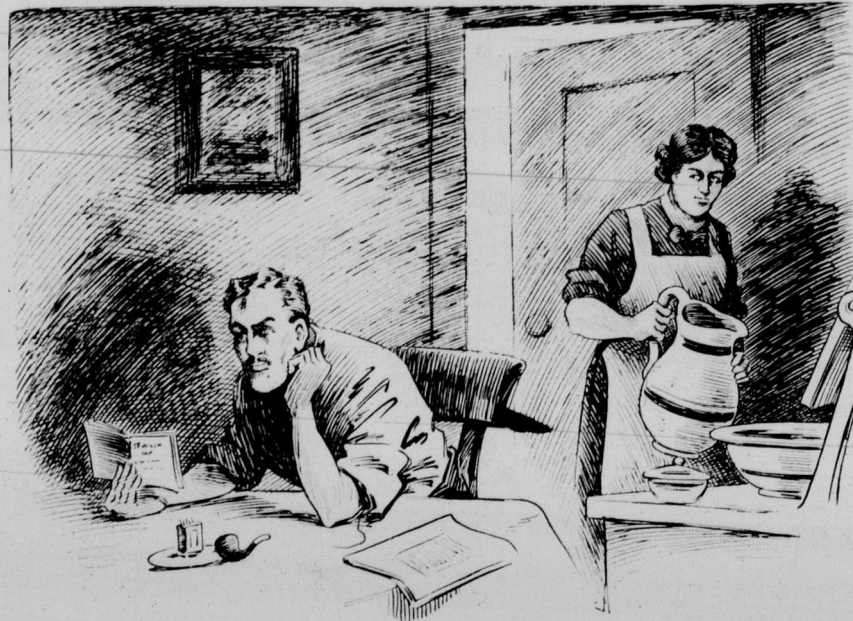
"You are his mother."

"That is it. My son, flesh and blood of me, is a thief and a fugitive. You can know nothing about it."

Elizabeth sat, the youth frozen out of her face as if it were a flower blighted by the first frost. But by and by her indomitable spirit came back, melting the hardness of her look, almost dissipating its misery.

"Dear Mrs. Carey," she said gently, "you are right, I do not doubt; I cannot understand your feelings. But neither can you mine. I loved him. We were waiting, playing with our certain knowledge of ourselves and of each other, enjoying our love better because we had never used the words. It was like—it was like—ah, just before the orchards

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The Housekeeper of the Mansion Hotel was pained to see him positively gloating over a bank book

smile trembled for a second on his lips. After all, his mother cared for his safety!

"Thank God for that! At least one disgrace will be spared me."

The glimmer of yearning hope faded from his face, but to hers returned something of its normal color.

"I should die," she went on, "to think of a child of mine, a Carey, a Townsend, in jail, in those clothes! Ah!" She shuddered and closed her eyes against the vision. Opening them again she was shaken with passion as she looked at him. She had always been a correct mother, affectionate, sufficiently indulgent; but at that moment she had no sentiment save outraged honor. And in the inexpressible fury she felt was the strongest emotion of her life.

"I am going," he said. "I shall take a new name. I shall pay them back every accursed cent before I die. I had thought of—quitting. But I couldn't."

"Quitting?"

"Yes. Suicide."

"How much have you—taken? Is there no way of saving your name?"

"Fourteen thousand. There's no way of saving me now."

"If the house were mortgaged—sold? And I still have a few shares of Pennsylvania."

Theodore stopped her with a gesture. "You know it can't be done. All your little money is in trust, and I am glad of it. I couldn't have you homeless in your old age."

"Better leave me homeless than dishonored," said his mother bitterly.

might never see a living soul again, much less that girl whom I thought distinguished—distinguished—by you! I wish that I might die before I have to face the world. You, who have known only good things all your life; you, your father's son; your grandfather's—yes, mine! I am glad that you are going away. I am glad that I shall know nothing of your further disgrace, for you are weak and wicked at the core, and dishonor will be your portion."

"Everything you say is probably true," answered the boy, standing and looking down at her with a queer look of misery and defiance, "except the last. I shall not go down. I shall live to pay this back, and then—it is nobody's business what I do."

He waited a while standing beside her. Hope was not quite dead in him yet. He ventured another appeal.

"Somehow," he said—"of course it was silly—but I had expected you to pity me. Oh, not much, but a little!" He waited for a second after that, but in the white wretchedness of her face there was no relenting. Her proud lips were tight shut, her eyes directed straight before her.

"All right," he said finally; and in another minute she heard the door slam behind him and the ring of his footsteps on the flagging. It was not until they had died away down the street that she was stung with any sense of loving loss. Then, when the inexorable silence closed about her again, for a breathing space she forgot the outraged pride of a daughter

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The Year of Drought

A Summary of the Lessons Learned from Experimental Work at the University of Saskatchewan

By J. Bracken, B.S.A., Professor of Field Husbandry

The Agricultural Editor has asked me to give some observations on the effect of tillage methods on crop yields during the past dry season, one of the driest South Western and West Central Saskatchewan has experienced. Space will not permit a full statement of our results, even for this one year, nevertheless the brief summarized account following may be of some service to those readers of The Guide who live in "Dry Farm Areas."

In the investigation field on the university farm a uniform piece of land was fallowed in each of 17 different ways in 1913 and the actual yield of wheat ranged from 16 bushels to 34 bushels 20 pounds; the yield of oats from 28 bushels 8 pounds to 58 bushels 8 pounds; and the yield of barley from 10 bushels to 34 bushels 28 pounds, according to the tillage given. In the same field stubble land that had borne two crops after being broken was tilled in the fall of 1913 and spring of 1914 in each of 33 different ways for the third crop. The actual yield of wheat on this land ranged from 5 bushels to 23 bushels 10 pounds, while the yield of oats ranged from 15 bushels to 45 bushels 10 pounds per acre, according to the tillage method followed. On very grassy untilled stubble the yield of wheat was but 2 bushels and the yield of oats only 6 bushels per acre.

The chart summarizes some of these results with wheat. When referring to it as well as when considering the statements made, the reader should keep in mind that the figures are from one or at most from four years work on but one soil in one district. It should be recognized that on different soils or in different climates, or even on the same soil under other climatic conditions, similar results need not necessarily obtain. At the same time essentially these returns are likely to be had under conditions of soil and climate that approximate those in this district for the period considered.

The work was done on a brown clay loam soil over a clay subsoil. The monthly precipitation during the year as compared with the average for the province for the years 1899 to 1908 was as follows:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Prov. of Sask.	0.70"	0.66"	1.03"
Saskatoon	0.90	0.40	0.48
	April	May	June
Prov. of Sask.	0.72	2.10	3.49
Saskatoon	0.40	1.65	1.88

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Prov. of Sask.	2.28"	2.41"	1.65"
Saskatoon	0.85	0.41	1.44
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prov. of Sask.	0.69	0.61	0.60
Saskatoon	0.60		

It will be observed that during the growing months, May, June and July, the precipitation at this point was but little more than half the provincial average, and that in the months March to August, inclusive, the precipitation was less than half the provincial average.

An analysis of the yields referred to above forces us to the conclusion that certain specific tillage practices are desirable in those regions where the supply of moisture limits the yield of crops. Among these may be mentioned:

The Necessity of Fallowing

The average yield of wheat on well fallowed land was 30 1/4 bushels per acre, as compared with 16 bushels 53 pounds on well cultivated stubble and an absolute failure on spring breaking. A fallow plowed shallow early in the spring and harrowed before the regular plowing increased the yield of wheat 1 bushel 54 pounds; the yield of oats 2 bushels 17 pounds; and the yield of barley 2 bushels 38 pounds per acre; while double disced early in the spring increased the yield of wheat 48 pounds, that of oats 3 bushels 10 pounds, and that of barley 1 bushel 44 pounds per acre over land otherwise similarly prepared. What the increase from fall cultivation before the fallow would have been we do not know. Projects now under way will give us this information. We are of the opinion that it would have increased the yield considerably more than did the spring cultivation. As an illustration of the value of early plowing of the fallow land, a fallow plowed June 1 produced an increase of 10 bushels 24 pounds of wheat, 11 bushels 30 pounds of oats and 11 bushels 16 pounds of barley more than a fallow plowed July 1; while a fallow plowed June 15 produced 10 bushels 20 pounds of wheat, 7 bushels 10 pounds of oats and 8 bushels and 24 pounds of barley more than fallow plowed July 1, but otherwise similarly treated.

Pasturing Fallow Decreased the Yield

Growing a thin crop of oats on the fallow for pasture decreased the yield

of wheat 11 bushels 22 pounds and the yield of oats 19 bushels 29 pounds; while rape sown in rows for pasture on the fallow decreased the yield of wheat 8 bushels and the yield of oats 6 bushels 6 pounds per acre. Readers should note the reference to this and the preceding statement in the last paragraph of this article. Once plowing of the fallow is preferable to twice plowing when the second plowing is done after the rainy season has passed. On land free from grass, once plowing in the middle of June with later surface cultivation with disc and harrows increased the yield of wheat 2 bushels 3 pounds, oats 5 bushels 14 pounds and barley 4 bushels 34 pounds over land plowed in the middle of June and harrowed and plowed again in August and disced, packed and harrowed. Deep plowing of the fallow is also desirable in dry regions, but on new land the depth of seven or more inches should generally be reached gradually and not all at once at the time of the first fallow. Our experiments have clearly demonstrated that "grassy" stubble should be plowed. Stubble land containing some creeping rooted grasses yielded when plowed, disced, packed and harrowed in the fall, an increase of 3 bushels 15 pounds of wheat and 13 bushels 6 pounds of oats more than adjoining unplowed stubble that was disced, packed and harrowed in the fall; and grassy stubble plowed, disced, packed and harrowed in the spring returned 5 bushels 56 pounds more wheat and 10 bushels 3 1/2 pounds more oats than unplowed land that was disced, packed and harrowed in the spring, and unplowed, uncultivated, grassy stubble yielded 2 bushels of wheat, when the average yield on exactly the same land after it was plowed shallow in the fall, disced, packed and harrowed, and harrowed again both before and after seeding, was 16 bushels and 53 pounds per acre. That stubble land plowed early in the fall in preference to later on gives better yields is clearly shown by the following: Fall plowing done early after harvest increased the yield of wheat 3 bushels 2 pounds and the yield of oats 8 bushels 6 pounds over fall plowing done three weeks later, but otherwise similarly treated.

Harrow Plowing Immediately

It should be mentioned here that all

fall or spring plowing, particularly the former, should be well worked down immediately after the operation. If it is not done soon the moisture in the furrow slice evaporates quickly, and if it is not done at all the yields are often less than if left unplowed. The average increase in the yield of wheat from thirty different tests over a period of four years from harrowing plowed land immediately after the operation was 1 bushel 57 pounds per acre; while the average increase from eight different tests in the 1913 crop from harrowing plowed land immediately after it was turned over was 3 bushels 32 pounds per acre. In regard to packing, the average increase during four years from packing deep fall-spring plowing was 2 bushels 6 pounds of wheat; from packing shallow fall-spring plowing 1 bushel 40 pounds of wheat; while packing unplowed land decreased the yield slightly in three of the four years, but increased it in the wet year of 1911, a year when the frost came early in the fall.

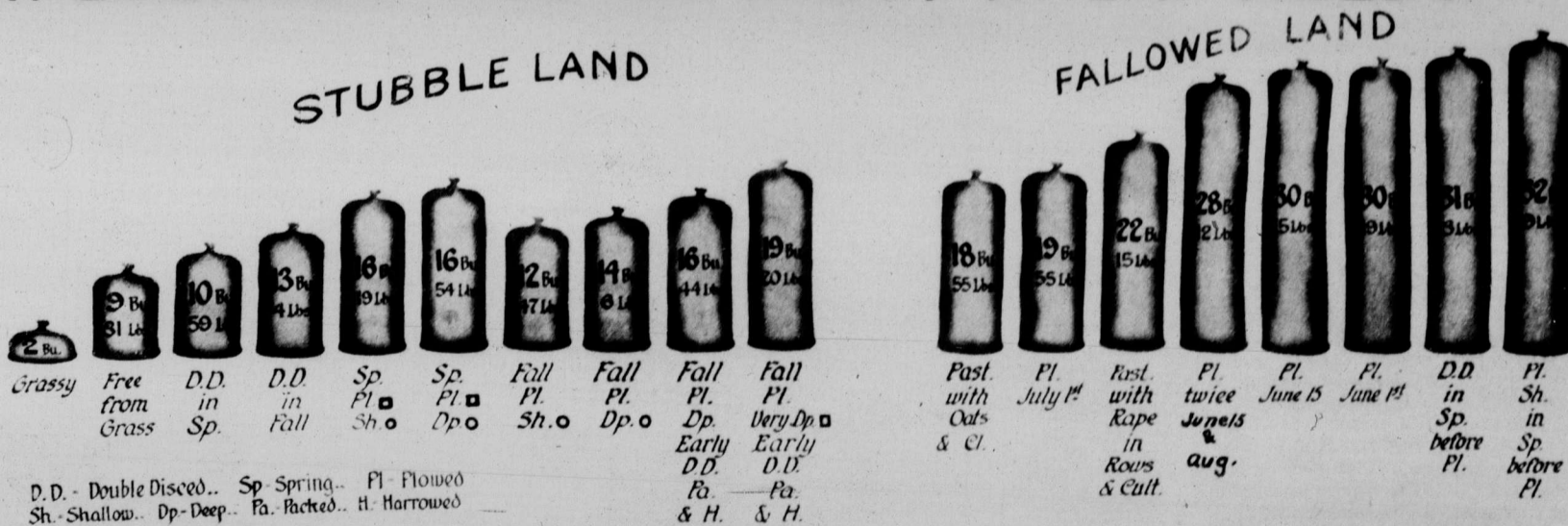
Soil Conditions Should be Studied

Our observations based on four years work incline us to the opinion that the "condition" of the soil with respect to grass, weeds, amount of stubble and moisture content are the principal factors that determine the best depth and the best time to plow stubble land or whether it should be plowed at all. Spring plowing, fall plowing, shallow plowing and deep plowing have each in turn, but in different seasons, given us the largest yield, and in the wet year of 1911, on land free from weeds and grass, unplowed uncultivated stubble in the second crop after a good fallow gave as large returns as any other preparation.

In each case the plowing that proved best was the one done at the time the soil was in the best "condition" for plowing and at the depth that enabled the best work to be done. An important exception to this statement, however, is the uniformly good returns from shallow fall plowing done early after harvest and well worked down. The data at present available does not favor the teaching often advanced that deep plowing and fall plowing are always best for a second or third crop after fallow in dry areas. At the same time it should be pointed out that the very favorable results this

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INFLUENCE OF TILLAGE on 1914 WHEAT YIELDS



○ Average of 4 Plots (Pl. only = Pl. & H., - Pl. DD & H., - Pl. D.D. Pa. & H.)

□ In previous years this practice has not given equally good results.

Except where otherwise indicated fallowed land was plowed June 15 & Harrowed; and Disced & Harrowed uniformly thereafter as needed. The Pastured Fallow was Flowed & thoroughly prepared before sowing the Pasture Crop and was Double Disced, Packed & Harrowed after its removal. The Oats and Clover Pasture yielded 1000 lbs of Green Crop, and the Rape grew 8 to 10 inches high. All plots harrowed before and after seeding in addition to above.

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Farm Conveniences

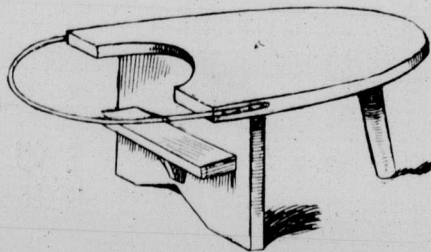
FARM TOOL ROOM

On a great many farms tools are left just where they were last used, either in the barn, wood shed, field, hung in trees or anywhere but in the right place. On a certain farm, however, there is a large space at the end of the implement shed which is called a tool room. At times the tool room floor is covered with heaps of rusty iron, old leather, broken harness, odd tools and the thousand and one articles which accumulate in disorder around every farm. The old iron is sorted over and any bolts, nuts, rings, snaps, clevises, etc., which are good are put into a box fitted with different compartments and the rest is carried out into the scrap pile in an out-of-the-way corner of the barn yard. If there are a few odd straps and buckles of the old harness worth saving, the leather is oiled and put away for repair purposes. Right up close to the roof and high enough so as not to interfere with anyone walking or working below, a shelf is made by nailing some one-inch pieces of board so as to hang down from the rafters and meet similar pieces nailed onto the studding. On these pieces, boards are nailed, making a good, wide shelf on which a lot of odd, small stuff can be stored away in a tidy manner. A drawer in the bench below this shelf is handy for holding small tools and in the rows of pigeon holes arranged above the bench can be found different sizes of nails, screws, etc.

Across one side of the shed a rack is made by fastening stout pegs about a foot apart to the plate and placing on them a long narrow board. This leaves a space about five or six inches wide between the edge of the board and the plate, thus forming a means of hanging up long-handled tools. About four feet from the floor a similar rack is made for shovels, chains, whiffletrees, etc. All the tools are brought to this room except those needed every day in the barn. A paint pot ought always to be on hand so that on wet days some of the tools or implements in the shed can be cleaned off and given a coat of paint. Perhaps this seems old-fashioned advice, but it will be found to pay all the same. Machinery is too expensive to be allowed to rust out in the open, and altho bad crops are by no means to be wished for, yet a continuance of adverse seasons will do more than any one thing to instill into farmers' minds habits of frugality and care, much to the benefit of both their pocket books and machinery.

A MILK STOOL

The stool is made of three pieces of board and a piece of round, or stake, iron. The appearance and manner of construction are clearly shown in the illustration. The seat board is sawed

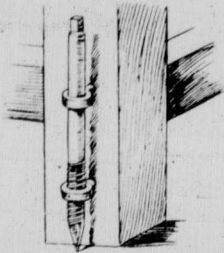


out to fit the circumference of the bucket to be used, and the iron is also bent to this curve and fastened to the board as shown. The little shelf on the front support holds the bucket at the right height, and keeps it clean and out of the way of the cow's foot while milking.

TO STEADY THE FANNING MILL

The illustration shows a contrivance for steadying portable fanning mills which should be very useful when the mill is in use cleaning seed grain. It

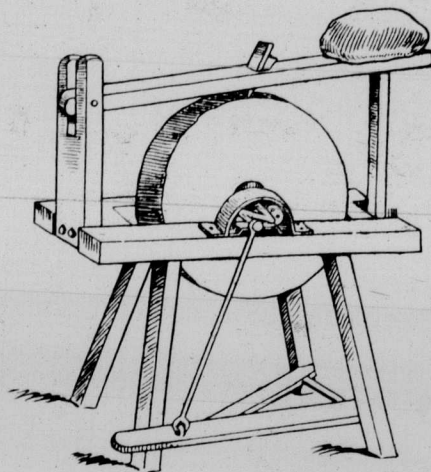
consists of an iron rod of suitable size, about a foot long, fastened by a couple of iron brackets to the leg of the mill. Three or four inches of the rod is threaded thru one of the brackets by means of which it may be moved up



and down at will. The lower end is pointed and the upper end squared so that it may be readily turned with a wrench. The rod is fastened firmly to the side of the leg (one on each of the front legs), and turned down so that the point will dig into the floor just enough to hold it firmly.

THE FARM GRINDSTONE

There is usually to be found a grindstone on every farm, but seldom is it kept in good working order. Generally it is out of true, that is, worn out of its proper perfectly circular shape. Often the axle is set in a new stone so that it does not run true and the longer it is used the worse it becomes. The best work can be got out of a grindstone when it is perfectly circular, because then an even pressure can be kept on the tool which is being ground thruout



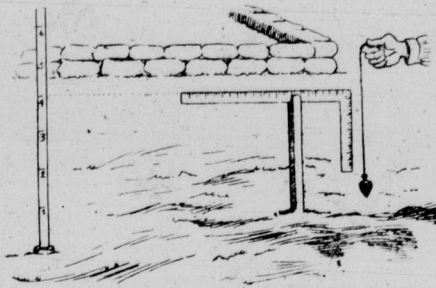
each revolution of the stone. A grindstone which has become worn out of true can be brought back again into proper circular shape by the use of a worn-out file. This cannot properly be done by hand, but may easily be accomplished by using a contrivance as shown in the accompanying illustration. An upright piece of two-by-six, slotted in the upper part, is bolted to the frame. A piece of hard wood, long enough to reach over the frame, is pivoted in the slot. This piece should, in the widest part, directly over the top of the stone, be made two inches wider than the stone, and be pivoted, so that an opening can be made in the middle of it, of the same width as the stone. This opening is made with sloping ends so that a broad file may be wedged into it in the same manner as a plane iron is set in a plane. At the opposite end of the frame a second post is bolted on. A long slot, or a series of holes, is made in the lower part of this post, so that it may be raised or lowered at will by sliding it up or down upon the bolt. To true the stone up it should be set so that the upper piece of wood may rest upon it exactly in the position in which it is desired that the file touch the stone. In order to aid in the work, a weight can be laid upon the upper piece to keep it down and thus hold the cutter upon the stone. When the stone is turned around slowly the uneven parts are cut away, while those which

do not project beyond the proper line of the circumference are not touched.

A word might be appropriate about grinding tools. The useful effect of many tools depends greatly upon the exact grinding of their edges to a proper bevel. A cold chisel, for instance, requires an edge of a certain bevel to cut hard metal, and one of a different angle for softer metal. The harder the work to be cut the greater should be the angle formed by the edge, and the softer the metal the more acute the edge. The same rule applies in a lesser degree to wood cutting tools.

A HANDY LEVEL

Very often on the farm some construction work is being done which it is desirable to get levelled up, so that a good, neat job will result. A builder's same time if one is not available a level surface can be readily obtained by the use of a common iron square and a

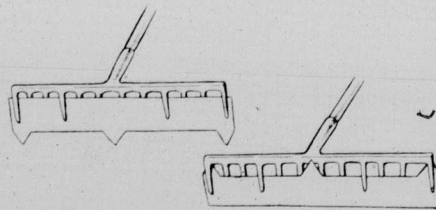


plumb line. For example, a wall is level is not very expensive, but at the being built and the proper level is required for it. Take a piece of board about three feet long, sharpen one end and drive it firmly in the ground. Make a notch in the top of the stick large enough to hold the square firmly in position, as shown in the drawing. Now get a piece of string having a weight attached to its end and suspend it close to the square so that its short end may be set exactly parallel with the suspended plumb-bob. When this is done, the top of the square will be exactly horizontal. Now by sighting over the square any irregularity in the object to be levelled can be very readily discovered.

The same arrangement can be used in a hilly country to take levels on the ground so that the contour or general outline of the piece of ground surveyed over can be mapped out. To do this the square is placed and levelled up with the plumb line as before described and then a sight can be taken over the level edge towards a pole or measuring rod held at any desired point. If a line of levels is desired along a piece of land in order to decide just where it is best to dig a ditch for drainage purposes, this may readily and cheaply be done by following out the method described above.

MARKER FOR GARDEN RAKE

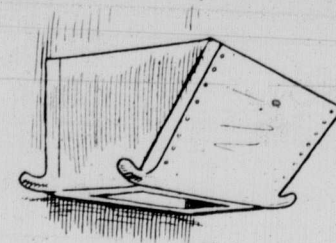
A good way to make drills or seed rows of uniform width and depth is to have an attachment for the garden rake as shown in the sketch. The device consists of a piece of tin or sheet



metal having V-shaped projections on one edge the width of the rows. The other edge of the metal is inserted between the teeth on the rake. Thus it can be easily drawn over the garden bed to mark the rows. After the seed has been planted, reverse the tin and use it as a hoe for filling the row.

HOPPER FOR FILLING GRAIN BAGS

Just recently an enquiry has been received for a contrivance which can be



used to hold bags while they are being filled in the granary with a grain scoop. The accompanying drawings illustrate a very simple arrangement. It consists of a hopper, open, of course, at the bottom and just wide enough below to fit the mouth of the grain bag. At the top it should be made a little wider than the scoop shovel. The back board is made long enough to nail up to two of the granary studdings and it is cut at the bottom with a projection on each end over which the mouth of the bag is stretched. The front board, too, is cut in the same manner so that the mouth of the bag is held in position around the open bottom of the hopper. The hopper should be nailed securely to the granary wall just low enough so



that the bottom of the bag when being filled will rest firmly on the floor.

A VERMIN GUARD

Very often farm cellars and granaries are badly infested with mice and perhaps in some parts, even rats have appeared. In order to keep food, grain or other edible materials away from the attacks of these pests it is often suspended from a wire or string attached to the joists or rafters of the cellar or granary as the case may be. But even placed in this way it is not safe. To overcome this, however, a very simple device may be made use of. Procure the bottoms of some old fruit cans by melting the solder which holds them upon a hot stove. Bore holes in the centre of these discs and string a few of them loosely upon the wire, cord or rod on which the articles are hung. When a rat or mouse attempts to pass upon the rope by climbing over the tin discs these will turn and throw the animal upon the floor.

A Polished Diplomat

"Did you see anything that particularly struck your fancy when you were looking around the furniture shops today?" asked a young husband of his bride on her return from a tour of furniture inspection.

"Yes," she replied, "I saw some thing exceedingly pretty in looking-glasses."

"I have no doubt you did," he observed, "if you looked into them." And the halo of a calm, sweet peace rests upon that home.

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Kitchen Conveniences

To Shorten the Labor of the Housewife and Lengthen Her Life

It is amazing, as one goes up and down thru the land to find how medieval are the present-day ways of housekeeping, but when one sets out to hunt for kitchen conveniences and labor savers, one is still more surprised to find how few really practical articles there are.

'Tis true that alleged savers of labor beckon one from every shelf and counter of the hardware shops, queer and complicated things with a dozen chances of going wrong at a minute's notice, or mechanisms so tedious and circuitous in their mode of operation that far from being an economy of time or energy they multiply the housewife's troubles.

Yet, here and there one finds a device, usually very simple and obvious, which at one stroke eliminates some long-endured nuisance of housekeeping.

Among these we would class the model kettle, figure 3, in the illustration. It is so evidently reasonable and workable that one can't help marvelling at the number of years we have gone on scalding our hands whenever we held the tea kettle at the water pail or sink to be filled. In this new model the opening, as you see, is at the side so that the hand is quite away from the escaping steam. The price of this kettle in copper, nickel plated, is \$2.25.

Another of the really effective inventions for the home, and one that has come to stay, is the fireless cooker. It means an economy of fuel, a saving of heat in the kitchen in the hot weather, and the preservation of all the nutritive properties of the food. It means that one can go away to town for three or four hours and leave one's dinner cooking in the fireless cooker in perfect safety and with the assurance that it will be smoking hot and ready to serve when one comes in color. Thru its agency a poor tough cut of meat can be gently persuaded into tenderness without wasting its value in fuel. In the words of an enthusiast: "It is an automatic maid that never gets careless, never wants a day out, never burns the food, never wants to leave, that relieves you of three-fourths of your kitchen work, saves you four-fifths of your fuel, saves food, and cooks the most delicious meals you ever tasted."

While we are inclined to have our mental reservations as to the truth of the statements that it relieves the housewife of three-fourths of the kitchen work and saves four-fifths of the fuel, we believe that it performs both of these functions to quite a large extent and certainly the food cooked in it is delicious.

The fireless cooker illustrated is aluminum lined and costs \$13.75 for the one compartment size and \$25 each for the two and three compartment cookers.

No account of kitchen labor savers would be complete without some mention of the kitchen cabinet. The virtue of this piece of furniture lies in the fact that it centralizes and organizes labor. In it are grouped together, within arm's reach, the hundreds of utensils and ingredients that formerly were distributed over the whole kitchen and pantry. It provides a place for everything commonly required in cooking and makes it easy to keep everything in its place. It saves hundreds of steps back and forth from kitchen table to pantry, and miles of steps each year to feet that have already enough walking to do that is inevitable.

Another invention that works is the bread mixer, figure 6, in the illustration. You remember how our poor mothers used to pound and punch and belabor the dough when it came to the second kneading. Such laborious and energetic measures are now quite out of fashion. The whole composition is turned into the bread mixer, the liquids first and then the flour and the handle turned for three minutes. When it has risen again it is turned once more until the dough winds itself around the mixing rod, and that is all there is to the mixing of bread when it is done according to modern methods. In the three and four loaf size this mixer costs \$2, and in the eight loaf size \$2.50.

Of the same family and made by the same manufacturer is the Universal Food Chopper, which is guaranteed to chop anything from oranges to calves tongues

into any sized fragments required. These food choppers are made to be clamped on to the edge of the table and are comparatively simple and very durable in construction. They come in two sizes for household use at \$1.35 and \$1.50 each. With each chopper there is sent out a practical little book of instructions and quite a collection of recipes demonstrating the many uses of the machine.

Figure 4 in the illustration pictures a whole dinner being baked in a self-basting aluminum roasting pan. Speaking of aluminum we might pause here to say that the person who first conceived the idea of making kitchen utensils of this material has proved himself a real benefactor of the human race. It seems practically impossible to burn anything in an aluminum pan so badly that the dish cannot be cleaned to look as bright and shining as when new. There is also a special preparation for cleaning aluminum called "Oronox" which is claimed by the manufacturer to "clear everything but a guilty conscience," and which sells at two packages for 25 cents.

The self-basting roast pan, to return to our original theme, is one of those

doing them up in a cloth and from which the pudding is turned out moulded into a very attractive shape. As will be seen by the illustration it has a handled lid that fits on tightly, excluding the water perfectly. The price varies from 25 cents to 50 cents.

In figure 7 we have a very simple little contrivance, the original use of which was to shred, grate or make potatoes into strips for French frying, but which can equally well be used for cutting up any other vegetable into an attractive form. The price of it is 30 cents.

And here is something which will cause the men of the household to rise up and call us blessed—a soot destroyer.

Ah, me! the tension of getting the pipes down and cleaned. We all know how this occasion progresses from joking to seriousness, from seriousness to testiness and from testiness perhaps to profanity. We know how, when one gets the pipes neatly joined together downstairs, the assistant upstairs shouts down in anything but an amiable tone of voice that they have come apart there, whereupon he sets about to right it and jerks the downstairs elbow out, and so on

In addition to the above mentioned articles there are a host of little things at a few cents which add to the efficiency of the kitchen. We will try to summarize them briefly.

Measuring cups of glass, by which absolutely accurate measurements of cooking ingredients may be made and uniformity in the results secured, 15 cents.

Apple corers, which remove the cores quickly and without waste, 5 cents.

A fruit press or potato ricer, 28 cents.

Perforated cake or meat turner, 10 cents.

Toasting fork, 10 cents.

Potato parer, 10 cents.

Salad spoons and forks of orange wood, 30 cents and 55 cents per pair.

Bottle brushes, 10 cents.

Basting spoons, 10 cents.

Set of three dredge boxes, 15 cents.

Cooky cutters, 5 cents and 10 cents each, assorted shapes.

Self-wringing mops, 35 cents.

Pastry brush, 5 cents.

Knife boards, 45 cents.

Funnel, 15 cents.

Four-foot step ladders, 70 cents.

Basting spoons, 10 cents.

Chair step ladders, which can be converted from a ladder to a chair, \$2.25.

Doughnut cutter, 10 cents.

Towel dryers, eight arms, 15 cents.

Sleeve boards, 15 cents.

Broom bag, to cover the broom for dusting down the walls, 25 cents.

Dustless mops, 75 cents \$1.00, \$1.50.

A hand-run vacuum sweeper, for drawing the dust out of the carpet, \$6.95.

Carpet sweepers, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.75 and \$4.25.

Boot scrapers, 10 cents.

Soap strainers, 10 cents.

Soap holder for side of pail, 19 cents.

Hand choppers, 10 cents.

Pot scraper, a band of tin on a handle, 10 cents.

Dover egg beater, 10 cents.

Meat forks, 15 cents.

A corkscrew with a round top fitting down over the neck of the bottle and which never fails to work, 20 cents.

The object of this article is not the advertising of anything mentioned in this page and it is done without profit on the part of The Guide, neither do we undertake to guarantee the articles described tho we have chosen only those we believe to be entirely satisfactory.

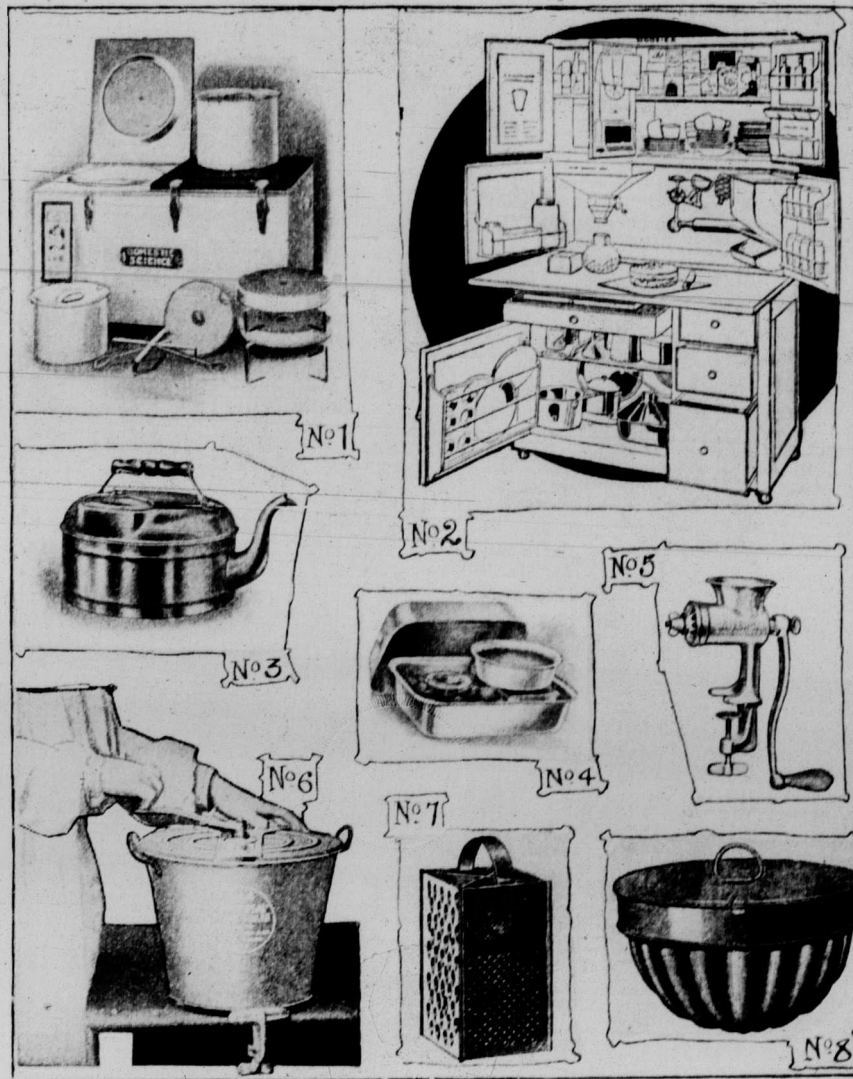
The names of the firms handling any or all of these conveniences will be supplied to anyone sending a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Francis Marion Beynon, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

SATISFYING THINGS TO EAT

Potatoes With Cheese—Split Irish potatoes which have been baked and sprinkle with grated cheese, return to oven long enough for the cheese to melt. Serve hot. Before baking and after potatoes have been thoroughly washed, roll them in salt. This adds greatly to the flavor of the potato.

Cheese Croquettes—Make a white sauce, using two tablespoonfuls of butter, one-third cupful of flour, two thirds cupful of milk. Add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, paprika, the yolks of two eggs, one-half cupful cream-cheese grated, and one cupful cream-cheese cut in small pieces. Cool, shape, allowing one rounding tablespoonful to each croquette, and roll in balls. Add two tablespoonfuls of cold water to the whites of the eggs, dip in crumbs prepared by drying the bread, and putting thru the meat-chopper. Dip in the egg, then in crumbs again. Fry in deep fat, and drain on brown paper. This is a very hearty dish, good for hard labor indoors or out.

Hermits—1 cupful each molasses, sugar, shortening, sour milk and chopped fruit, 1 egg, 2 teaspoonfuls soda, pinch salt, 2 teaspoonfuls mixed spice or spice to taste, add flour and roll out and cut about half inch thick. This will make about 6 dozen cakes or one can use half the recipe.



receptacles in which a turkey or a roast of meat can be tucked away in the oven and relied upon to keep itself basted. But tho that is ostensibly the end and aim of its existence, it is really only the beginning of its usefulness. As seen in the illustration one can bake a whole dinner in it at once. It can also be used to bake bread, fry doughnuts or preserve fruit according to the new fashion of steaming it whole in the oven. The price of one of these all round useful pans varies according to size from \$3.00 to \$3.65 and \$4.25.

Another vessel which we would like to mention is the pyramid steamer, a steamer with three compartments for food, one on top of the other, so that the same fire cooks all three dishes, the price of which ingenious device is just \$2.25.

Figure 8 is a pudding mould for making steam puddings without the trouble of

for an hour or two. It would seem that in the taking down some links shrink and others stretch, for the ends that come together never, by any chance, match.

Now there is a new way of cleaning pipes. We are told that by pouring a little of this soot destroyer onto the fire the trick is done. It penetrates the flues of the chimney and the pipes and consumes the soot. The advertising circulars do not tell what orgies of pipe adjustment led some poor man to the discovery of this new method, but we have our suspicions that something pretty bad had come his way. The price of this saver of time, trouble and consciences is only 25 cents a package.

Just here one should perhaps mention also another new preparation called Smoky Cleaner, at 25 cents a package, which is said to clean smoke marks from the most delicate papers and calcomines without injury to the finish.

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The Country Homemakers

Conducted by Francis Marion Beynon

NO CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Christmas Number of The Guide will have to go out this year without a Christmas editorial on the woman's page. Vainly have I tried to call up the old jubilant spirit of Christmas. There is no enthusiasm in the air for this great festival of peace.

My comrades in the city are going laggingly about their few and simple preparations for the occasion. They have no heart for the task.

The anniversary of the coming of the Prince of Peace and the greatest war of all time, rebirth and death are anomalous and cannot be reconciled by any stretch of the imagination.

To observe the great Christian celebration this year while Christian Europe is so busy demonstrating its disbelief in the teaching, "Peace on earth, good will to men," seems almost a sacrilege.

The pen writes haltingly and unconvincingly upon the subject, and finally stumbles and stops altogether.

THE QUEERNESS OF FOLK

As the old Quaker gentleman said, "All the world is queer but thee and me, Eliza, and thee's a little queer." The unexpectedness of folk has been brought home to me by the comment aroused by the John and Jennie Tightwad cartoons. If anyone was going to feel peeved about them, you would have expected it to be the men. Not so. The men, who have taken the trouble to express their opinion on the subject, were apparently mightily taken with them. It is the women readers who are sternly disapproving.

I am afraid some of them have made the mistake of thinking that these cartoons were intended to portray the life of the average woman or of any particular woman, for the matter of that, whereas the object of them was merely to illustrate how our laws may, and sometimes do, work out. All that we were trying to get at was that in cases of domestic disagreement the man and the woman should start even. Under our present laws, in which the woman has no claim on the property and no legal right to her children, the wife has a ten-mile handicap.

But I hasten to disclaim any intention of printing something which would insinuate that all men are patterned after our friend John Tightwad. The very best evidence that they are not is that so many of them liked the cartoons. Proof positive that the shoe did not pinch.

So you see, dear ladies, that this illustrated story was not meant for husbands generally, bless 'em, nor for husbands particularly even, but, as I said before, to illustrate a law.

I agree entirely with the indignant friends who claim that domestic infelicity is as often the fault of the woman as the man. It has always been my contention that the virtues are pretty evenly distributed between the sexes and that, generally speaking, men and women are pretty much of a muchness.

All I am working for is to get things adjusted so that when they come to blows the man won't have the infantry, cavalry and artillery of the law at his back, and the woman be left with only the rolling pin to defend herself.

FRANCIS MARION BEYNON.

GOOD READING

Dear Miss Beynon:—I noticed an inquiry in last week's number of the Grain Growers' Guide for stories for children.

When I was a child we had the Saint Nicholas Magazine in our home, and we children used to look forward with joy to each new number. But now that I have a home of my own and we have two wee children in it, yet we cannot afford St. Nicholas Magazine for them. But we do provide them with good stories and songs.

The "Little Folks' Magazine" is full of stories for little people, and is one

dollar per year, fifteen cents extra for postage to Canada. The address is, "Little Folks' Magazine," Salem, Mass., U.S.A. A trial subscription can be had for three months.

Then there is American Motherhood. There is a department for stories for children. Some are continued stories, some are picture stories, and then there are the stories that the little ones in school can read to a brother or sister who is just beginning to take an interest in stories. These are in large print. Then the stories to help mother in teaching truth, cleanliness, contentment, kindness to animals, how to overcome the habit of procrastination and many other habits that are formed early in childhood. Stories of the robins and other birds, and stories of animals. We cannot afford both magazines, so we take American Motherhood. I like the stories in it best, anyway, and many of

ing mamma's and papa's face and reading the changes there. Parents must be the leaders of little folks, but in our firmness in teaching obedience there must be the continual flow of love and self-control.

Bible stories for children can be obtained of American Motherhood Corporation, New York, for \$1.20. The magazine is one dollar per year, and twenty-six cents extra for postage to Canada. A sample copy can be obtained by writing for it.

For our little four-year-old we got an animal book, and now she tells little brother the stories of the different animals.

I have a request: Has anyone a copy of the February number of the Ladies' Home Journal they do not care for? I will pay postage on it.

I hope someone will get help from what I have written. We are all very

If your child's illness were fatal, would you fear to know the truth lest it cause you discontent?

Can you recall any reform that has taken place either in past or modern history where the people were enjoying perfect content?

If Kaiser William were a Socialist would this war have been?

Why are Socialists in public life trusted so much as servants of the people, and why is it that they live above the selfishness that causes graft and diseased patriotism?

In the mines on Vancouver Island every year there is an average of twenty-seven deaths, chiefly thru mine explosions. Does this fact strike you as a cause for contentment? Are you contented because the investigating commission who investigated the Hill Crest mine disaster made this their report: "That they believed the explosion could have been prevented if the mine owners and those responsible had taken precautions."

Does this state of affairs cause you feelings of pride that you are a Canadian? You wonder the Government and Trusts do not come down with all their force and blot the paper out. What have the Government or Trusts ever done to help The Guide except the opposing forces of both have fed and fanned the flames, and the fire has fed on their opposition?

If the writer's name attached to the article that caused you distress had been anything except a foreign name and Russian, would the truth in what she said have caused you alarm? My family is true Canadian since the days of the Duke of Wellington, and before that Scotch and Irish. I tell you this, "Plodder," that you might not have any cause for alarm and that you might know that one Canadian reserves the right to "think," that you say makes people ask questions.

I also claim the right that is laid down in the British constitution, the freedom that has made Britain glorious. It says man, but it also means woman. "That man shall worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, none daring to molest him or make him afraid." I contend that Mary Nicholaeff, who wrote the article you refer to, has a right to enjoy this freedom, and the discontentment you refer to is a healthy sign that points towards brighter days.

MRS. C. JACKLIN,
Beaufield, Sask.

WOMEN'S GATHERING AT BATTLEFORD

In conjunction with the annual seed grain fair, farmers' convention and poultry show, which will be held in the collegiate institute at North Battleford on December 17 and 18, there will also be held on the second day a Homemakers' Club conference. The conference will commence at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will be under the care of Miss A. DeLury, supervisor of Homemakers' Clubs, University of Saskatchewan. During the morning session Miss Jessie Wells, district organizer, Minnehaha, Sask., will give an address and demonstration on "Domestic Science in the Rural Schools," and Dr. L. A. C. Panton, of North Battleford, will give an address on "Contagious and Infectious Diseases."

In the afternoon session Miss Harrison, of the University of Saskatchewan, is expected to give a demonstration of "Soups and Chowders."

The Homemakers' conference will probably be adjourned in the middle of the afternoon to enable the women to attend the farmers' convention to hear the address of Principal Lake, of Egam school, on "School Gardening," and Professor Baker, of the University of Saskatchewan, who will give an address and demonstration of preparing poultry for market. These subjects should be full of interest to both men and women.



THE VIRGIN, INFANT JESUS AND ST. JOHN
From a painting by Bouguereau

our story writers write for both magazines. You see American Motherhood has so many other departments that help mother to learn lessons herself before she is competent to teach little folks, I could hardly do without its splendid mothering. The department on care and feeding of children, discipline, the teaching of sex hygiene, parents' problems, and all the other departments are so very helpful to mothers. There is always such a sympathetic understanding in all the answers to the letters in the parents' and girls' departments. It gives us courage to try again even after many failures in gaining greater self-control and in always exercising patience and love when we are worn out physically. A child, even a tiny baby, knows the spirit of the parent even tho there are no outward signs, and they are continually watch-

happy to know Mrs. McClung will be near us, and we hope to get an opportunity of hearing her.

MRS. E. ALBERTA.

A FRIEND OF MRS. NICOLAEFF

Dear Miss Beynon:—Your page in The Guide interests me very much, and as I read tonight of your offer to send a list with prices of books on wild animals, I would be pleased if you would forward me the list that I might get the books for the children. I enjoyed what you said about "Home Training" and "War," and think your page is very sunny and helpful.

I would like to ask "Plodder" a few questions thru The Guide, if I might be permitted to do so, as I too "think" and "ask questions."

What is your definition of Socialism? What is your definition of Progress?

Common Poultry Diseases

Their Cause, Prevention and Cure

By Prof. M. C. Herner, Manitoba Agricultural College

(Written specially for The Grain Growers' Guide)

In taking up a discussion of diseases affecting poultry it might be well to first of all consider the common causes of any disease breaking out in a flock of poultry. There are four, which can be briefly stated as (a) those arising from weak constitutions, lack of vigor and vitality, (b) those coming from poor food and improper feeding, (c) those due to the conditions under which the flock is kept, (d) those caused by apparently healthy fowls coming in contact with diseased ones and getting the disease in this way. While all diseases may not be directly traceable to any one of these four, still they are always due to one or other of the four causes. Under farm conditions any of these may cause disease, or one may work in combination with another one or all of them and produce a disease. It is also a

farm flock goes a long way in making the birds disease-proof, or almost so. Good health, strong constitution, vigor and vitality will enable a flock to withstand the effects of adverse conditions pretty well, whereas fowls lacking in these are always more or less susceptible even under the most favorable conditions. When a flock like the latter is neglected, disease will gain a stronger foothold and cause greater ravages in a short time than it would in the former case. The indication of good health, vigor, vitality and strong constitution is found in the red comb, bright eye, active, sprightly movements, short bill, full face, short neck, and a low-set, deep and wide body. The opposite of these indicate a lack of constitution, vigor and health. Continued neglect in the best of flocks will mean disease of some kind sooner or later, and once it is present it is always a difficult matter to overcome it entirely. A flock of single fowls that have gone thru a siege of sickness are of very little use as breeders afterwards.

sufficient so that a thin film of oil will cover the entire surface of the water. A teaspoonful of carbolic acid to a pail of drinking water is also a good preventive. Or, as much potassium permanganate as will stay on a five-cent piece to a pail of water. Remove all diseased hens. Kill off any that have the disease pretty far advanced. Those having only slightly swollen eyes may be treated by rubbing a small quantity of carbolated vaseline on the face and eyes, and also down the throat, first pressing pus out of the nostrils. Coal oil injected into the nostrils with a fountain pen filler is also a good practice. The head may also be washed with a one per cent. solution of carbolic acid, or hydrogen peroxide. In turkeys it is well to cut open the swellings and press out the pus then wash with these solutions or the vaseline. This is the simplest method of treatment, and any birds that do not respond should be killed off promptly. Feed the entire flock; one pound of Epsom salts dissolved in hot water and mixed in a bran mash to every hundred hens once a week for a few months. This is the best tonic I know of. Roup cures may be all right in their place, but generally the cost is greater and the results not as satisfactory as when the pure and simple remedies are used.

ing the scab the affected areas will bleed. This disease is caused by the germ getting into the wounds which the hens get by fighting. It is common when hens are put in a new house, or when new stock is brought in. At this time there is usually considerable fighting, and as a result the disease gets a start. Take the affected birds as soon as detected and wash the head with a one per cent. solution of carbolic acid, rubbing off the scab as much as possible. Equal parts of vaseline and iodoform make an excellent salve. Apply daily over the entire affected area.

Tuberculosis

Probably the second disease in poultry most common on the farm is tuberculosis. This affects only adult fowl. It can easily be detected. The bird becomes dull, inactive, has a pale comb, is affected with diarrhoea, loses



Fowl affected with Chicken Pox

difficult matter to state which one is likely to cause the most disease in farm flocks, but judging by observations made and actual experience I should say the second and third-named are the most frequent causes to which most of the poultry diseases are due. Poultry diseases can also be classified according to the special section or part of the fowl's anatomy which they attack, such as, one group affecting the head, another group the digestive system, another the skin, and so on.

The Axe The Best Cure

Our attention at this time will be directed towards those which we find most common in farm flocks such as roup, tuberculosis, blackhead, chicken pox and a few others. It must be borne in mind that I do not recommend treatment for any of these diseases unless the bird be specially valuable, and even then only in the early stages of the disease. The axe is about the best cure, and often if the bird is valuable it is far better to kill it off at once than to run any risk of further spreading the disease. The best example I have had of this was a few years ago when roup broke out in my flock of young turkeys. Only one poult had the disease and there were twenty-seven in the flock. I removed it, and commenced doctoring, but it did not get any better or worse. About ten days later another poult showed symptoms of the disease, and I removed it. This kept on during the greater part of the summer until all but nine had died or had to be killed, after having had the disease from two weeks to a month. Had I killed off the first infected one just as soon as I discovered it the disease might have been stamped out.

At any time when disease is noticed in a flock the cause of it should be determined first, and if at all possible it should be removed. Remove the cause and the cure will hold good in poultry diseases about as well as in any other line of disease. This will also be "the ounce of prevention." The general care and management of the

Roup

In taking up the different diseases the most common one is roup. This is nothing more than a cold of continued standing. There are about five different forms of this disease, but in our work we will only touch on the three most common. Ordinary roup is always known by the swelling of the eyes, known as pus sacks; canker, another form of roup, is known by the white scabs that form at the base of the tongue and in the angle of the jaws; these give off a very offensive odor. Diphtheritic roup is the third form. This is known by the ulcerated areas which occur in the throat and at the entrance to the windpipe. These increase in size until the entire mucous lining of the throat becomes inflamed and the fowl dies from suffocation. A large quantity of mucous, or slimy saliva, is always present and the throat takes on a bluish color. These three

For canker in the throat and mouth, rub off the white scab, then apply the carbolated vaseline. Repeat the application every day. The carbolic solution may also be used. This form of roup offers very stubborn resistance and it seldom happens that a bird having it can be cured entirely. It is likely to recur after all traces of it have apparently been removed. Follow the same method of handling the flock as above directed. If at any time this disease should break out prompt steps must be taken immediately to stamp it out, for once it gains a foothold it is next to impossible to wipe it out.

Diphtheritic roup is usually caused by exposure to strong wind, draughts, and storm during the night. There is



Ordinary Roup. Note Swollen Eye

flesh rapidly, later becomes lame in one leg, and if the disease lingers a long time the bird will waste down to skin and bone and become so emaciated that it can hardly walk. On opening the carcasses the liver will be covered with small white spots; these will also extend to the spleen and often cover good part of the intestines. Sometimes small projections like warts to be found on the bones in various parts of the body, especially on the ribs. There is no cure for the disease. It is most common early in the fall after the hens have passed through their laying period, and are about ready to moult or probably in it. At this time they are low in vigor and vitality, and the germs seem to get a hold more easily than when the hens are in the best of condition. Filthy or unsanitary conditions help to develop the disease. Filthy drinking water and water troughs is a very common source of the disease. Kill off all hens showing any symptoms of the disease. Burn the carcasses or bury deeply and cover with lime. Clean out the poultry house thoroughly by removing all droppings and all loose material including two or three inches of dirt, if an earth floor is used. Put in good, clean gravel or sand. If a cement or board floor is used wash it thoroughly and whitewash along with the rest of the building, using hot whitewash having five per cent. of carbolic acid in it. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all drinking troughs and feed pails. Use an abundance of air slaked lime on the floor of the house, especially under the roosts. Also sprinkle this on the earth around the outside of the house. The germ is voided in the droppings of the diseased hen, and is then taken off the ground with feed eaten by other hens. The liver is an important organ in digestion, hence it follows that the liver and intestines both being diseased the germs will be passed off with the droppings. Feed the entire flock Epsom salts, one pound dissolved in hot water and mixed in a bran mash to every hundred hens once a week for a few months. Also add powdered charcoal as a tonic. Observe absolute

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Method of cutting open a fowl to make a post-mortem examination. Feathers need not be removed. Cut flanks first, then cut in above rear end of breast bone grasping the carcass with the left hand and cutting forward towards the ribs

forms may be taken for one and the same thing as they all have the same origin, but later on each takes on its own form and attacks a special part of the fowl's anatomy.

Ordinary roup can easily be recognized by the sneezing, coughing, rattling in the throat, discharges from the nose, and swelling of the eyes and ducts leading from the nostrils to the eyes. It is due to dampness, overcrowding and draughts over the fowls. It is very common early in the fall in both old and young stock. The remedy is to first change conditions, thus removing the cause. Then put a small quantity of coal oil in the drinking water for the whole flock—just

a gasping for breath, accompanied by rattling in the throat. This form of roup kills very quickly. About the only remedy is to kill off any birds having the disease. Prevent it by removing the cause and giving carbolic acid in the drinking water. These three forms of roup also affect turkeys in the same way. Therefore follow similar methods of prevention and treatment.

Chicken Pox

Associated with roup we frequently find chicken pox. This disease is known by the numerous warts or scab areas covering the face and head. Underneath the scab is pus. On remov-

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Farm Women's Clubs

ANNUAL MEETINGS DUE

The annual meeting of the W.G.G. Local Associations for the purpose of renewing fees and re-electing officers should, according to their constitution, take place in December.

At this meeting it will be well if a general review of the year's work be given in order that new plans may be made and old mistakes discussed, so as to be avoided in the coming year.

Resolve to make the club work of the new year even more pleasant and profitable than before. Each member should endeavor to show her interest in the work in every way possible.

An important part of the clubs' program should be their work among the new Canadians of their community. In many cases, when a foreign settlement is near, classes for teaching English might be started and other social work accomplished.

ERMA STOCKING.

ENLIVENING THE DISTRICT SOCIALLY

It is interesting to note in the press reports of the war the attention given to the food from which the fighting men derive their energy. Scientific study of the nourishment the soldier needs has resulted in the prevention of diseases, that in olden times ravaged armies and never before have the army rations been so adequately supplied with necessary life-sustaining elements.

We, who are the keepers of the home, are the providers of food for the great armies of peace. With just such scientific study of food values and their relation to health can we control the health of our nation and give to it power to keep at the head of the ranks in the battle of the survival of the fittest.

An enterprising institute in Alberta has written to your Secretary asking for an outline of study of food elements, in order that they can discuss the question in their winter meetings. Few subjects are of greater importance to the home, and your secretary will be glad to send to any club an outline of work or a series of papers on the subject.

Our Association is undoubtedly causing a great change in the social life of those women of the West who have become members. With this increased sociability has come a greater spirit of content. And there is no greater incentive for bringing beauty to the surroundings of the home and building up the home than that the dwellers therein should be content. Therefore, bring into your community this neighborly social spirit and plan for a program of special meetings that will bring together the members of your neighborhood and make their winter days less wearisome. Why not arrange for a pleasant social evening in your school house, which should be your social centre. Plan for a good time, arrange debates and get some good speaker, if possible, who will give an instructive lecture.

ERMA STOCKING.

SENT DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Surbiton W.G.G.A. held their monthly meeting on November 4, in Surbiton school house.

After the transaction of minor business, the Association unanimously elected the President, Mrs. Hall, and the Vice-president, Mrs. A. Brook, to represent it at the District Convention at Conquest on December 8.

A very successful patriotic concert,

arranged by the Association, was held on Oct. 31, the proceeds of which (\$40) were sent to the Saskatchewan Patriotic Fund.

The members of the W.G.G.A. attended the ordinary business meeting of the men's association on Nov. 4, and served lunch at its conclusion, after which an enjoyable musical program was given, to which Messrs. Hagerman, Johnson, Baldwin and Grieve contributed.

The next meeting of the W.G.G.A. will be held on December 2, for which a most interesting program has been arranged.

GRACE HALL, Secretary.

A CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY ORDER

Dear Miss Stocking:—Sorry if I have given any worry, but we certainly have been a very busy club. We had a special meeting for the needy in our district. We have looked after three families not far from us and sent a very large box to the Immigration Agent; will also very soon have another box ready to go.

The reason the second box is going is because so many of us had small pieces of goods in the house and we thought it advisable to make them up into whatever we could get out of them, as there are so many mothers who have not got the time or even some who are unable to make anything if it were sent them, as they never had anything to do.

I also called a special meeting on the 5th of this month for a grocery order. There were twenty turned out, and made out an order for nearly \$200, one

same price for our butter and eggs that the merchant receives when he resells them.

(3) Nearest member is six miles; the furthest fifteen miles.

(4) Nearest shipping place is Saskatoon, sixty-eight miles.

(5) All the members are willing to co-operate in the shipping or disposing of their by-products.

(6) There are no more remarks unless it is the shipping of cream, and fowl, either dressed or undressed.

I hope I have answered all questions correctly. If not, let me know. Thanking you very kindly for the report I have just seen in The Guide.

Yours truly,

MRS. GEO. A. PATTERSON.

Biggar, Sask.

AIDING IN PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Dear Miss Stocking:—The sixth meeting of our auxiliary was held at the school house on October 28, with Mrs. Lindley, Mrs. Stroyan and Miss Hare as hostesses for the occasion. For the winter months it has been decided to hold all meetings in the School House, for the convenience of the majority of the members.

Your letter to the secretaries of the Association was read and discussed. I enclose the report re marketing conditions, and the other subjects you mention—the Suffrage and the Liquor Traffic as allied to each other—will be discussed at our next meeting and the result reported to you.

This auxiliary has much sympathy with those who are suffering from the poor crops this year, and will gladly

Grain Growers' Association to co-operate with them, and after a song by Mrs. Henry Wickett and a recitation by Mrs. Lawson had been enjoyed by us all, the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to our hostesses.

HANLEY ORGANIZES

Dear Miss Stocking:—I wrote a report of our first meeting and find that the letter wasn't mailed, so will try once more.

On Wednesday, November 4, a number of the wives of Grain Growers met with Mrs. John Ames for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ames was chosen to act as chairman and Mrs. Hiatt, sec. pro tem.

Mrs. Ames read portions of the constitution and platform by way of explanation, and it was then voted to organize a W.G.G.A. in Hanley. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Ames, president;
Mrs. McGregor, vice-president;
Mrs. Hiatt, secretary-treasurer; and also a board of six directors.

We added four new members, making a total of fourteen.

Your very truly,

MARY I. HIATT.

REPORT ON MARKETING CONDITIONS

Dear Miss Stocking:—We have just commenced our meetings again. We have elected a delegate to the convention in Melville, and we are planning for a patriotic concert and box social to be held on the 25th of November.

Our Association is in District No. 7.

Re the marketing of our farm produce. We are not able to get any cash whatever at the stores.

Our merchants sell butter and eggs for from two to five cents more than they pay us.

Our members have from four to ten miles to drive to town.

Regina would be the closest point we could ship to. It is about ninety miles from here. We would be quite willing to co-operate in shipping if we could obtain cash.

There is a government creamery in Melville now, and all the farmers here sell their cream there and get their checks every month; but eggs, poultry, and vegetables have to be traded at the stores.

The G.G. Association of this district has opened a co-operative store in Melville, and we have been wondering if we couldn't find some plan of selling our produce thru it.

We have obtained the book entitled the "White Slave Traffic," from Mrs. Ann Golden, of Stokes Bay, Ont. The price is one dollar.

We will try to get the petition for the right to vote filled as soon as possible.

Your truly,

MRS. WM. WOTHERSPOON.

A Double Service Sweater.—When the sweater sleeves become quite thin at the elbow cut them out and sew the right sleeve into the left armhole and the left into the right. Sew in by hand with a backstitch, and stitch the seam edges flat, on the machine. This change brings the worn part on the front of sleeve and the sweater can be worn as long as it already has been, and without mended elbows. If allowed to be worn thru at elbows before making the change it will hardly pay to change them.—F.C.H.



REPOSE IN EGYPT

From the painting by Van Dyck

of the most interesting meetings we have had, as they were all willing to help one another, and gave me all the help they could. I do hope they will be all well pleased when they get their order as it will make it more interesting the next time.

I also brought before them that day the temperance campaign and franchise. You will see twelve names on the petition form. It was quite a topic for a while.

In answer to your questions:

(1) We are not able to obtain cash for our butter and eggs from our store-keepers.

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Third, E. Carswell, Red Deer; Fourth, Rice
Sheppard, Strathcona.
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District Directors
Victoria—P. S. Austin, Ranfurly; Edmonton
—F. C. Clare, North Edmonton; Strath-
cona—W. G. Vicary, Strome; Red Deer—
D. Buckingham, Stettler; Calgary—H. W.
Wood, Strathmore; Macleod—J. Quinsey,
Noble; Medicine Hat—W. D. Trego, Gleichen.

RE-INSTATED
The following unions which were sus-
pended have recently been re-instated
on receipt of the necessary dues at this
office:

Iron Springs, No. 172; Whitla, No.
338; Buffalo Bird, No. 534; Ferry
Point, No. 495; Drumheller, No. 483;
Munson, No. 448, and Vegreville, No. 4.

The name of Colholme Union, No.
508, which was announced in a para-
graph published subsequent to the ap-
pearance of the suspended list as prop-
erly belonging to that list, has also been
re-instated on receipt of \$5 membership
dues.

THE RELIEF FUNDS

The War Relief Funds opened at this
office some time ago to donations by
the unions are steadily increasing, al-
tho there is considerable room for still
further donations. It is a matter of
comment that the Belgian Relief Fund
seems to furnish the strongest appeal
to our local unions, the first donation
to the Red Cross Fund having been re-
ceived this week. This donation, the
amount of which was \$31.15, was re-
ceived from the Women's Auxiliary of
the Acme Union, No. 63. For the Bel-
gian Relief Fund, the receipt of the
following amounts is hereby acknowl-
edged:—

Previously acknowledged.....	\$106.00
Willow Hollow Union, No. 332	40.00
Hawkeye Union, No. 245	32.60

Total\$178.60

FERRY POINT GROWING

Ferry Point Union, No. 493, has sub-
stantially increased its membership over
last year's, the secretary having recent-
ly remitted to this office for forty
members.

JOINED OTHER UNIONS

Notice has recently reached us from
E. L. Ketcheson, Secretary of Buffalo
Bird Union, No. 534, that that organ-
ization is now "hors de combat." This
announcement accompanied a remit-
tance of \$9.50 to put the union in good
standing after being included on our
suspended list, as the former members,
most of whom have amalgamated with
the surrounding unions, did not wish
the union to cease existence as a sus-
pended union. Mr. Ketcheson writes
that altho they did not relish the idea
of giving up the old organization, that
there is, nevertheless, a certain satis-
faction afforded by the thought that no
less than three new locals are practi-
cally off-shoots of the Buffalo Bird Lo-
cal Union.

SUMMERVIEW ACTIVITIES

The following report of the activities
of Summerview Union, No. 147, has
been received from N. H. Nathorst,
Secretary: During the past year the
Summerview Local has met regularly
every month, and the membership at-
tendance, with the exception of once or
twice during the very busy season, has
been on an average, fair. Dominion
Day, being by resolution the day set
for our annual picnic, was again cele-
brated in the prescribed way. The pic-
nic proved more than usually success-
ful, owing to extra pains being taken
by some of our members in preparing
the ground, as well as furnishing an
excellent program of sports. Our Presi-
dents, first and second, as well as the
Directors are to be congratulated on
the way it went off. An added pleas-
ure at the time was the presence of
James Speakman, whose genial ways
and strong, sensible address were much
appreciated.

In co-operative activity this Local
may be said to be in its initiative state,
owing mostly to the hard times that
have prevailed here during the last few
years; still, by sending to Winnipeg to
a firm whose advertisement appears in
The Grain Growers' Guide, we have
been able in a small way to obtain plow-
shares, binder canvas, waggon tongues,

reaches, etc., etc., at a considerably re-
duced price; in fact, at almost half-
price to what was asked by implement
agents. Very good coal oil has been
sold to members at 26 cents per gallon.
In conjunction with the Pincher Creek
Local our members have been able to
secure flour, as well as apples at whole-
sale prices. The last step in the co-
operative move was taken at the last
meeting, when orders for two carloads
of coal were secured.

We expect during the coming winter
months to enliven the monthly meetings
by debates for our further education as
well as enjoyment. For a start to soci-
ability, we intend to give a social con-
cert on the 11th of December, the funds
derived therefrom to be devoted to the
Red Cross Society. An exceptionally
good time and a big crowd is antici-
pated.

TOO BUSY (?)

R. Lindsay, Secretary of Drumheller
Union, No. 483, in reporting to this
office, says that there has been no meet-
ing at the above union for some little
time, most of the farmers in that vicin-
ity having been busy. The union hopes
to be able to resume business again at
an early date and will try to send at
least one representative to the Edmon-
ton Convention.

LAKESIDE UNION

George S. Weger, President of Lake-
side Union, No. 421, writes as follows:
We wish to take this method of thank-
ing Mr. Speakman thru your office for
his presence at our meeting on the even-
ing of the 5th instant, and for the
masterly and instructive address. The
night was exceptionally stormy, but
our meeting place was well filled with
an appreciative audience. We are con-
fident that Mr. Speakman's mission here
was not in vain, and that many of us
see the U.F.A. in a much more favor-
able light than before. It gives us a
decided feeling of self-confidence to be
part and parcel of an organization
which is doing so much and accomplish-
ing big results without ostentation. We
hope to bring our membership up to
the quota it is deserving of.

We regret very much the death of
President Tregillus, and the Union of
Farmers will feel his loss quite keenly.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC WORKER

One of our most enthusiastic U.F.A.
workers is Thos. Toreson, of Wetaski-
win, secretary of Lone Ridge Union, No.
627. Mr. Toreson writes: During the
busy season our union attended meet-
ings very regularly, altho we had two
special meetings since I reported last,
the particular business at these meet-
ings being to take orders for apples
from members of our union. We bought
34 barrels of Nova Scotia apples thru
the Ponoka District Association. After
paying local freight from Ponoka to
Wetaskiwin, they cost us \$4.20 per bar-
rel for No. 1 Winter apples.

Mr. Toreson further reports that a
regular meeting of the Local was held
on the 5th instant at which there was
a good turn-out considering the inelem-
ent weather. The Local gave its first
annual ball and supper in the Lone
Ridge Hall on Thursday evening, Nov.
26. Mr. Toreson has also secured four-
teen subscriptions to The Guide in the
last few days in addition to organizing
the Falun Union, with eleven charter
members, thus showing that although
he believes in charity beginning at
home, he by no means coincides with
the view that it should for ever after
remain there.

LANGDON UNION

Although we have had no report from
Langdon Union, No. 199, for some time
past, a letter recently received from the
Secretary, E. B. Welshimer, furnishes
ample assurance that the Union is by no
means lacking in activity. Mr. Welsh-
imer remits for thirty-three members
and states that the farmers in the vicin-

ity of Langdon have only begun to re-
alize the value of our Association and
are therefore taking hold with a much
firmer grasp than ever before. The
Union handled its flour and wire busi-
ness thru the Alberta Farmers' Co-
operative Elevator Co., and handled two
carloads of lumber co-operatively thru
a local dealer, and on one car alone,
claim to have saved \$160. An arrange-
ment was made with a wholesale hard-
ware firm, whereby hardware in lots
amounting to \$25 or more could be ob-
tained at wholesale prices. It is claimed
that the union has saved over one-half
on paint, and on other articles of hard-
ware about 25 per cent. This is a very
good illustration of what can be ac-
complished by co-operation. Owing to
previous poor attendance at meetings,
Langdon Union will soon discuss the
advisability of dividing the Union into
eastern and western divisions and re-
moving the place of meeting from the
town itself to various houses in the
country.

CO-OPERATIVE FINANCING

W. D. Trego, Director for the Medi-
cine Hat constituency, assisted this
week in the organization of a local
union near Balzac Siding, a few miles
north of Calgary. Mr. Trego states that
we may look for some good work from
this Union as they are an unusually live
group of farmers and have selected good
men for their officers. They have al-
ready appointed a committee to arrange
with one of the Calgary banks for a
line of credit for use in co-operative
buying, their method of financing same
being similar to that in use in the
Gleichen Union, viz., all members to
sign a guarantee with the bank for
\$1,000, for which all are jointly re-
sponsible, so as to have approximately
that amount of credit to furnish funds
for paying for carload shipments of
goods on arrival, and by a proper form
of resolution, authorize the secretary to
sign notes, drafts or checks up to the
required amount, the secretary being
bonded with a guarantee company for
\$1,000, thus furnishing the members
with protection. As the goods are de-
livered, the secretary is to collect the
cash and pay it back to the bank.

EXPERIENCED CROP FAILURE

Roger Jamieson, Secretary of Dowker
Union, reports that the Local expects
to resume regular meetings soon. Owing
to the failure of crops in that vicinity,
many of the farmers are receiving aid
from the government.

THE APPLE TRADE

One of our unions in the Calgary dis-
trict had a rather interesting experi-
ence this fall, which, as the secretary
who reported the affair remarks, goes
to show that the U.F.A. is well assured
of the loyalty of a good share of the
farmers in that district at least. The
Union in question ordered a car of
apples, when orders for only about one-
half a car had been received by the
local secretary. At the same time one
of the local merchants ordered a car of
apples and immediately started an at-
tempt to injure the business the union
was doing along these lines. Different
farmers were approached in various
ways. Some were told that the best of
the apples to be disposed of by the union
were already sold and that they would
be obliged to accept second-grade stuff.
In order to influence others, he attack-
ed the judgment of the union in order-
ing the full carload, when orders had
been received for only one-half of that
amount. Others were informed that
the Farmers' Union was killing the
town and that they would soon have no
place to sell produce, etc. His argu-
ment in other cases was in the form of
a reproach for paying cash for the
commodities handled by the local union
when they had formerly come to him
for credit. This was evidently done
to intimidate those parties who might
expect to require credit in the future.

Of course, a few of the more easily in-
fluenced were persuaded to cancel their
orders with the union. The upshot of
the whole affair was that the union
disposed of the entire carload in less
than half a day, a large number being
turned away. Today, that merchant
has about one-half a carload of apples
in his store and stored away in various
cellars. The secretary of the local
union remarks that it is his opinion
that the U.F.A. at that point will handle
the local apple business this coming
year.

REACHED THE CENTURY

A. M. Phillips, secretary of Cereal
Union reports one hundred members on
the membership roll of the union, and
sixty-four members in good standing.
The annual meeting is to occur on the
first Saturday in December, and inter-
esting reports are promised in the near
future.

WILHELMINA ENTHUSIASTIC

Under date November 20, E. L. Riz-
zier, of Kerriemuir, writes concerning
Wilhelmina Union No. 609. The union
has recently resumed activity and has
installed a union scales at Kerriemuir.
Four cars of coal have been ordered
and the membership of the union is up-
wards of sixty. It is said by all the
members that the union is going to ac-
complish more good this year than it
has this past season.

AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT

A letter just received from C. A.
Fawcett, of Consort, is a model of con-
ciseness in the manner in which state-
ment of remittance is made. The re-
mittance is itemized fully, not only re-
garding membership dues and supplies,
but also as to the year for which mem-
bership dues are paid. The items of
membership dues paid in are under
three headings, arrears for 1913, dues
for 1914, and renewals for 1915. In
this way no doubt is left as to whether
the dues received are for 1914 mem-
bership or paid in advance for the com-
ing season. Just at this time of the year
there is often some confusion at this
office owing to the fact that there is a
failure to itemize remittances properly,
but we trust that this season our secre-
taries will exercise a little more care
in sending remittances to this office and
thus enable us to keep a record at this
office at all times of the paid up mem-
bership of each union, which will cor-
respond in detail with the statement on
the books of the local secretary of that
union.

WILL BUY COAL

In his letter of the 25th instant, R. I.
Houston, of Partridge Hills Union, No.
583, reports that there is a slight re-
vival of interest, and that co-operative
purchases are being considered in a con-
siderable variety of commodities, and
that a car of coal has been purchased
by the members of the union from their
local coal dealer. In the absence of
quotations from the Alberta Farmers'
Co-operative Elevator Co., arrangements
are being made with some mine direct,
as the union expects to handle ten or
twelve carloads during the winter. At
its last meeting the Patriotic and Bel-
gian Relief Funds were discussed, and
it is thought that the discussion will
assume a more substantial shape in the
near future.

A SUGGESTION

An extract from a letter from J. J.
Collins, secretary of Federal Union, No.
374, reads as follows: "As a matter of
suggestion, I would think it a good idea
to have you send out instructions that
prices issued from the Central Office
are for U.F.A. members only, and that
members would not be allowed to club
their orders with non-members. All
those advantages are what is going to
build up the unions and cause men who
are standing out to join the ranks, and
that is what we want—something that
appeals to the man's pocket."

EXECUTIVE

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 Thos. Sales, Langham
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Saskatchewan

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Dist. No. 1—B. N. Hendrichs, Outlook
 2—M. P. Roddy, Rouleau
 3—Nelson Spencer, Carnduff
 4—R. M. Johnston, Eastview
 5—J. W. Easton, Moosomin
 6—F. W. Redman, Grenfell
 7—C. O. A. Travis, Govan
 8—Thorn M. Eddy, Bethune
 9—John F. Reid, Orcadia
 10—J. L. Rooke, Tozo
 11—T. Sales, Langham
 12—Andrew Knox, Prince Albert
 13—W. H. Lilwall, Wilkie
 14—John N. Burrill, Cabri
 15—Frank Burton, Vanguard

DISTRICT CONVENTION AT MELVILLE

The following is a copy of the minutes of the convention for District No. 7, held in Melville on Nov. 17 and 18:

The meeting opened at 2 p.m. with Director C. O. A. Travis in the chair. H. C. Fleming, of Tate, was elected Convention Secretary.

Mr. Travis opened the meeting with an address, after which the Mayor of Melville, Mr. Rowand, was introduced, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. He asked that they consider the splendid town hall at their disposal at any time, stating they had five Grain Growers sitting on the Council, which they considered an honor, and concluded his remarks by wishing the organization every success for the future.

J. F. Reid replied to the Mayor's address.

A resolution committee was then appointed, consisting of Mr. Sales of the Central Executive; H. Barr, of Bangor, and Wm. Benwell, of Success.

H. Barr, of Bangor, gave a report of his organization work during the past year.

H. C. Fleming presented the financial report of the organization committee, showing a balance of \$43.85 from the voluntary contributions after deducting the organization expenses, and also gave a brief outline of the good work done by the other organizers, they being absent. Mr. Travis then introduced O. Clarke, secretary and managing director of the Govan Farmers' Co-operative Company.

Mr. Clarke outlined a very good system of accounting used at Govan, and which could be used by any society, and emphasized the value of system very plainly.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by J. F. Reid: "That we tender Mr. Clarke a vote of thanks."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That this Convention is of the opinion that the present is not a ripe time for the advancement of a retail business in connection with the Co-operative enterprises of the Association, and would request the Central Executive to discourage the idea and to concentrate its efforts on the furtherance of wholesale business. We would further ask that the Central Executive consider the advisability of establishing a uniform system of bookkeeping for local co-operative organizations, and also arrange for a system of audit from the Central Office."—Carried.

Moved by H. Barr, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That the constitution be amended so as to provide for the election at the District Conventions of their Director, with a substitute, who shall be District Director for the coming year, should the Director be chosen at the Annual Convention for a higher position in the Association."—Carried.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That the District Directors be the nominating committee of the Directors at large."—Carried.

Adjourned until 7.45 p.m.

Organization Work

On resuming, J. F. Reid gave us a very interesting address on organization, pointing out very plainly the good work the Association had done, and the opportunity for the future of the Association.

After tendering Mr. Reid a vote of thanks and the delegates discussing organization for a while, the convention adjourned until 9.30 a.m., Nov. 18. The convention resumed at 9.30 a.m., Nov. 18.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That we carry on a similar organization program to the one pursued last year."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by P. Jones: "That the Central Executive be asked to set apart a sum equal to at least \$200 per annum per district to be spent in organization work. This amount to be supplemented as far as possible by voluntary contributions from locals, and further, that all secretarial duties in connection with organization work be done from the Head Office."—Carried.

Co-operative Insurance

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by H. Barr: "That we request our Executive to consider and investigate into the advisability of the formation within our Association of both fire and life insurance for the benefit of members only."—Carried.

J. E. Paynter, Hail Insurance Commissioner, then addressed the convention, principally on the Hail Insurance question, and the delegates appeared very much interested in his remarks.

Moved by H. C. Fleming, seconded by W. A. Paul, of Govan: "That a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Paynter."—Carried.

Moved by H. Barr, seconded by W. J. Benwell: "That at all points where 100,000 bushels of grain or over is shipped annually, the railroad companies be compelled to provide facilities for the weighing of grain and other commodities delivered to and received from them in their capacity as common carriers, and that they be required to issue an official weigh ticket with each weighing."—Carried.

Moved by W. J. Benwell, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "That H. Barr and H. C. Fleming be members of organization committee."—Carried.

Moved by H. C. Fleming, seconded by H. Barr: "That Wm. Benwell be an organizer."—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Flatt, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That R. H. Bobier be a member of organization committee."—Carried.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by Dr. Flatt: "That Mr. Travis appoint an organizer for the East end of the District."—Carried.

Patriotic Acre

At the afternoon session J. B. Musselman, Central Secretary, was welcomed by the Convention, and gave an outline of the work done by the Central Office on Co-operative lines and showed the possibilities for the future of co-operative trading. Mr. Musselman also spoke briefly on the war situation.

Moved by F. H. Clarkson, seconded by H. Barr: "That this Convention heartily endorse the action of the Central Executive in recommending that every member of every Local donate the fruits of at least one acre of his cultivated land for patriotic purposes in 1915."—Carried.

Thos. Sales, of Langham, gave a short address on co-operation and outlined the work done by them at Langham. He said, "The day is past for us to go down on our knees to bankers, manufacturers, or merchants, and is ripe for us to do our business ourselves, by ourselves, for ourselves."

Moved by Hugh W. Lindsay, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "Whereas a farmer may take a mortgage with a loan company and once after a few years may go behind with his payments, proceedings are taken in court, whereby the land may be foreclosed and not sold in any way, but the mortgagee becomes the owner;

"Therefore, be it resolved: that the government of Saskatchewan should make an amendment to the Land Titles Act, whereby such a proceeding should not take place, and that all lands

against which foreclosure proceedings are taken should be sold by public auction and that the assessed valuation should be the upset price for the property, and further, that twelve months' time be extended to the mortgagor for redemption."—Carried.

Mr. Cummings, legal advisor for the Province, interested the delegates with an outline of some of the sad cases he had been working upon.

Moved by H. W. Lindsay, seconded by H. F. Proctor: "That wherever a threshing outfit is purchased, the company making the sale shall be restricted by law not to take notes or chattel mortgages in excess of the value of the machinery sold."—Carried.

Short-Weight Coal

Moved by Thos. Sales, seconded by F. H. Clarkson: "Whereas there are many cases of shortage of coal, especially in shipments from the West, and, 'Whereas the cost of freight in many cases is higher than the cost of the coal, and the consumer not only pays for the coal, which he does not get, but also pays freight on coal that the railway does not haul;

"Resolved, that the facilities at present existing and the method employed for the weighing of coal at the mines, be thoroughly investigated by the Dominion Government."—Carried.

Moved by J. Jones, seconded by H. Barr: "That the railroad fares be pooled."—Carried.

Moved by W. A. Paul, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That the motion regarding the pooling of fares be rescinded."—Carried.

Moved by G. Wilson, seconded by H. C. Fleming: "That we tender Mr. Travis a vote of thanks for the manner in which he has conducted the Convention."—Carried.

Before closing, we were invited to a concert at 7.30 p.m.

Along with the concert in the evening we had two interesting addresses by G. A. Wilson, M.A., and Dr. Flatt, of Tantallon. Mr. Wilson gave us a splendid patriotic address and Dr. Flatt spoke on the G.G.A. The musical program was a credit to the people of Melville, and the audience appreciated the whole of the program very much.

F. H. Clarkson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson and Dr. Flatt.

C. O. A. Travis moved a vote of thanks to the City for the splendid spirit in which they had received and entertained.

The following is a list of those present:—Fred H. Clarkson, Melville; C. O. A. Travis, Govan; H. P. Barr, Bangor; P. Jones, Bangor; C. Bligh, Gerald; Mrs. H. P. Barr, Bangor; F. Potts, Raymore; H. F. Proctor, Fenwood; Thos. Sales, Langham; W. A. Paul, Govan; J. E. McIntyre, Govan; G. Wilson, Govan; H. C. Fleming, Tate; J. F. Reid, Orcadia; John A. Fortune, Winnipeg; W. J. Benwell, Birmingham; Charles McLay, Melville; F. Wotherspoon, Melville; J. Wren, Melville, Mrs. J. Wren, Melville; H. W. Lindsay, Melville; J. O. Clarke, Govan; J. E. Paynter, Regina; Dr. Flatt, Tantallon; J. B. Musselman, Moose Jaw; J. E. Smith, Birmingham; F. Wotherspoon, Melville; O. Wotherspoon, Melville; H. Ball, Melville; F. Rogers, Melville; George Reed, Melville.

ADVERTISING PAYS

Dear Sir:—I note your advertisement regarding Grain Growers' Association. Have been talking to neighbors and find some interested. I will try to get an Association organized in this locality if you will send me particulars regarding same, also any literature that will help to interest prospective members.

C. BURTMAN.

HALBRITE'S BIG MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find money order for \$13.50, membership fees for 27 new members to Halbrite G. G. A. We have passed the century mark by a nice margin and it is our aim and ambition to enroll 200 members by the end of 1914. The present membership covers territory extending from Hinton on the East to Goodwater on the West. Much credit is due our directors for their untiring energy in the matter of increasing the membership.

The following were appointed delegates to attend the District Convention from this Association, and it is probable that about twenty members of this Association, exclusive of delegates, will attend the Convention: J. Hodgen, L. G. Jones, J. S. Walters, John Achen, George T. Everdell, J. W. Sherrow, Max Ewers, John Nichol, A. F. Eddy, Mrs. A. F. Eddy, Mrs. Emma Peterson and Mrs. Lucy Tobey.

A. F. EDDY,
 Sec. Halbrite G.G.A.

SEEING THE BENEFITS

Dear Sir:—Find enclosed the sum of \$3.00, being the amount due to Central. We are getting along very well for youngsters, but hope to be far stronger next year, as the people around here are seeing the benefits they are able to gain by being members and dealing thru the Central Association.

E. W. BERGENIE,
 Sec. Delightful Valley Ass'n.

ANOTHER NEW ONE

Keppel has organized a local under most promising conditions, sending in an order for a carload of coal at the same time as reporting the organization of the local. The following is a list of the officers and directors: President, Jos. Winter; Vice-President, J. B. Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, L. Ninineo; Directors, J. D. McFeeters, George James, F. Jackson, J. Wallas, D. Brickey and H. Hawkins.

J. B. M.

WYNYARD LADIES REPORT

Dear Sir:—The ladies of this district organized a Women's Auxiliary this summer. Owing to hard times we decided not to collect fees until after threshing, hence this delay in sending our fees. I am now enclosing \$7.50 membership fees.

So far our Association has been a huge success. We had a fowl supper a few weeks ago, the proceeds being \$60. We are fitting up a rest room in town and hope to have same completed before the Wynyard District Convention in order that we may entertain the women delegates. We were all well satisfied with the fruit received from you.

MISS S. CHRISTIANSON,
 Sec. Wynyard W. G. G. A.

POLICE INTERFERED

Dear Sir:—Some time ago I wrote you regarding writing pads. You informed me that you were getting out some new ones and that you would forward a sample to me. Kindly send same at once if you have them, as I will have to purchase a supply immediately and would like to see what you have before doing so.

With regard to car of apples recently purchased thru you I might say that we sold them all in two days and I believe I could dispose of one-half car more if I had them. I checked the car over carefully and found the number correct, altho the number of barrels to the kind mentioned in bill was not the same, some being more and some being less, but taking it all in all we are well satisfied with the fruit. I might say that the local merchants are so hot against our Association that they sent the village constable to demand my license for selling the apples. Three of the village merchants are the council.

A. E. STEELE,
 Sec. Ruddell Local.

OFFICERS:	
Honorary President:	J. W. Scallion
President:	Virden
Vice-President:	R. C. Henders
Secretary-Treasurer:	Culross
	Oakville
	Winnipeg

STRATHCLAIR'S ENCOURAGING REPORT

Enclosed please find order for \$4.50, being balance on hand for this year. This brings our membership up to 67 for this year, and, besides, we have 49 paid-up members to begin the new year with.

F. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary Strathclair Branch.

A COMMUNITY CLUB

The following is not exactly a report from the Springhill G.G.A., but from a committee meeting in which the Grain Growers are very much interested. We are trying to work a scheme whereby we may all co-operate thru the church in our district, making it the centre of activities for the benefit of all. Following is the report:—

The Grain Growers have received from the Central Office a program of subjects on "Rural Citizenship," and purpose holding weekly meetings to study the different subjects of the program. Those interested in the church and the religious welfare of the community were desirous of starting some kind of weekly meeting in the church. A few of the active members in the church and the G.G.A. discussed the possibility of having the different organizations co-operate and centralize their efforts thru the church and make the church the social centre of the community. The result was that a committee appointed by the G.G.A. and one appointed by the church met on Monday evening Nov. 23, to discuss the matter and if possible decide on some course to pursue. After an interesting discussion, which brought out a variety of thoughts and ideas, it was decided to organize under the name, "Springhill Community Club" with an executive of two representatives from each of the following organizations in the community: The church, the Sunday school, the Women's Missionary Society, the Orangemen and the Grain Growers' Association. This executive is to appoint a president and secretary from among its own number. A program was arranged for the first two meetings, and the subject for the first meeting, Thursday, Nov. 26, is, "What Some Other Communities Have Done," taken by the Pastor, Mr. Kenner. The program for the following Thursday, Dec. 3, is divided in three parts, each speaker having ten minutes; first, "What Has This Community Done?" by Geo. A. Baker; second, "What Can This Community Do?" by W. A. A. Rowe; third, "What Will This Community Do?" by A. J. M. Poole.

The subjects for study and the nature of the meetings will be arranged by the executive from time to time so as to suit all concerned, and all meetings will be open for discussion. The object in starting this organization is to provide a way in which the community may help itself to develop socially, intellectually and religiously and bring about a better rural citizenship.

A. J. M. POOLE,
Secretary of Committee Meeting.

A SECRETARY'S LETTER

One of our secretaries writes:—
"Some secretaries are a little bashful in asking for the \$1 for membership fee and evidently a great many need to be asked. I don't know why, seeing that each one saves a great many dollars on every car of stuff that we get in. When a car of apples or flour reaches here one would imagine that our Association must be very strong, when in fact, we are only thirty-two paid-up. Sometimes we are glad to get anyone's order, in order to fill the car, but the time is not far distant when this style of doing things will be done away with, then everyone will have to join to reap the benefit. Take our last car of flour, we got Royal Household at \$2.55, the same day I saw one farmer with a few sacks the same grade at \$3.25. I was glad I saw him

as I had been anxious to have him join our Association. When I pointed out the difference, all he had to say was, 'For all he needed, it was not worth while joining our Association.' Then you will find some, rather than pay the dollar, they will get their neighbor to get them what they need. It's rather a mean way of doing, and a poor way to help the Association along. If those few who resort to such methods would only think twice over this they would see that they are reaping a benefit at other people's expense. I don't know whether a good or a bad secretary-treasurer is best. I know that the more satisfactory a secretary-treasurer the harder it is for him to secure meetings. At our last meeting to decide on a carload of flour and feed there was only three members, including the writer and one merchant, the merchant was there to try and secure the order and got it. Then some members are in the habit of paying membership fees in the fall, so I am expecting quite a few to join yet.

"I believe a good crop or two will see the farmers working more together than ever, that is, if the mortgage companies ever let the farmer get his head above water. It's a life and death struggle with a great many farmers this year to hold what they have, and unless cheap money shows up soon quite a number will go to the wall."

A GREAT STIMULUS

Enclosed please find express order for \$10, being membership fees for 1914. During the last week we have bought, thru the Grain Growers' Grain Company, two cars of coal which has been a great stimulus as regards enrolling members, as they are all highly pleased both with price and quality of same. Your truly,

H. J. ELLIS,
Secretary, Homefield G.G.A.

ORGANIZER McCUIISH REPORTS

The following is a report from Mr. McCuish for two weeks ending Nov. 28:—

Leaving Winnipeg Nov. 10, my first stop was at Plum Coulee, here I got in touch with a number of farmers, but did not get encouragement enough to call a meeting with hopes of organizing. A number of Plum Coulee district belong to Winkler branch, where they get the benefit of co-operative buying. The educational and social feature of our work does not appeal to them. From Plum Coulee I went to Winkler and there I met Mr. Dycke, the secretary of Winkler branch, who was busy distributing two carloads of apples to the members. After a conference with him, I went to the village of Rinefelt, but was unable to organize. Returning to Winkler, Mr. Dycke gave me a letter of introduction to some farmers in Rhineland village. Next morning the Winkler livery man drove me out to the village, which is 14 miles south. Here I met a number who were deeply interested in our Association from a co-operative point of view. The following night, Friday, the 13th, we held a meeting in Froese's blacksmith shop. There were eighteen present, and seventeen joined the Association. Rhineland village is the oldest village in the Mennonite Reserve, being founded in 1875. Our Grain Growers' meeting was the first public meeting ever held there. After the election of officers, the Secretary, A. D. Hiebert, paid over to me \$7, being fifty cents for each member paying his dues, also two dollars for my livery hire. Returning to Winkler, Saturday morning, I drove out to Kronsart for a meeting I had arranged for for that night. On account of it being stormy and dark, many of the farmers who had declared their intention of attending, did not get out to the meeting. However, as is often the case where farmers are in earnest, there was no lack of interest.

We succeeded in organizing with Mr.

Manitoba

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Wiebe as secretary, and A. Toews as president. There were eight present, six paid their dues and two dollars for my livery hire, returning to Winkler for Sunday. On Monday afternoon I went to Morden, where I met a number of members from the different branches in that district and made arrangements for a grand Grain Growers' rally to be held in Morden on Friday, Nov. 27. From Morden I went south 12 miles to North Star, where I had a meeting arranged for Wednesday night, the 18th, but the weather was against us, and as there is no shed for accommodation for horses at North Star school, only four farmers who were within walking distance were present. However, we had a round-table conference and finally decided to postpone further action till near spring.

Returning to Morden on Thursday, I went west to Whitewater, and assisted the farmers of that district to organize four miles south of Whitewater. The little country school house was well filled with farmers of the district. Thirty-two of those present joined the association and paid their dues. Returning to Morden on Saturday, I went on Monday in company with Robert Longhurst to Mountain City—Mountain City, by the way, was a place of some prominence before the C. P. R. built their Southern Manitoba line. Since then it has not had a place on the map till the farmers got together and organized a branch of the Manitoba Association on Nov. 24.

CHEAP CORDWOOD

Some time ago I received a letter from you asking me to quote you prices on cordwood. I quoted you poplar at \$2.50, and tamarac at \$4.50, f.o.b., Arborg, but I have not received an answer yet. Some members have shipped cordwood both to Winnipeg and to the small towns south and west of Winnipeg and find the dealings with the farmers far more satisfactory than with the wood dealers in the city.

It occurred to me that you are in a position to get in touch with a lot of the Western farmers that have to buy fuel. If you could handle wood at the above mentioned prices please write to me, as farmers here have a lot of wood for sale.

W. SIGVALDSON,
Secretary, Geysir Branch.
Geysir P.O., Man.

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

This is the time that all our branches should hold their annual meetings to receive reports of the officers for the last year, elect officers and make arrangements for carrying on the work for the coming year. The usefulness of the movement to every community, largely depends on electing officers who believe in the Grain Growers' movement and who have a conviction that many of the grievances and difficulties under which farming is conducted in this province can be removed by the farmers getting closer together and supporting the organized effort that is being made for improving rural conditions. We need men who have faith in themselves and in their fellow farmers, unselfish men who think it a privilege to help others and do good in their community.

BRANDON CONVENTION

Do not forget the Brandon convention. That is where the policies of the organization are decided on. Let every branch have their delegates there and have their say in what we ought to do in the future. Bring your wives to the convention. There is a place in every phase of the Grain Growers' movement for the farmers' wives and the farmer's family. Special efforts are being made to make this convention attractive for the women from the farm. A program is being arranged and one evening of the week is going to be devoted exclusively to the social side.

Directors:

Peter Wright, Myrtle; R. M. Wilson, Marringhurst; P. D. McArthur, Longburn; Frank Simpson, Shoal Lake; W. H. English, Harding; R. J. Avison, Gilbert Plains.

WAR RELIEF FUNDS

Birnie Heard From

I am sending you \$130, being the proceeds of our Patriotic Concert held here. This we want to go to the relief of the Belgians. Be sure this money goes to this cause.

WM. DENOON,
Sec.-Treas., Birnie, G.G.A.

Angusville's Contribution

Please find enclosed money order for \$79.50. Please apply \$75.00 of this to the Belgian Relief Fund from our branch; the balance of \$4.50 being dues to the Central Association.

Angusville Branch Man. G.G.,
per J. W. BELL, Secretary.

From Valley River

Enclosed please find money order for \$80 to be applied to the Belgian Relief Fund. Some of our members have not yet paid in; this will follow shortly. Most of the subscribers favor the money being sent to the relief of the Belgian sufferers.

BEN. F. BOUGHEN,
Secretary, Valley River G.G.A.

Beaver's Gift

Enclosed please find \$76.25 from the Grain Growers of Beaver to be applied to the Belgian Relief Fund.

BEN. RICHARDSON,
Secretary, Beaver G.G.A.

Miami, also

Enclosed please find order for \$31, a donation from the Miami Grain Growers' Association. The following are the names of those who have contributed to this fund up to date:—J. Bowman, \$5; H. Humphrey, \$5; A. C. Hamilton, \$5; C. F. Smith, \$3; J. Parkerson, \$2; J. A. Kennedy, \$2; H. Johnson, \$1; W. Montgomery, \$1; D. Lawson, \$1; J. Weiner, \$1; West Cassett, \$1; F. Sisp, \$1; J. Trill, \$1; C. W. Hefford, \$1; W. Sprout, \$1.

WAR RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged....	\$1,480.85
Valley River	80.00
Ninga and District	327.00
Birnie	130.00
Angusville	75.00
Beaver	76.25
Miami	31.00

Total

\$2,200.10
The secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association last week issued a cheque for \$2,000 to A. J. H. Dubuc, Belgian Consul, as the first instalment of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association branches' cash contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr. Dubuc states that there is yet urgent need of relief to the Belgian people. Imagine a population of nearly seven million men, women and children, nearly the whole population of a nation, facing the cold winter and destitute of food and clothing. Ruthlessly deprived of everything they owned, thru no fault of their own, but to gratify the lust for power of a supposed Christian nation, the need of these people appeals to all right-thinking people. That the sympathy of the people of Canada and the United States is aroused in their behalf is indicated by the carloads of food stuff and other supplies that are now being sent to them. There is yet very great need for more. In addition to cash contributions, any donation of food, clothing, new or old, for women, men and children, blankets of wool, shoes or any other article of practical use to people who are destitute will be gladly received.

Arrangements have been made with the railway and express companies that any contributions in kind addressed to A. J. H. Dubuc, Belgian Consul, Winnipeg, for the benefit of the Belgian sufferers, will be carried free of charge. These contributions will be collected in Winnipeg and as soon as a carload is collected it will be forwarded to Montreal, where shiploads are accumulated and from which port it is sent direct to Belgium.

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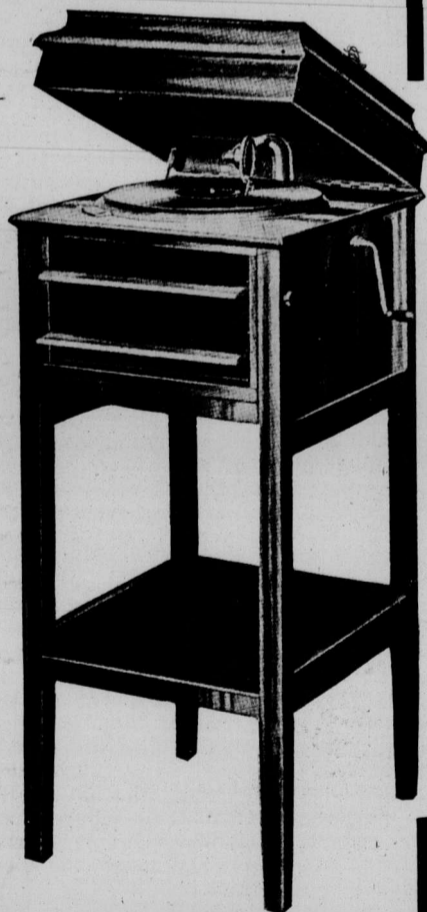
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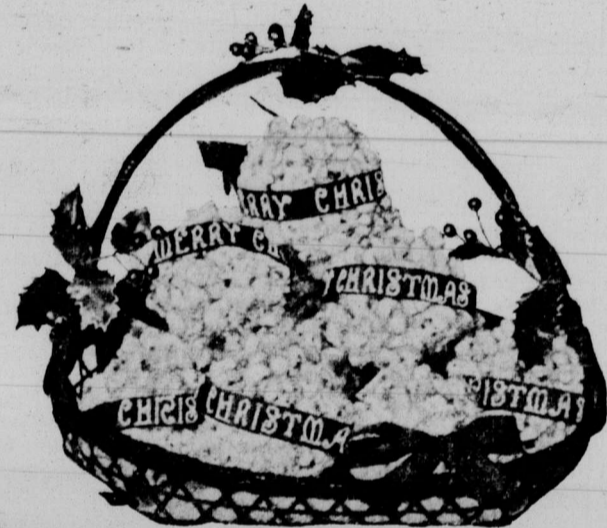
Popped Corn Balls. No. I.—Pop corn, pick over (discarding kernels that have not popped), and put in large kettle; there should be three quarts. Sprinkle with one-half teaspoonful of salt. Melt one tablespoonful of butter in saucepan and add one cupful of molasses and one-half cupful of sugar. Bring to the boiling point and let boil until mixture will become brittle when tried in cold water. Pour mixture gradually, while stirring constantly, over corn, turning the corn frequently that the kernels may be well coated. Shape into balls, using as little pressure as possible.

Corn Balls No. II.—Pop corn, pick over, and put in a large kettle; there should be five quarts. Put two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of white syrup, one-third teaspoonful of salt, and one and one-half cupfuls of water in saucepan. Bring to the boiling point, and let boil without stirring until

through top of each the entire length thus leaving a ridge of the chocolate on top.

Fruit Paste, if packed in layers in a Christmas box or basket, makes an appropriate gift well suited to the palate of the average man. When packing, put a piece of paraffin paper between each two layers. Pick over and remove stones from one pound of dates. Mix fruit with one-half pound each, filberts and English walnut meats, and force through a meat chopper. Work, using the hands, on a board dredged with confectioner's sugar, until well blended. Pat and roll to one-fourth inch in thickness, using confectioner's sugar for dredging board and pin. Shape with a small, round cutter, first dipped in sugar, or cut in three-fourths-inch squares, using a sharp knife. Roll each piece in confectioner's sugar, and shake to remove superfluous sugar.

It is well to have for the Christmas spread a large ornamented Cake which will do as well for the children as for the grown-ups. Here is a description of just such a one, in which pound cake and lady fingers recipes were used. It makes a very attractive centerpiece for the table when finished. The top and sides of the large cake were covered with confectioner's frosting, and the words "Merry Christmas" cut from angelica, first softened in warm water, were placed; then little, hard round red candies and halves of pistachio nuts were added for extra garnish. The lady fingers were arranged,



thermometer registers 260 degrees F. Add one teaspoonful of vinegar and one tablespoonful of vanilla, and continue the boiling until thermometer reaches 264 degrees F. Remove from range and pour over corn gradually, while stirring constantly. Make into balls, using as little pressure as possible. The corn balls shown in the illustration were made by following recipe No. II. Wintergreen flavoring may be used in place of vanilla.

A home-made **French Nougat** has a very professional look if you but follow the rule carefully. Put one-half pound confectioner's (not powdered) sugar in a saucepan, place on range and stir constantly until melted; then add one-fourth pound of Jordon almonds, blanched and finely chopped. Pour on a slightly oiled marble slab. As mixture spreads fold toward center, using a broad-bladed knife, keeping mixture constantly in motion. Divide in four parts, and as soon as cool enough to handle shape in long rolls, about one-third inch in diameter, keeping well in motion, until almost cold. When cold snap in pieces one and one-half inches long. This is accomplished by holding roll at point to be snapped over the sharp edge of a broad-bladed knife, and snapping. Melt confectioner's dipping chocolate in a small saucepan placed in a larger saucepan, containing boiling water, and beat with a fork two minutes. Dip pieces separately in chocolate and with a two-tined fork or bon-bon dipper remove to oiled paper or paraffin paper, drawing dipper

pressed slightly into the frosting, and tied with a red ribbon, while a small bunch of holly completed the decoration.

Pound Cakes.—Work one and three-fourths cupfuls of butter until creamy, and add three cupfuls of flour (pastry, once sifted) gradually, while beating constantly. Beat the yolks of ten eggs until thick and lemon-colored, and add three cupfuls of powdered sugar gradually, while beating constantly. Combine mixtures, add whites of ten eggs, beaten until stiff, and sift over two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Beat vigorously and turn into a buttered and floured round tin. Bake in a moderate oven one and one-half hours.

Fruit Fudge.—Boil three cupfuls of granulated sugar, three teaspoonfuls of cocoa, three-quarters of a cupful of milk and one tablespoonful of butter. When it will form a soft ball in cold water, add one-half cupful each of chopped raisins and nuts, one-quarter of a cupful of cocoanut and three-quarters of a cupful of figs, cut in small pieces. Pour into a buttered pan and when partly cool, mark into squares.

Peanut Fudge.—Boil three cupfuls of brown sugar with one cupful of milk until a soft ball can be formed in cold water; take from the fire, add two tablespoonfuls of peanut butter and beat until creamy. Pour into a buttered pan and mark in squares when cool.

Live Stock

STEER FEEDING

Editor, Guide:—On page 30 (1222) of your issue of October 28, you give the results of feeding steers at Lacombe Experimental Station. The experiment, altho of great value in some directions, fails so far as the farmer is concerned in that the farmer, to make feeding pay well, should only use the by-products of the land. For instance, a catch crop of spring rye used as hay and grown in early summer on the land to be summer fallowed; corn sowed in hills and well cultivated, used either as ensilage or fed from the shock, the land to be used for grain the next year.

Great areas of land in the West are now growing not only wheat but from a quarter to a half of the crop is wild oats. The question is, how to clean this land at the least expense. Summerfallow will not and is expensive, giving no return that year. Corn grown on the same land for a few years will clean it. Sixty day barley sown on the same land for a few years will also do it. There is good reason to believe fall rye sown on fallow in August and pastured during the fall and spring and then made hay of in June or allowed to ripen in July will clean land and give good returns.

To get the returns the crop must, in most cases, be fed, as the barley and

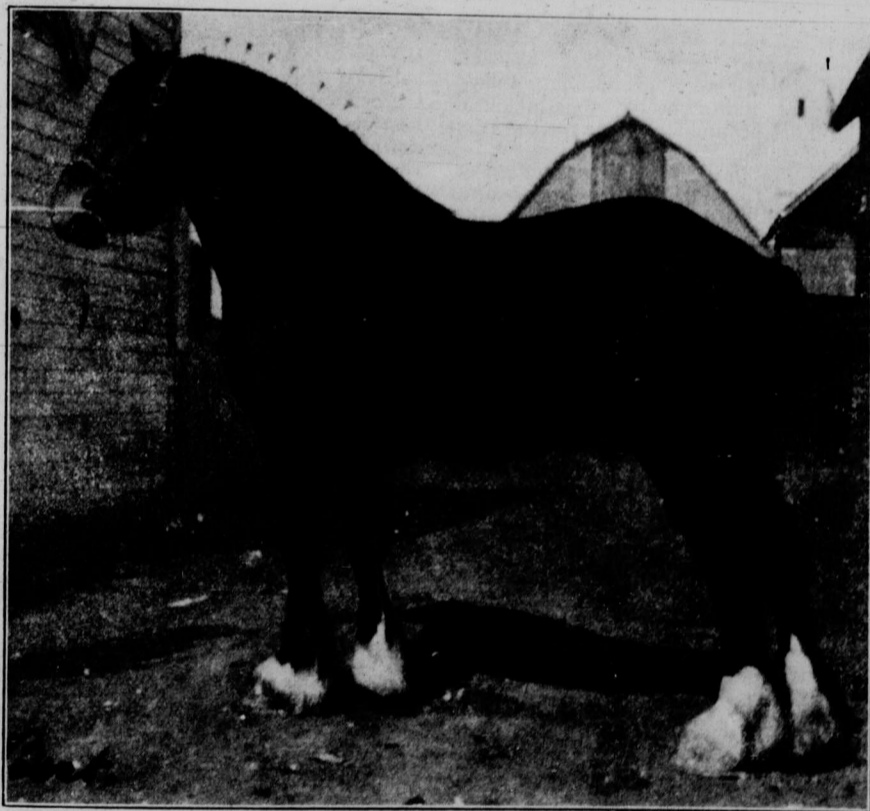
breeding stock only would be held on April 21, 22 and 23. It is the intention of the Directors to again add the additional classes necessary to hold an evening show as soon as conditions warrant it. The prize list will be published at an early date.

The following resolution regarding unsound horses entered in Canada was adopted:—

"That whereas a very considerable number of registered horses and mares are annually imported into Canada, and whereas it is prejudicial to the horse-breeding industry of Canada to have pure-bred horses of either sex afflicted with hereditary unsoundness brought into Canada for breeding purposes, resolved, that this association respectfully asks the Dominion Department of Agriculture not to allow any pure-bred stallion or mare afflicted with any hereditary unsoundness to be brought into Canada for breeding purposes. Also, that where stallions over three years old are imported for breeding purposes, satisfactory evidence must be produced as to the virility of the stallion before being allowed into Canada."

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rye are often of little value on the market. Under these circumstances the feed cannot be charged for at any market price, as unless fed on the farm to stock it is of little value. Crops sold direct from the land generally pay best.

Our land, however, in the older settlements, has become so foul that we must clean it by rotation in cropping. Cattle, then, are an essential part in marketing some crops, and to find whether they pay or not must not be taken as a separate department of farming operations, but as an indispensable part of the whole.

It is misleading, also, to figure profit in steer feeding on the basis of market prices instead of cost of production.

J. B.

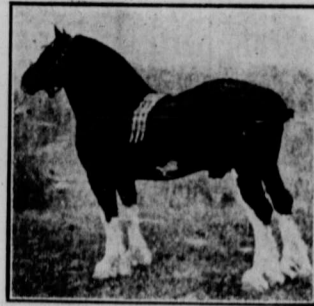
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ALBERTA HORSE-BREEDERS MEET

A well-attended meeting of the Directors of the Alberta Horse-Breeders' Association was held in Calgary, Nov. 27, the President, Geo. Lane, presiding. The question of the holding of a horse show next spring was considered, and it was finally decided that a show of

and counties in the area affected by the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease, most of the interest in the appearance of this dread cattle disease has subsided. It would be well, however, not to neglect altogether even here in Canada, where up to the present no case has appeared, any precaution which can be taken to do away with the possibility of any outbreaks of this disease. Any suspicious case should be instantly reported so that the symptoms can be examined by an experienced veterinarian of the veterinary-general's department at Ottawa.

It seems that blame is being placed upon the Bureau of Animal Industry in the States for the widespread outbreak of the disease. It is claimed that failure to diagnose foot and mouth disease in the initial outbreak at Niles, Mich., is responsible for the wide spread of the disease and all the untold loss and trouble that have followed in its train. Hence it is imperative that prompt action be taken on the part of any farmer who has the least suspicion that any of his animals are affected with anything approaching the symptoms of foot and



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mouth disease. In a recent issue of the Breeders' Gazette the managing editor, in the course of a tour of inspection of the infected pure-bred cattle which are being treated in Chicago, gives the following excellent description of the symptoms of this disease: "No sane man can inspect these cattle and not admit the presence of a distinct infectious disease. Running at the nose, slobbering, smacking of the lips, water blisters on the nose, lips, tongue, roof of mouth and between the cleft of the hoof, with more or less lameness, and a most peculiar characteristic 'back-kick' as the animal walks, as if trying to throw out something that has found lodgement between the toes of the hind feet—these are unimpeachable manifestations of foot and mouth disease. The blisters break, discharge a yellowish serum and leave raw spots which, in this outbreak, heal rapidly."

A seven page pamphlet, prepared by Dr. J. G. Rutherford, formerly veterinary director general for Canada, outlines fully the symptoms and appearance of the disease, with its treatment and preventive measures. Copies of this pamphlet, which is No. 9 of the Health of Animals Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, can be obtained by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

POLLED CATTLE COMING

It would seem that prejudice and custom rather than common sense and reason account for the long toleration of horns. Every year the papers contain items of some poor fellow gored to death by a vicious bull. The writer tried conclusions once with a mean tempered old Jersey and came off second best. Cattle are constantly being injured by bad actors of their own persuasion. Polled cattle get along better together and make more economical gains for the feed they consume.

There are three ways of getting rid of horns. The most drastic way is to dehorn all cattle on the place with clippers or saw. This is a messy operation and takes time and labor. Another plan is to touch the "buttons" of new-born calves with a stick of moistened caustic potash. This puts the kibosh on the horns of that animal forever. The best way is to breed the horns off. There are definite breeds of polled cattle, and a few crosses with horned beasts soon produces a herd of pure breeds or grades, whichever suits the fancy or the pocket book of the owner.

Long continued indifference of stockmen to the polled types of cattle may be regarded as an obstacle to any sudden change. Still, the man who reads the signs of the times will be inclined to agree with the old cow-man that ten years will witness an era of general hornlessness.

A Chicago Sale

There was held recently in Chicago a public sale of polled Herefords. The writer attended this sale and, altho he is a no-horn advocate, he was surprised at the brisk demand for these cattle and the prices they brought. Eighty-eight head of registered polled cattle, including a few aged bulls and cows and a generous proportion of young stuff, were sold at this sale at an average price of \$280 a head. Some scrubby looking bull calves brought a hundred or more each and one yearling bull was knocked down for \$1,250.

Col. Carey Jones and Col. Fred Reppert, who chaperoned the affair, stated afterwards that in all their experience as livestock auctioneers they had never seen so many cattle sold in so short a time—two hours and fifteen minutes. The bidding was lively and this herd was dispersed to the four winds, except that none went to the range country of the far West.

These cattle were only fair specimens of the breed. The writer has seen many horned Herefords of higher class and finer finish. They had not been fitted for show purposes, but were range cattle from Ontario, raised under commercial rather than blue-ribbon conditions.

One prominent breeder was overheard to say: "I am going home to saw off every horn." Probably he was only joking but there was evident a trace of seriousness in his remark. Several horned Hereford men bought polled bulls to cross on their pres-

ent-herds with the expectation of gradually polling the entire number.

It may not be well understood that polled Herefords are eligible to registry in the American Record as well as the Polled Record, nor that the offspring of a cross between a polled and a horned Hereford is eligible to both associations if polled, and to the American Record if not polled, provided, of course, that dam and sire are properly registered.

Farm Experiences TO CONTROL WILD OATS

I find that summerfallow is not very satisfactory for controlling wild oats. I had a field which I summerfallowed in 1913, and I was very careful not to allow any oats on it to seed. The land was kept well harrowed and with the wet summer all wild oats should have grown. Still the field grew quite a lot of wild oats this summer. In doing summerfallow I find it a good plan to cut the weeds with a mower before plowing, the plow will then turn them in much cleaner. I had a field that was thick with wild oats, which I plowed early last spring, packing as I plowed. Then I let it lay for about three weeks; the oats came up good and thick. I then cultivated the field with a broad tooth cultivator, using lots of pressure so as to keep it well down. Then I harrowed twice, seeded with barley and packed again. This field raised a fairly clean crop, and also stood the dry weather well. It is one of the best jobs I have done yet killing wild oats.

I find that wild oats do not start well in the late summer, or in the fall. Therefore, there is not as much to be gained by discing the stubble in the fall, as many people seem to think, especially as the discs do not cover more than half of the grain at best. I prefer to plow the land thoroughly in the fall, then cultivate thoroughly in the spring after the wild oats have started. I find the best way of all to kill them is to seed down to grass for a few years, and be very careful not to let any seed in the grass while it is sown down.

F. W. K.—Sask

SUCCESSFUL SUMMERFALLOW

The next two years will see a great movement in wheat growing. Many have learned by experience how to get the most out of an acre and for those who have not been getting good returns, my experience may be worth something.

My idea had been to get all I could out of the land right away and to this end I broke up land as long as I had time to plow, then at the end of the season disked it over a few times and the next spring put in my wheat, dreaming about the big acreage I was going to have.

Sometimes the yield was fair, at other seasons, if the weather was dry, the yield was poor. Land that had been cropped two or three years gave a crop too short to cut properly, which resulted in much waste and a yield that did not pay expenses.

I then thought to try out some of the improved methods of farming or else give it up altogether. To this end I broke up fifteen acres, packed the furrows down at once to keep out air and give it a chance to rot, went over once with disk harrows set almost straight, and drag harrowed it once. In the fall when I disked it I found the land well rotted and easily worked up. The furrows were not cut right thru so as to turn up lumps with grass side up, but I set disk harrows so as to work up a good mellow bed without throwing any sod up on edge—always going lengthwise of the furrows. The next year I had a splendid crop and felt well paid for the extra trouble.

This set me thinking and I started to get my summerfallow done after better methods. The result was double the yield—from getting fifteen bushels to the acre I now received thirty-one bushels to the acre, and this year some went thirty-five and not a first class season at that.

I gave this land the following treatment: In the spring, as soon as convenient, I disk harrowed the stubble and drag harrowed it as soon as weeds started to grow. Thus there were no large weeds to take the moisture and strength out of the soil. This was plowed in July—drag harrowed and packed within a day of plowing and again harrowed after rain or if weeds showed. Seed was well cleaned and sowed 1½ bushels to acre and soil again packed, then harrowed when up 5 inches.—W. H. G.—Alta

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DESICCATED AND FROZEN EGGS

In the Scientific American, Otto Maurer under the above title gives us some interesting facts regarding the frozen and desiccated egg business which is of late years acquiring much popularity, from which we quote as follows:

"The young industry of desiccating eggs and preserving them by freezing the egg contents in bulk, seems destined to have a great future and to revolutionize the egg industry of this country. The desiccated product not only furnishes an excellent and highly nutritious substitute for fresh eggs, in compact form, to campers, explorers, sailors, and soldiers, but there is an increasing demand for it for general culinary purposes, and wherever eggs are used in large quantities, as for instance, in bakeries and restaurants. The product appears in the market chiefly in the form of golden yellow flakes, which are made ready for use by simply dissolving them in water.

"A visit to a factory where desiccated and frozen eggs are prepared gives one a fair impression of the magnitude of the egg industry in general.

"As the eggs arrive in the familiar egg crates from the dealers and small commission merchants they are immediately placed into a large refrigerated room, where they are quickly cooled to a point just above freezing to stop the growth of germs and to prevent decay during subsequent handling. The chilled eggs are then transferred, as soon as possible, to the candling room.

"All eggs that will not stand shipment and that are unfit for the expensive cold storage, go to the breaking room. This includes all cracked, dirty, watery eggs, and others that are perfectly fit for consumption, but which would be likely to spoil or break during further shipment or prolonged cold storage. In the breaking room, cleanliness is even before godliness. This room is provided with a system of refrigeration pipes so that the temperature can be kept low enough to prevent the growth of the germs that are always present, even in the best of eggs. The cups into which eggs are broken, and all other utensils, such as cans, etc., that come in contact with the egg meat, show a smooth surface.

Separating White From Yolk

"The girls who break the eggs are required to be neat and have clean hands. As each egg is broken into a glass cup, the girl smells it, and if she detects an odor, the egg is discarded. There is a large demand for egg-preparations consisting of white or yolk alone, or in various proportions. Therefore, the white is separated from the yolk by means of a simple mechanical device which insures cleanliness. Dirty eggs are not fit for this work because during separation there is too much danger of contamination with bacteria and fecal matter from the shells. The mere fact that the white and yolk can be separated is a proof of the good quality, because a weak yolk is one of the earliest signs of decomposition, and such an egg cannot be broken without getting the yolk and the white mixed.

"The egg meat is transferred to a large, closed mechanical churn provided with a brine cooling jacket, and is thoroughly churned for about half an hour. To make the frozen product, the churned egg-meat is distributed into 50-pound cans, which have first been sterilized in live steam. The cans are immediately transferred to a refrigerator, where the contents are frozen solid in a short time, at a temperature of several degrees below zero. Here they are kept until they are shipped in refrigerated cars to hotels, restaurants, bakers and dealers.

The Drying Process

"The egg meat intended for conversion into the dry product, is taken to the drying room as soon as possible after leaving the churn. The drying apparatus consists principally of a long

flexible metal belt, which revolves in a hot air chamber, around two big drums. The strong air current applied in drying is filtered and heated by steam coils before coming into contact with the egg meat. The temperature of the air is regulated automatically so that it will never reach a point at which it might coagulate the egg and render it insoluble. Of course, the egg meat never gets as hot as the surrounding air, because it rapidly loses water thru evaporation, and this evaporation reduces the temperature. At one end of the hot air chamber the belt is exposed for a short distance, and here the egg mixture runs upon the belt along its whole width in a continuous stream. The egg meat is supplied by gravity from a large cooled cylindrical tank, which is suspended several feet above the outlet.

"The belt makes one complete revolution in 15 minutes. This is sufficient to dry the thin layer of egg, and not long enough to permit a multiplication of the bacteria in it, as it takes the bacteria at least half an hour to divide by fission. As the egg meat is applied to the belt in a continual stream, several layers of egg are superimposed upon each other. When the whole layer of dried egg has reached the desired thickness, the further application of egg is stopped and the thin film of dried egg is scraped off the belt by a mechanical steel scraper. The resulting dry egg is now in the form of fine golden-yellow flakes, which are placed on sieves of various mesh size and exposed to a current of dry-heated air, in a special room. Here the drying process is completed. The finished product, which contains only about 5 per cent. moisture, can be kept in cold storage indefinitely without deteriorating. At room temperature it changes slowly, finally acquiring a fishy-odor and losing its solubility.

"The conversion of eggs into the frozen and desiccated product should become a great stimulus to the egg industry of this country. In fact, it opens up the European market to the American egg. The cold storage of eggs only retards, but does not prevent deterioration. With the modern methods of freezing and desiccating eggs, on the other hand, it is possible to obtain a product which retains for a long period the qualities of fresh eggs.

The Export Trade

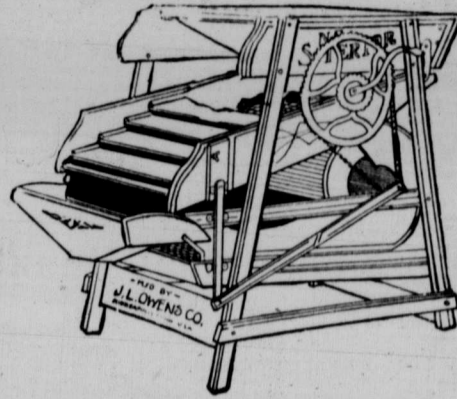
"Desiccating also greatly reduces the weight and bulk of the eggs, one pound of the dry product representing about 3 1/2 pounds of the raw egg-meat obtained from thirty eggs. This means an enormous saving in freight and storage charges. When it is remembered that the high price of eggs in our large cities is chiefly due to the high cost of transportation and storage of the bulky shell eggs, and to the great losses arising from their decay and breakage during transit, the value of the freezing and desiccating industries will be appreciated.

"In spite of all these advantages, savings and conveniences that the use of frozen and desiccated egg offers, there seems to be quite a popular prejudice against it. This is due partly to the fact that a few dealers have placed on the market, or sold clandestinely for food purposes, frozen and desiccated rotten eggs. A large amount of eggs that are unfit for food are worked up into so-called 'tanners' eggs,' to be used in the treatment of fine leathers. In the preparation of tanners' eggs, the sound portion of spot eggs, eggs showing bloodings, and tainted eggs are used. After desiccation the product can hardly be distinguished by its physical appearance, from a similar preparation obtained from perfectly good eggs."

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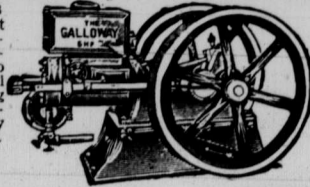
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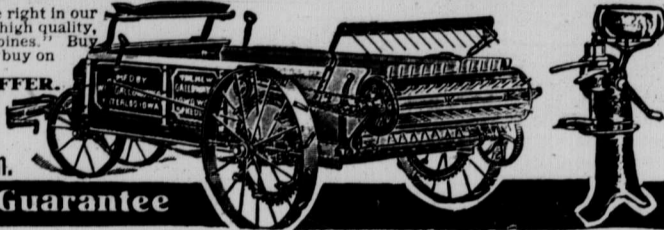
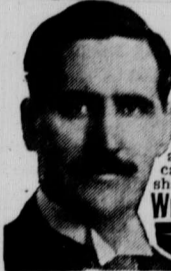
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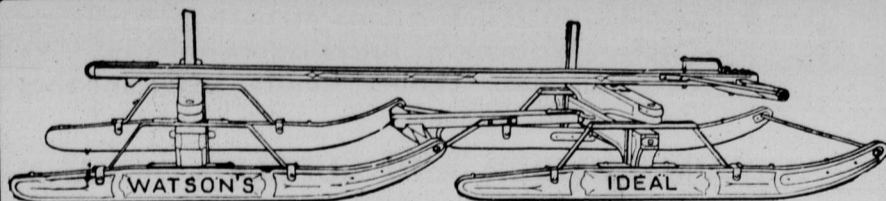
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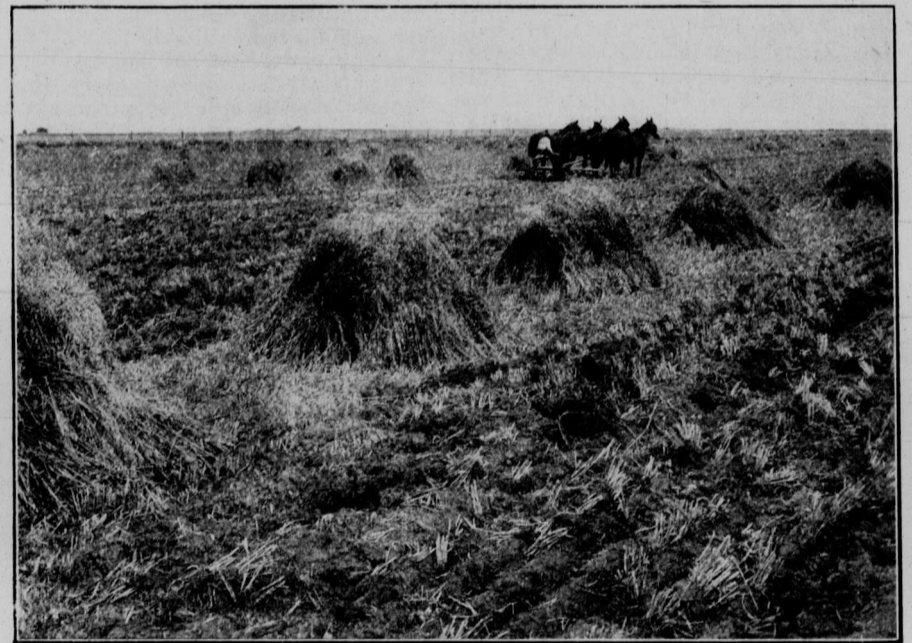
Field Crops

POTATOES IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

For the purpose of determining the most satisfactory potato for Northern Alberta, field tests are being made by farmers in the Vermilion and Stony Plain districts, under the guidance of the instructors of the Agricultural High School at Vermilion. Tests both for yield and quality are being made, including cooking tests. The results for this year, while not final, are interesting and instructive. The results from the cooking test are not available as

DEMONSTRATION FARM AT ROSE HILL

The Manitoba Department of Agriculture has established still another demonstration farm, this time in the Rose Hill district, Southern Manitoba. The character of the land in this district is somewhat peculiar, consisting largely of a ridge which runs nearly north and south, having a sandy loam soil with a rather light gravel subsoil. Altho not general, this type of land is found in many parts of the province and requests have been received from many settlers in this district asking for tests to be made of a



Early-after-harvest cultivation on the University Farm, Saskatoon. These oats yielded in 1914, 60 bushels to the acre

yet, but the yields per acre of six varieties experimented with are as follows:

Variety	Stony Plain bus.	Vermilion bus.
Wee Macgregor	343	302
Gold Coin	309	224
Burbank	333	193
Table Talk	333	179
Mayfield Blossom	329	176
Sutton's Satisfaction	201	149

In no case was the yield particularly large for Northern Alberta, altho the quality was excellent thruout. Conditions were not favorable for a large yield. Two varieties, Table Talk and Mayfield Blossom, showed a distinctly larger proportion of small potatoes than the other varieties.

Tests will be made for a number of years to obtain final results. The results of the cooking tests for the present year will be published later.

suitable rotation for this soil. About forty-five acres of land in this district, therefore, has been selected, summer-fallowed and fenced, for demonstration purposes. The land belongs to H. Huffman.

It has occurred to Hon. George Lawrence, minister of agriculture, that this would be a very suitable district for the extensive production of alfalfa seed, and a ten acre field has been laid off for this purpose. It will be sown next spring with the seed produced on the government farm at Neepawa; the plan of seeding which was followed so successfully at that place will likewise be adopted in this case. Another ten acre field will be utilized to test the practicability of producing the seed of the earlier varieties of field corn, and a supply of Gehu corn has already been secured with this end in view. The balance of the farm at Rose Hill will be used for the production of the ordinary cereals.

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ORCHARD FARM SALES

J. Bousfield, of Orchard Farm, Mac-
 Gregor, Manitoba, reports that the past
 season has been the best he has ever had
 for the disposal of shorthorns and York-
 shires. In all he has sold about seventy-
 five shorthorns, these animals being
 shipped to over thirty different points
 in the three prairie provinces. The Guide
 has been a wonderful help in making sales.
 There is a very large herd of the very best
 stock kept at Orchard Farm and altho
 sales have been heavy there is still a
 splendid offering of young bulls together
 with some cows and heifers, all of which
 are offered at very reasonable prices.
 Ten of these animals were prize winners
 at the MacGregor fair. The fact that
 a large number of the sales have been
 made thru the recommendation of former
 buyers or as subsequent orders plainly
 demonstrates that the stock is satis-
 factory in every way and any of this
 offering would prove to be first class
 foundation stock for farmers who are just
 commencing to go in for livestock. Be-
 sides shorthorns and Yorkshires, Clydes-
 dales of good breeding are for disposal,
 several nice large, quality colts and fillies
 being for sale just now. Mr. Bousfield
 says that no reasonable offer for any of
 his best bred stock will be refused, so that
 any who are intending to purchase some
 pure-bred livestock will do well to get
 into communication with this breeder.

TOMECKO BERKSHIRES

Among the younger hog breeders
 perhaps there is no one who has come
 so much into prominence of late as S. V.
 Tomecko, Cloverdale Stock Farm, Lipton,
 Sask. When "Steve," as he is called
 by those who know him, was at college,
 three or four years ago, it was always
 recognized that he knew a hog when he
 saw one and this opinion has been amply
 borne out by the success which has
 always attended his breeding operations.
 "Steve" likes a real long, deep, smooth,
 fine quality bacon hog and that is the
 kind of stock which he is handling right
 now as results prove. For instance, at
 the annual swine sale at Regina in October
 last his Berks. were the most popular
 ones shown, he realizing the highest
 prices paid for animals in each of the
 classes in which he had hogs for disposal.
 In a letter recently received, Mr. Tomecko
 says: "I have just secured two of the
 best boars I could get, one from P. J.
 McEwen, Wyoming, Ont. This is a very
 typy hog with lots of size and bone, long
 and smooth, and is a boar I may show
 in big company next summer. The other
 is from A. J. Mackay's herd and I intend
 using him on the young sows. He is
 what Mr. Mackay considered the best
 boar he raised this year. Since August
 12 he has gained 137 pounds and he now
 weighs 170. Our old herd boar is for
 sale. He is of the long bacon type with
 plenty of size and quality. He is the
 litter brother of the sow that secured
 first prize at the Brandon winter fair in
 1913 for Mackay. Our brood sows are
 mostly all of the long type and as near
 the ground as possible. This fall I sold
 off all of the sows which we did not wish
 to carry over, leaving only seven of the
 very best with about ten young sows.
 These will constitute our herd for 1915.
 We have still for sale a fine bunch of
 boars that are sired by the herd boar,
 a few of which are April pigs and the rest
 from June and July litters. Our young
 sows have been nearly all disposed of,
 but we could let two or three go yet."

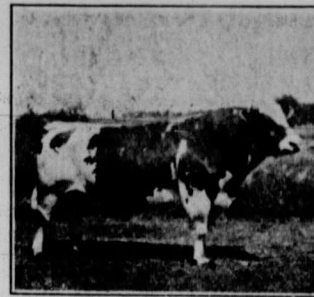
All who have followed Berkshire pigs
 in the show rings for some years past will
 know the quality of S. Tomecko's stock,
 and anyone who is desirous of taking
 advantage of the present run in hogs,
 which must necessarily mean increased
 prices for pork during next summer, may
 be sure of securing first class pure-bred
 bacon Berkshires from S. V. Tomecko,
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DOLLAR'S CLYDESDALES

A. L. Dollar, of High River, Alta.,
 is again advertising some good Clydes-
 dales this year. He expects to have a
 new importation coming about the end
 of this month, and in order to make
 room for them, he is offering some of
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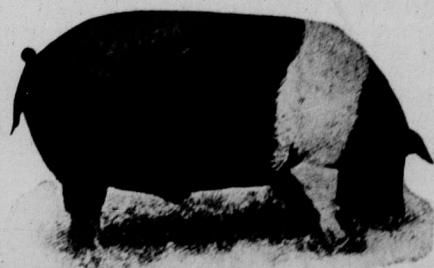
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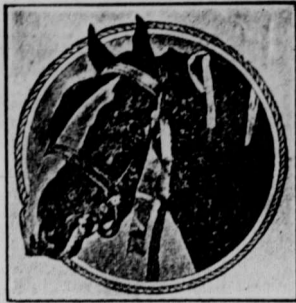
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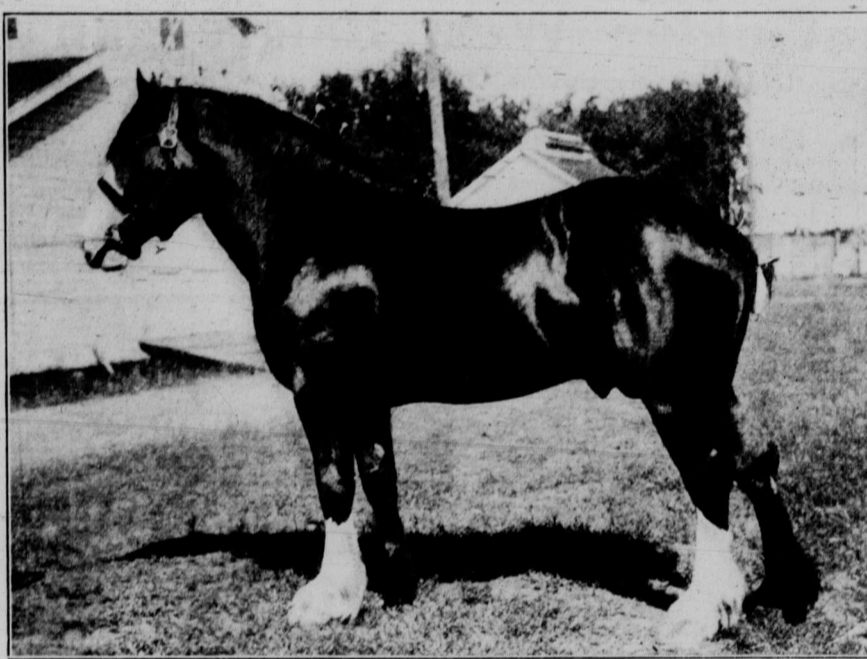
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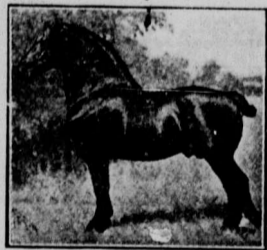


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In the two-year-olds, the Alberta-bred "Highwood," which was first in the Alberta-bred class, and second in the open class at Calgary Summer Fair last year, first at Lethbridge and second at Edmonton, is coming on in good shape, and will be a sure candidate for the prize money in the Spring shows of 1915. He is a grandson of the great "Scotland Yet" on the sire side and his grand-dam on the dam side was "Lady Byron," the champion mare at the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893.

Among his recent sales is the big quality three-year-old, "Scotland's Freeman," which went to W. J. Dodd at Innisfail. This horse was first in his class at Edmonton Fair last year. C. B. Soderberg, of High River, got "Scotland's Mac," a choicely bred four-year-old by the \$5,000 stallion, "Montrave Mac."

TROTTER AND TROTTER'S IMPORTATION

Reference was made to this importation of Clydesdales in the last issue of The Guide, and since then a representative of the paper has had an opportunity of looking over the horses in Messrs. Trotter's stables. Without doubt, this is the best importation which this well known firm has brought into Western Canada, among the many lots which they have imported from the old country during their thirty-two years of business in the West. The horses are all big, well-bred, of good quality, and every one of them is fit to appear among the best of company in any show ring in Western Canada. Messrs. Trotter & Trotter have a high reputation for fair dealing and any one in need of a good horse should get in touch with this firm, as these horses are just the kind needed in the prairie provinces.

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J. H. GRAHAM'S PERCHERONS

J. H. Graham, of Saskatoon, will again this year have a new importation of good Percherons in his new barns. Mr. Graham is one of the younger horsemen in the province, but he is rapidly coming to the front as an importer who is bringing into Saskatchewan horses of a highly superior kind. Among those which he has on hand in his stable at present are some big draughty fellows, with good feet and legs, and which have the appearance of making good sires. Mr. Graham has disposed of quite a number of horses during the last few months, and his prospects for Spring trade are specially good. Any of our readers who wish a good Percheron would do well to write to Mr. Graham.

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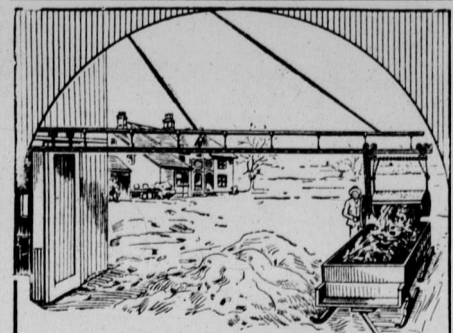
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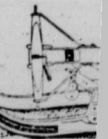
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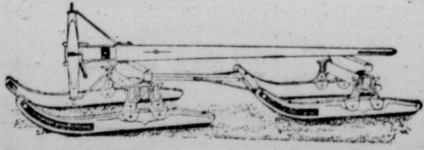
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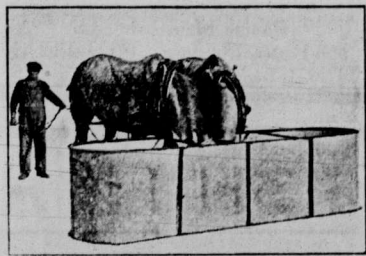
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The Study Course

An Introduction and Side-Talk on the First Two Studies

Many readers of The Guide will no doubt be devoting a good deal of their leisure time this week to the perusal of the booklet, "Studies in Rural Citizenship," which has been published by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and is being distributed by R. McKenzie, secretary of that body, from his office, at 404 Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg. This course of study has been very carefully prepared and, with the books recommended for reference, provides a guide which will enable every farmer who has the will and the time to apply himself, to acquire a thorough education upon those subjects which are most vital to the interests of the agricultural community. A glance thru the booklet shows that an enormous amount of information has been compressed into a small space, and that if every subject is to be mastered, students will have to give a good many evenings thruout the winter to the work. Some, perhaps will feel that they are undertaking almost too big a task, but there is no need to be discouraged on that account. Forget, for the time being, that there are sixteen papers to study, and look only at the first one. A whole week, with six long, cozy evenings beside the stove (of course, all good Grain Growers go to church on Sunday), are available, and surely that is time enough to consume, digest and assimilate the first study. There will be another week for the next lesson, in fact, each week thruout the winter will have its lesson and each lesson its week.

A Long Walk

That's the way great things are done. Most of the men who have got to the top of the tree by their own ability have "got there" not by a heaven-sent genius, but by staying with the job, sticking everlastingly at it and making use of every possible moment to do, or learn something definite and useful along the road they have chosen to follow.

A new settler in Saskatchewan once figured out that with a 14-inch breaking plow he would have to walk 1,131 miles to break up his homestead, and he was so appalled at the task before him that he never made a start and consequently never got anything done. His neighbor did not bother to figure out anything of that kind, but just went ahead and made nine rounds every morning and another nine every afternoon while the weather and season were favorable, and in the course of time he had the whole farm under cultivation. It's just the same with taking up a course of study. "One thing at a time, and that done well, is a very good rule as many can tell." And what better use can a farmer and his wife, sons and daughters make of the winter evenings than the study of the problems of rural citizenship?

A Brighter Day

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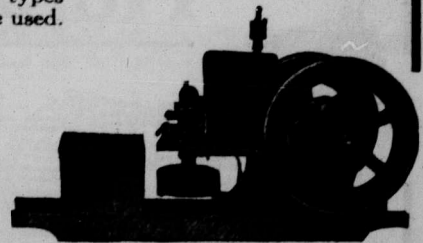
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It is desirable in studying the course, that a regular weekly meeting be held for the discussion of the week's study, and there will be few groups of this kind that will not include in their number a farmer well on in years, who can tell the younger ones, from his own experience, a most interesting story of the change which has taken, and is taking place in the farming districts. The farm, apparently, is less attractive than it was, and people, especially the young folks, are moving to the cities. Why? Is it because farming is no longer sufficiently profitable to enable the farmer to keep his family at home? And if so, why? Or is it because the city is more attractive, socially? Then there are the big "company farms," that began to appear in the West about the time gas and steam tractors were adopted for farm work. Is there a danger that "big scale" farming is going to put the small farmer out of business, like the factory has superseded the independent handicrafts men? These and other questions will occur to the student as he reads the first and second papers and ponders upon their contents.

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Books Required

Those who have prepared the studies have given a list of books which will be helpful to students in following the course. In order that there may be no difficulty in procuring these books, The Guide is making arrangements with the publishers, and will be able to supply any or all of them; and prices, post paid, will be announced as soon as possible. Many students will no doubt be holding weekly meetings either as a local association or in smaller groups. These classes would be wise to lay out the program for the winter, and select a different member to lead the discussion on each weekly study. In order to be sure of having the books in time to make proper preparation, the locals should order at once all those which they intend to purchase. Some of the books recommended are kept in The Guide office, but others will have to be secured from Toronto, New York and London, and consequently, it will be necessary to order well ahead so as to be sure of having them when required. Locals which have a library will find some of the books already there. Those which have none will find the books required for the course suitable foundation.

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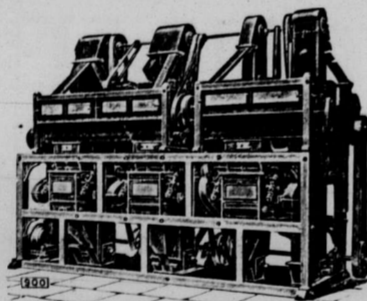
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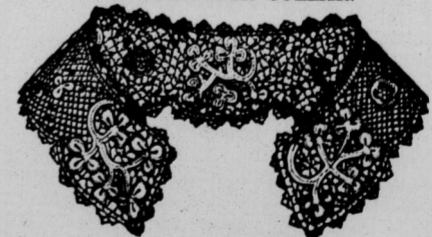
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Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

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The conditions of the contest are few and easy to remember.

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THE "MALIHINI" CHRISTMAS TREE

By Dorothy M. Hoogs (Age 15).
From St. Nicholas Magazine

Several years ago, a number of tourists who were spending the winter months in Honolulu wanted to cele-

brate Christmas in some way. They could hardly realize that it was the wintry season, as the trees and grass were green, and crowds of people were on the beaches and swimming in the ocean every day; and so they thought of a novel idea: they would have a Christmas tree out-of-doors, and invite all the children of the city! They procured a very large tree, and after having set it up in a park in the centre of the town, they decorated it lavishly with pop-corn, tinsel, and all the other ornaments that are used for the purpose. Cotton was strewn freely over the branches to imitate snow, which has never been seen by the little folks in Hawaii. The decorations complete, and everything in readiness, the children were all notified of this wonderful tree thru the newspapers, and on Christmas morning, thousands of little ones of all nationalities represented in these islands made a picturesque sight, dressed in the costumes of their parents' home country. They eagerly watched Santa Claus as he untied the dolls and the jump-ropes and jack-knives from the heavily laden branches, and distributed them freely to every one. It was evident by the happy little faces that the day was a huge success, and ever since then this idea has been carried out by the community, and is called the "Malihini," or strangers' Christmas tree.

A QUEER CHRISTMAS

By Editha Lee (Age 12).

Can you picture Christmas celebrated like a midsummer holiday?

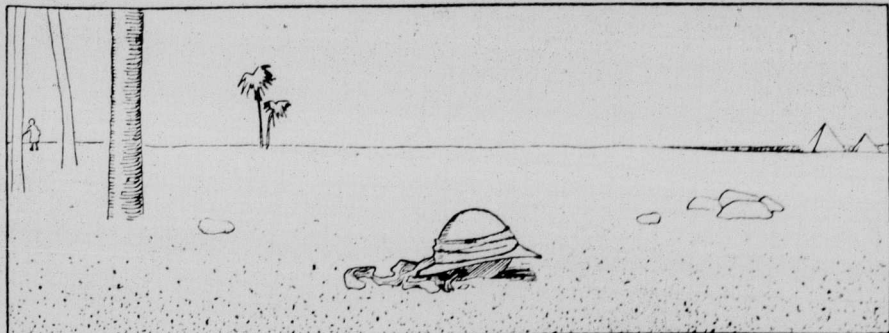
In Connecticut, Christmas meant crisp, cold air, the jingle of sleigh-bells, snow-drifts, holly, mistletoe, general excitement, and shouting "Merry Christmas" out of the fullness of our hearts. In contrast, here was I, in Enali, only a tiny village on the Kongo, in Africa. My father was hunting, and my mother and I, in this hot, humid country, practically cut off from the rest of our world, had planned to be cheerful and celebrate

Professor Wisacre and the Ostrich Egg

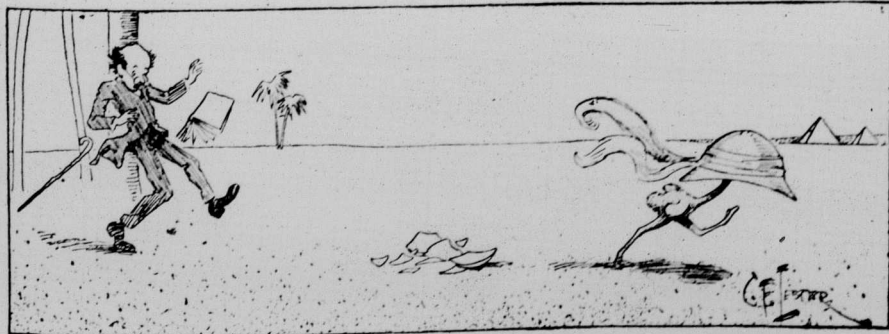
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Common Poultry Diseases

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cleanliness in all your poultry work if you wish to overcome the disease. Turkeys are subject to this disease as well as hens.

Black Head in Turkeys

Blackhead in turkeys and little chickens is another disease which is annually killing off a goodly number. Some people confuse ordinary roup with blackhead, thinking because the head is affected it must be blackhead. The symptoms of blackhead are entirely different. The first indications are dullness, inaction, drooping wings, head drawn back into the shoulders, later, looseness of the bowels will be noticed. At a first glance the diseased turkey would appear to be lousy, but a closer examination with no lice being found is a good indication that blackhead is present. Usually the disease may linger on from a few days in young stock to a month or two in old stock. After death the head turns a bluish color, from whence the disease derives its name. On cutting open the carcass there will be large ulcerated areas over the entire liver, and the appendix will also be badly swollen and full of gas.

The prevention consists of removing all diseased birds, and, if possible, move all the turkeys to new ground, which never had any turkeys on it before. Feed no food on the ground for the germs live in the soil from year to year, and food taken off the ground may have these germs adhering to it, and being taken in this way into the system the disease may soon develop. Also arrange the feed troughs so that the birds cannot get on the food with their feet and soil it and carry the germ in this way. Sprinkle air slaked lime on the ground and cultivate and crop it for a few years, raising the turkeys as far away from the affected area as possible. In wet seasons the disease is always more common than in dry, as the conditions for its growth are more favorable. Lack of sunshine and plenty of moisture favor the rapid growth and virulence of this germ. As an additional prevention put a few drops of muriatic acid in the drinking water. Apart from this but little can be done in the way of preventing the disease. In the eastern provinces a good many farmers had to stop raising turkeys altogether on account of it. But proper precautions from the day the poults are put out until they are able to look after themselves will go a long way towards preventing the disease. Inbreeding closely, helps to provide suitable specimens for the subsequent invasion of these disease germs. Strong, healthy and vigorous stock is generally able to throw off these germs. The weaklings are usually the ones first attacked. By following the proper method of selection and breeding year after year a flock of almost black-head-proof quality can be built up.

Scaly Leg

Scaly leg is another common affection of the farm flock. This is due to a small insect burrowing underneath the scales on the legs. This causes the scales to heave up and the exudate causes the roughness. It occurs most frequently in stock running in rubbish. Apply hot or warm water to soften the scales, then apply a salve made with lard and coal oil. Powdered sulphur may also be added to this. Repeat the application once a week until the legs become normal.

Cholera, altho not very common, when once it breaks out in a flock will cause greater havoc in a short time than any other poultry disease. It seldom occurs unless the conditions under which the poultry is kept are absolutely filthy. Barnyard seepage is one of the common causes of it. The affected birds become dull, inactive, crops distended, thirsty, are affected with diarrhoea, the excrement being of a yellowish nature. Death ensues in the course of a few days. On making a post mortem examination the liver will be found to be greatly enlarged and filled with dark blood, the intestines are inflamed and discolored and the ducts leading away from the kidneys are filled with greenish yellow matter. Any fowls dying from this disease should be

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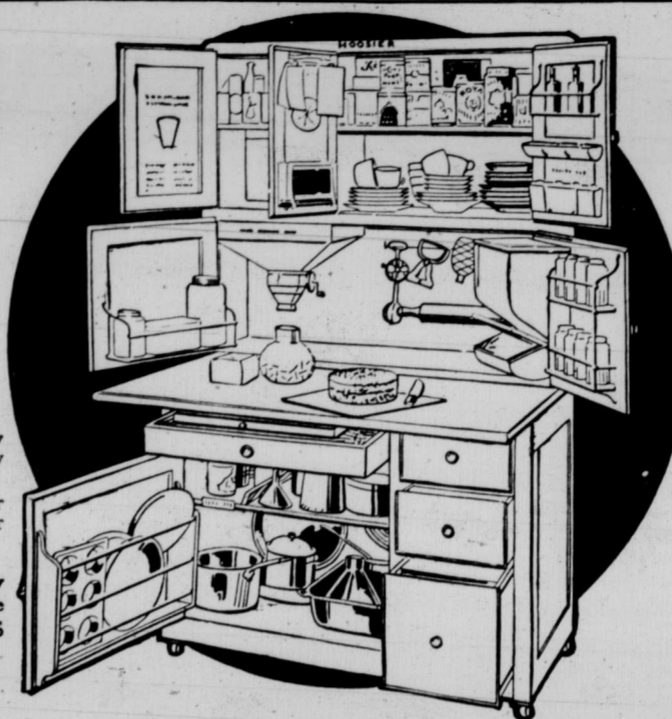
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burned. Kill off all diseased hens and burn them. Find out the cause of the disease and proceed at once to change conditions to absolute cleanliness in care and feed. Treatment must be mainly preventive. Thoroughly clean out the hen house as previously directed, whitewash it also, using carbolic acid in the wash. Feed only good, wholesome food and also feed salts and charcoal as previously outlined.

Diarrhoea

Ordinary diarrhoea in fowls is usually caused by improper feeding. In treating cases of this disease it is best to change the method of feeding first, and if possible find out the cause. Remove it, then proceed with a better method of feeding. Powdered charcoal and epsom salts are again the best remedies here. Enteritis may sometimes be mistaken for cholera. It is caused by uncleanness, bad drinking water, putrid meat food, or filthy or rotten food of any kind. The comb is pale and limp and later on becomes dark and purplish. There is an abundant discharge of greenish droppings. The fowl may be sick only a few days or again it may linger for a few weeks before death occurs. Again remove the cause, then feed soft mash, using plenty of powdered charcoal in it. Give the affected fowl a small quantity of castor oil. Bread soaked in milk makes a good diet for a diseased fowl. Avoid sloppy mash. Feed only in crumbly state. For flock treatment feed the salts again and thoroughly clean out the poultry house as well.

Ordinary diarrhoea in little chicks can usually be checked by feeding dry mashes containing powdered charcoal. This trouble in chicks is generally due to feeding too highly concentrated food and feeding heavily on wet sloppy foods. Dry mashes with the charcoal are about the best correctives I know of. So many people mistake this form of diarrhoea for white diarrhoea. In this ordinary type there is usually considerable pasting up at the vent, whereas in the genuine white diarrhoea there is practically nothing like this, and what discharge there is, is of a chalky white nature. White diarrhoea is a disease affecting the lungs, in which there are molds, the caeca which are swollen and gassy, and the yolk is usually unabsorbed. It is due to faulty incubation, and feeding moldy food, or feeding feed in moldy litter. It is most common in incubator hatched chicks. Hen hatched chicks seem to have the vigor and vitality to throw off the germs. It is supposed that the germ is transmitted from the ovaries of the hen into the egg and then enters the embryo during the incubation period. Later on activity commences and the disease develops. Properly disinfecting incubators before setting them, disinfecting the brooder before putting in the chicks and guarding against the use of moldy food and litter are the best preventives known. The feeding of buttermilk also helps to a certain extent in preventing the disease. Dry mashes also seem to have a very beneficial effect. Selecting only strong healthy and vigorous breeding stock is also a good safeguard against the disease.

These are by no means all the poultry diseases that we meet with, but they are those which are of most common occurrence on the farm. They have been discussed in a manner intended to meet farmers' requirements. We might again add that under farm conditions it should be largely a question of using preventive measures if a disease breaks out, rather than resorting to an extended system or period of treatment, as it seldom pays to doctor much in the ordinary farm flock. Provide good wholesome food, sanitary conditions, observe cleanliness in all details, feed regularly and judiciously, select and breed from only strong, vigorous and healthy stock, and the problem of preventing or combating disease is reduced to its simplest form.

QUICK THINKING

Briggs: "Say, can you lend me five or ten—"

Briggs: "No—"

Briggs: "—minutes? I think I can show you how to make some money."

Briggs: "—trouble at all. You can have twenty if you want."

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break into their useful leaf and fruit, when they are all a mist of pink and white, and you hold your breath for fear they'll change! Well, we hadn't said the words. But I belong to him, and I shall wait for him; and because he is your boy you must let me come to you and try to comfort you."

"There is no comfort. I am disgraced." But her voice quivered.

"But he is homeless and forlorn and disgraced and unloved—and he was your son, your little boy!"

"Do not let us speak any longer of it," said Mrs. Carey quickly. "I am sorry for you, but you are young and—you'll forgive me—romantic. In my day we were not so—so intense. You'll outgrow it. You'll come to blush for your folly, generous as it is. But never, until one of your children disgraces you, will you know what I am suffering. There may be worse to follow—his capture, a trial—"

She shuddered. Elizabeth bent over her. "You don't know how I have half envied you," she whispered. "To have been his mother, to have cradled his dear little baby head on your arm, to have seen his little boy face shining with the wonder of each day's newness! I never thought to talk like this. But now you make me think that I, in my mere fancy, have had more joy of his childhood than you—you who can think so selfishly of him ashamed, ruined, fleeing! Oh, why did you not go with him?"

She finished tempestuously. Usually there was a delicate reserve beneath even her most impulsive talk, but today, in her shocked and jealous anger for the man she loved, she was stirred to relentless self-revelations.

"Will you go?" cried Mrs. Carey, her low voice savage.

But when the door closed upon Elizabeth, her proud, miserable head was bent, and she sobbed. A rush of tenderness for the little boy of Beth's conjuring and imagination engulfed her. She loved and cherished the memory of a sudden primitive passion that she had never known for the original.

III.

In Canon Center there are many men whose eyes have the look of the hunted. They are apprehensive of footsteps behind them; they scan new-comers with furtive keenness; they resent any searching inquiry into their habits of life "back East;" they sometimes absent-mindedly forget to respond to the name by which they have introduced themselves into the community.

Something seemed to place Carruth in this band when he first appeared in the town, the last link between civilization and the sun-baked hills and mesas of the desert. Yet something also seemed to differentiate him from most of its members. There was rather the recollection of misery than the apprehension of trouble in his look.

The delicately balanced code of the place stifled inquisitive curiosity. In Canon Center a man stands upon his record from the time of his arrival. Carruth's was good. In a place where many men were drunkards he was conspicuously sober; only a certain charm of manner prevented him from being offensively so. Where many were idlers he was consistently energetic. Where the population seemed almost equally divided between spendthrift and pauper he was thrifty. Where it was the custom to be uproarious in mirth and lax in conduct he seemed to dwell upon some sure height of kindly indifference that removed him from temptation. In a place where half the men were gamblers—gamblers who settled for their day of faro in the saloons and hotel lobbies with a businesslike promptitude in the morning, gamblers who staked their fortunes upon the chance of gleaming copper in places which they did not know among the bare hills, gamblers in cattle that they had never seen—among all these he held steadfastly to sureties.

He was poor when he arrived, but he was both well-educated and trained to business methods. In the big, hideous smelter at the edge of the city, just where the burned desert began its wavering ascent to the shimmering blue hills, he found some sort of clerical employment, and step by step he mounted until he

became the manager's assistant. He knew the details of the business; he knew the mines that sent their product to the establishment. He rode among them, fifty miles a day in the clear-domed waste places of the earth.

Gradually men came to trust him greatly, relying upon his unhurried judgment, his exact honesty. And women liked him for his long, lean frame made hardy by the life of the frontier, and for the inscrutable melancholy of his gray eyes.

He had been in Canon Center eleven years, changing from a slight boy of twenty-four or five to a man. Whatever fear had dogged his footsteps at the beginning was gone. He sent no hasty glances over his shoulder now at unexpected steps. And he had resisted the allurements of Southwestern women and the snares of Southwestern parents who knew of his growing balance in the bank. There was an air of elation about him just at this time which it was difficult for those who noticed to explain to their satisfaction.

The housekeeper of the Mansion Hotel, where he lived, had been pained, to see him "positively gloatin' over a bank-book for all the world like a miser," as she said. She had not waited long enough to see him produce from a clumsy, mansewed case of oiled paper a small picture of a girl, bareheaded, in the opening of a vine-hung piazza, or she would have seen the look of mysterious elation change to the lover's instinctive, unquenchable rapture and then fade to utter misery.

Just before Christmas Carruth was sent to El Paso on business for the smelter. His chief occupation during the journey was to cast up figures on the back of envelopes or the edges of newspapers, and in this he seemed to find a deep and mysterious satisfaction. In El Paso he transacted his business comfortably. He had an evening and a night to spend. He strolled among curio-stores, ate sumptuously at a Chinese restaurant, and was again strolling about when the shout of a newsboy attracted his attention.

"Extry, extry!" the boy called, after the more vehement Eastern fashion. "Full account of the bank failure."

Carruth bought one of the papers. As he read the report of the speculations of a trusted official, and how these had forced the bank to close its doors that afternoon, his face grew ashen. A number of smaller banks, the report said, would be involved in the failure. Carruth knew that Canon Center was one of these.

The paper crackled in his shaking hands for a second. Then he flung it from him and broke into a run which brought him to the railroad station. He knew that there was no train to Canon Center that night, but there was one to a station thirty miles south on one of the haphazard branches which the main line radiated into the wilderness. Laying about him to the right and the left, falling over people, elbowing them aside, he breathlessly bought his ticket and swung himself aboard the train just before its departure.

On another track the Overland lay, its passengers stretching their legs on the platform. He dashed thru them recklessly, and as he did so a tall, graceful woman caught an older one by the arm and cried:

"Mother, mother! It—did you see him?"

Mrs. Carey turned her patient, tender eyes toward Elizabeth Darrell.

"No, dear," she answered.

"There, there!" cried Elizabeth breathlessly, pointing.

The other train, with Carruth catching his breath on the platform, was just starting. And Frederica Carey, stretching out longing arms toward him, astonished and disconcerted the other promenading passengers from the Overland. They were even more astonished when they heard the young woman demand wildly of an official the destination of the moving train.

"Santo Domingo?" she repeated after her informant. "Porter!" she cried, running along the platform until she reached their own car. "Porter, get our things out of section fourteen. We've changed our destination. The Pacific can wait. Santo Domingo for us!"

Thus the winter trip of Mrs. Carey and of her constant companion for the last eleven years, Elizabeth Darrell, was broken short. And the next morning's train for Santo Domingo bore them toward that small shipping station for the mines of the Santo Domingo Range, of which neither of them had ever heard before.

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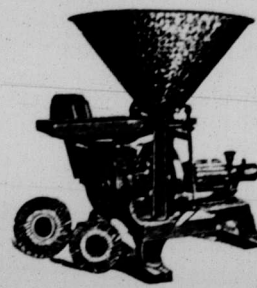


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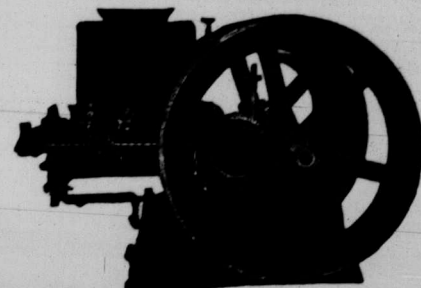
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Santa Claus and Little Billee -

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"No, I don't," said Little Billee frankly; "but I know the number of our orytmobile. It's—N. Y."

"Fine!" laughed Santa Claus. "If you really were lost, it would be a great help to know that; but not being lost, as you ain't, why, of course, we can get along without it. It's queer you don't know your last name, though."

"I do, too, know my last name!" blurted Little Billee. "It's Billee. That's the last one they gave me, anyhow."

Santa Claus reflected for a moment, eyeing the child anxiously.

"I don't believe you even know your papa's name," he said.

"Yes, I do," said Little Billee indignantly. "His name is Mr. Harrison."

"Well, you are a smart little chap," cried Santa Claus gleefully. "You got it right the very first time, didn't you? I really didn't think you knew. But I don't believe you know where your papa keeps his bake-shop, where he makes all those nice cakes and cookies you eat."

Billee began to laugh again.

"You can't fool me, Mr. Santa Claus," he said. "I know my papa don't keep a bake-shop just as well as you do. My papa owns a bank."

"Splendid! Made of tin, I suppose, with a nice little hole at the top to drop pennies into?" said Santa Claus.

"No, it ain't, either!" retorted Little Billee. "It's made of stone, and has more than a million windows in it. I went down there with my mama to papa's office the other day, so I guess I ought to know."

"Well, I should say so," said Santa Claus. "Nobody better. By the way, Billee, what does your mama call your papa?" "Billee," like you?" he added.

"Oh, no, indeed," returned Little Billee. "She calls him papa, except once in a while when he's going away, and then she says, 'Good-by, Tom.'"

"Fine again!" said Santa Claus, blowing upon his fingers, for, now that the sun had completely disappeared over in the west, it was getting very cold. "Thomas Harrison, banker," he muttered to himself. "What with the telephone-book and the city directory, I guess we can find our way home with Little Billee."

"Do you think we can go now, Mr. Santa Claus?" asked Little Billee, for the cold was beginning to cut thru his little coat, and the sandman had started to scatter the sleepy-seeds all around.

"Yes, sirree!" returned Santa Claus promptly. "Right away off now instantly at once! I'm afraid I can't get my reindeer here in time to take us up to the house, but we can go in the cars—hum! I don't know whether we can or not, come to think of it. Ah, do you happen to have ten cents in your pocket?" Santa added with an embarrassed air. "You see, I've left my pocketbook in the sleigh with my toypack; and, besides, mine is only toymoney, and they won't take that on the cars."

"I got twenty-five cents," said Little Billee proudly, as he dug his way down into his pocket and brought the shining silver piece to light. "You can have it, if you want it."

"Thank you," said Santa Claus, taking the proffered coin. "We'll start home right away; only come in here first, while I telephone to Santaville, telling the folks where I am."

He led the little fellow into a public telephone station, where he eagerly scanned the names in the book. At last it was found—"Thomas Harrison, seven-six-five-four Plaza." And then, in the seclusion of the telephone-booth, Santa Claus sent the gladdest of all Christmas messages over the wire to two distracted parents:

"I have found your boy wandering in the street. He is safe, and I will bring him home right away."

III.

Fifteen minutes later, there might have been seen the strange spectacle of a foot sore Santa Claus leading a sleepy little boy up Fifth Avenue to a cross-street, which shall be nameless. The boy vainly endeavored to persuade his companion to "come in and meet mama."

"No, Billee," the old man replied

sadly, "I must hurry back. You see, kiddie, this is my busy day. Besides, I never go into a house except thru the chimney. I wouldn't know how to be have, going in at a front door."

But it was not to be as Santa Claus willed, for Little Billee's papa, and his mama, and his brothers and sisters, and the butler and the housemaids, and two or three policemen, were waiting at the front door when they arrived.

"Aha!" said one of the police, seizing Santa Claus roughly by the arm. "We've landed you, all right! Where have you been with this boy?"

"You let him alone!" cried Little Billee, with more courage than he had ever expected to show in the presence of a policeman. "He's a friend of mine."

"That's right, officer," said Little Billee's father; "let him alone—I haven't entered any complaint against this man."

"But you want to look out for these fellers, Mr. Harrison," returned the officer. "First thing you know they'll be makin' a trade of this sort of thing."

"I'm no grafter!" retorted Santa Claus indignantly. "I found the little chap wandering along the street, and, as soon as I was able to locate where he lived, I brought him home. That's all there is to it."

"He knew where I lived all along," laughed Little Billee, "only he pretended he didn't, just to see if I knew."

"You see, sir," said the officer, "it won't do him any harm to let him cool his heels—"

"It is far better that he should warm them, officer," said Mr. Harrison kindly. "And he can do that here. Come in, my man," he added, turning to Santa Claus with a grateful smile. "Just for a minute, anyhow. Mrs. Harrison will wish to thank you for bringing our boy back to us. We have had a terrible afternoon."

"That's all right, sir," said Santa Claus modestly. "It wasn't anything, sir. I didn't really find him—it was him as found me, sir. He took me for the real thing, I guess."

Nevertheless, Santa Claus, led by Little Billee's persistent father, went into the house. Now that the boy could see him in the full glare of many electric lights, his furs did not seem the most gorgeous things in the world. When the flapping front of his red jacket flew open, the child was surprised to see how ragged was the thin gray coat it covered; and as for the good old saint's comfortable stomach—strange to say, it was not!

"I—I wish you all a merry Christmas," faltered Santa Claus; "but I really must be going, sir—"

"Nonsense!" cried Mr. Harrison. "Not until you have got rid of this chill, and—"

"I can't stay, sir," said Santa. "I'll lose my job if I do."

"Well, what if you do? I'll give you a better one," said the banker.

"I can't—I can't!" faltered the man.

"I—I—I've got a Little Billee of my own at home waitin' for me, sir. If I hadn't," he added fiercely, "do you suppose I'd be doin' this?" he pointed at the painted boards, and shuddered.

"It's him as has kept me from—from the river!" he muttered hoarsely; and then this dispenser of happiness to so many millions of people all the world over sank into a chair, and, covering his face with his hands, wept like a child.

"I guess Santa Claus is tired, papa," said Little Billee, snuggling up closely to the old fellow and taking hold of his hand sympathetically. "He's been walkin' a lot today."

"Yes, my son," said Mr. Harrison gravely. "These are very busy times for Santa Claus, and I guess that, as he still has a hard night ahead of him, James had better ring up Henry and tell him to bring the car around right away, so that we may take him back—to his little boy. We'll have to lend him a fur coat to keep the wind off, too, for it is a bitter night."

"Oh," said Little Billee, "I haven't told you about these boards he wears. He has 'em to keep the wind off, and they're fine, papa!" Little Billee pointed to the two sign-boards which Santa Claus had leaned against the wall. "He says he uses 'em on cold nights," the lad went on. "They have writing on 'em, too. Do you know what it says?"

"Yes," said Mr. Harrison, glancing at the boards. "It says 'If You Want

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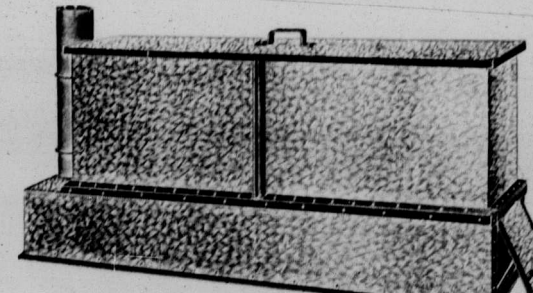
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a Good Christmas Dinner for a Quarter, Go to Smithers's Cafe." Little Billee roared with laughter. "Papa's trying to fool me, just as you did when you pretended not to know where I lived, Santa Claus," he said, looking up into the old fellow's face, his own countenance brimming over with mirth. "You mustn't think he can't read, tho," the lad added hastily. "He's only joking." "Oh, no, indeed, I shouldn't have thought that," replied Santa Claus, smiling thru his tears. "I've been joking, have I?" said Little Billee's papa. "Well, then, Mr. Billiam, suppose you inform me what it says." "Merry Christmas to Everybody," said Little Billee proudly. "I couldn't read it myself, but he told me what it said. He has it printed there so that if he misses saying it to anybody, they'll know he means it just the same." "By Jove, Mr. Santa Claus," cried Little Billee's papa, grasping the old man warmly by the hand, "I owe you ten million apologies. I haven't believed in you for many a long year; but now, sir, I take it all back. You do exist, and, by the great horn spoon, you are the real thing!"

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Little Billee had the satisfaction of acting as host to Santa Claus at a good, luscious dinner, which Santa Claus must have enjoyed very much, because, when explaining why he was so hungry, it came out that the poor old chap had been so busy all day that he had not had time to get any lunch—no, not even one of those good dinners at Smithers's cafe, to which Little Billee's father had jokingly referred. And after dinner Henry came with the automobile, and, bidding everybody good night, Santa Claus and Little Billee's papa went out of the house together.

Christmas morning dawned, and Little Billee awoke from wonderful dreams of rich gifts, and of extraordinary adventures with his new-found friend, to find the reality quite as splendid as the dream things. Later, what was his delight when a small boy, not much older than himself—a pale, thin, but playful little fellow—arrived at the house to spend the day with him, bringing with him a letter from Santa Claus himself! This was what the letter said: "Dear Little Billee: "You must not tell anybody except your papa and your mama, but the little boy who brings you this letter is my little boy, and I am going to let you have him for a playfellow for Christmas Day. Treat him kindly for his papa's sake, and if you think his papa is worth loving tell him so. Do not forget me, Little Billee. I shall see you often in the future, but I doubt if you will see me. I am not going to return to Twenty-third Street again, but shall continue my work in the Land of Yule, in the Palace of Good-Will, whose beautiful windows look out upon the homes of all good children.

"Good-by, Little Billee, and the happiest of happy Christmases to you and all of yours. Affectionately,
 "SANTA CLAUS."

When Little Billee's mama read this to him that Christmas morning, a stray little tear ran down her cheek and fell upon Little Billee's hand.

"Why, what are you crying for, mama?" he asked.

"With happiness, my dear little son," his mother answered. "I was afraid yesterday that I might have lost my little boy forever, but now—"

"You have an extra one thrown in for Christmas, haven't you?" said Little Billee, taking his new playmate by the hand. The visitor smiled back at him with a smile so sweet that anybody might have guessed that he was the son of Santa Claus.

As for the latter, Little Billee has not seen him again; but down at his father's bank there is a new messenger, named John, who has a voice so like Santa Claus's voice that whenever Little Billee goes down there in the motor to ride home at night with his papa, he runs into the bank and has a long talk with him, just for the pleasure of pretending that it is Santa Claus he is talking to. Indeed, the voice is so like that once a sudden and strange idea flashed across Little Billee's mind.

"Have you ever been on Twenty-Third Street, John?" he asked.

"Twenty-Third Street?" replied the messenger, scratching his head as if very much puzzled. "What's that?"

"Why, it's a street," said Little Billee rather vaguely.

"Well, to tell you the truth, Billee, said John, "I've heard tell of Twenty-Third Street, and they say it is a very beautiful and interesting spot. But, you know, I don't get much chance to travel. I've been too busy all my life to go abroad."

"Abroad!" roared Little Billee, grinning at John's utterly absurd mistake. "Why, Twenty-third Street ain't abroad! It's up-town—near—oh, near—Twenty-Second Street."

"Really?" returned John, evidently tremendously surprised. "Well, well, well! Who'd have thought that? Well, if that's the case, some time when I get a week off I'll have to go and spend my vacation there!"

From which Little Billee concluded that his suspicion that John might be Santa Claus in disguise was entirely without foundation in fact.

The Year of Drought

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year from deep plowing and from spring plowing, as shown in the chart, do not represent average yields in normal years. The accumulation of snow in the very long stubble on this land last winter is largely responsible for the good showing of spring plowing, and as the shallow plowing did not cover this long stubble as well as the deeper plowing it did not give as good a seed bed and resulted in a lower yield. The average yield here from shallow fall plowing, done early after harvest and well worked down, is slightly greater than for any deeper plowing at any other time. Nevertheless deeper plowing is probably advisable when the stubble is long and heavy. There seems no doubt about the necessity of working down the plowing in order to lessen evaporation and to put the furrow slice firmly in contact with the subsoil so that there may be no interference with the rise of water to meet the needs of the seed and the crop.

Surface Cultivation Helps Stubble Land

The average yield of all stubble plots that were surface cultivated but not burned was 2 bushels 35 pounds of wheat and 7 bushels 22 pounds of oats more than the average for those not cultivated in any way. In the absence of weeds and in the presence of a long heavy stubble, burning in the spring followed by surface cultivation is preferable for immediate returns in spite of the fact that burning dissipates nitrogen and organic matter. Burning is wasteful of these most valuable constituents of Western soils and should not be practiced on our poorer soil types. The time will come when it must be abandoned even on the heavier types, but so long as soils do not "blow" and weeds can be controlled this practice on our richer soils is likely to continue. It is important to notice, too, that early surface cultivation in the fall increased the yield of wheat 1½ bushels and the yield of oats 1 bushel 24 pounds over similar surface cultivation done three weeks later.

Harrow the Growing Crop

No figures are available to prove the value of harrowing the growing crop this year, but careful observations confirmed us in the opinion that the harrowing of all cereal crops, corn and potatoes after they were up materially increased the yield. Fields that are very loose or rough, or covered with small heaps of uncovered stubble, respond less favorably to this treatment, but on weedy land and particularly in dry years its advantages are very apparent. Another important point brought out by the experiments is that it is best to sow thinly in dry areas. On fall plowing 1 bushel of wheat, 1½ bushels of oats, ¾ bushel spring rye, and on fallow, 1½ bushels wheat, 2 bushels oats, ½ bushel winter rye and 20 pounds of flax, each produced larger net yields than any thicker seeding. Alfalfa when seeded at 4½ pounds per acre in rows 24 inches apart and cultivated yielded more forage than all heavier seedings in closer rows, but otherwise treated in the same way. Alfalfa sown at the rate of 3 pounds per acre in rows 36 inches apart yielded more seed than

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Some Exceptions

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- (1) While early plowing for the fallow results in the storage of more moisture in the soil it also produces a crop that takes a longer time to mature and one that is more liable to injury from fall frosts. In addition it demands more surface tillage in order to control weed growth. For these reasons later plowing of heavy rich soils in the more humid regions may with considerable justification be practiced.
- (2) While deep plowing creates a larger reservoir for the storage of soil moisture and is desirable in following in dry regions for wheat and in all regions for forage crops, shallower plowing results in an earlier crop and may be more desirable in regions subject to early frosts.
- (3) While thin seeding is desirable in dry areas and in dry years in more northern areas, thick seeding promotes early maturity and is to be preferred where fall frosts come early.
- (4) While packing unplowed stubble land generally decreases the yield in a dry year, it can be depended upon to produce an earlier crop, not only on stubble land, plowed or unplowed, but on fallow.
- (5) While harrowing the growing crop is a desirable practice in "dry farming," it generally results in somewhat later maturity.
- (6) While pasturing the fallow decreases the yield in dry years it increases the earliness of the succeeding crop and is desirable on heavy rich soils which enjoy a greater rain fall.

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The following contributions in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund have been received at The Guide office up to the morning of December 7: Previously acknowledged \$486.00

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A check for \$660 was forwarded to the Belgian Consul at Winnipeg last week as the first remittance from the fund contributed by Guide readers. In acknowledgment the editor has received the following letter:

"Dear Sir:—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 3, enclosing The Grain Growers' Guide check for \$600.00.

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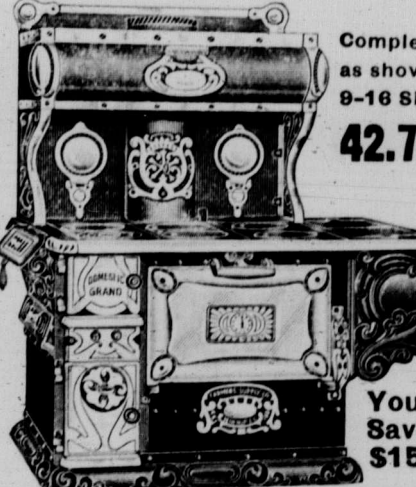


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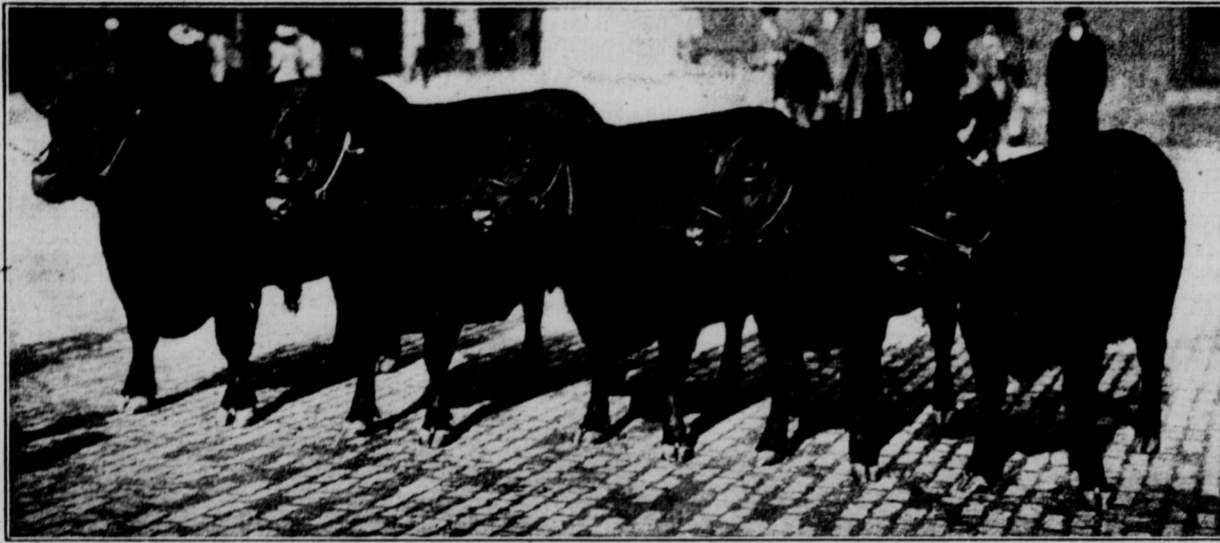
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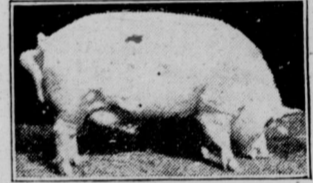
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Before a hard winter's driving, the automobile should be gone over thoroughly and carefully. As soon as freezing weather comes the radiator should be drained, flushed out thoroughly with fresh running water, and filled up with a good anti-freezing solution. Chains over the tires are valuable in the snow. A blanket thrown over the radiator when the car is left standing out in the open will help keep the engine warm. A padded cover, fitting over the radiator and engine hood, is a good investment. Lubricating oil of a light grade should be used in the cold weather.

It might be as well to mention something at this time about the inoal mare. Don't keep her in the barn all day long. Try and use her every day or so. There is always some team work to be done around the farm during the winter, and it is essential that the brood mares have exercise. Turn them out in the day-time if no work is available for them. Don't feed them many oats unless your hay or straw is very poor, and mix a little bran with the grain in the proportion of say four parts of oats to one of bran. Make certain that the horses always have access to salt. Either have a salt box somewhere in the yard or else have some rock salt in the mangers all the time.

Then, again, the stallion needs looking after. It isn't natural to expect a horse to come out fit in the spring for heavy service if he has been given no attention during the winter months. See to it that he gets exercise. Have a collar made for him and make him do some useful work every day. Attend to his feet. Stallions' hoofs do not have the same chance to wear down as the rest of the horses which are out working or in the pasture every day. It is not advisable to shoe the stallion, but his feet should be kept trimmed up from time to time to keep them in shape.

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LIGHTS IN THE BARN

It is estimated that nine-tenths of all fires are caused by carelessness. Winter is the season during which the lantern is used most in the barn and it might be well just now to offer a word of caution. Extreme care should be taken when a lantern is lit in the barn. It is not perhaps reasonable to make a hard and fast rule that no lantern shall be lit in the barn, but extreme care at any rate should be taken when lighting the lamp and subsequently as to the disposal of the match. If the lantern is not burning well or the glass needs cleaning, attend to the lamp in the

feed room or in some place away from the stalls and bedding of the stable proper. It is much better to feel ones way out of the stable if the lamp goes out rather than run any risks. Hooks should be arranged along the feed passages or in the driveway behind the stalls on which the lantern can be conveniently hung while work is being done in the stable. Never, under any circumstances, take the lantern up into a stall which is bedded down and set the lantern on the floor while something is done to the manger. It is courting almost a certain outbreak of fire. There installation of an electric lighting

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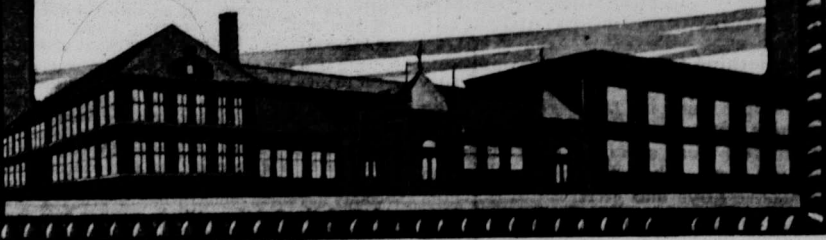
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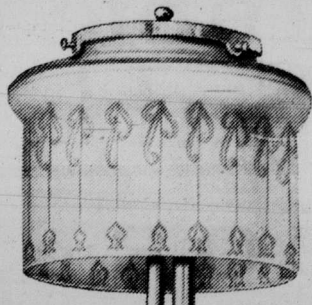
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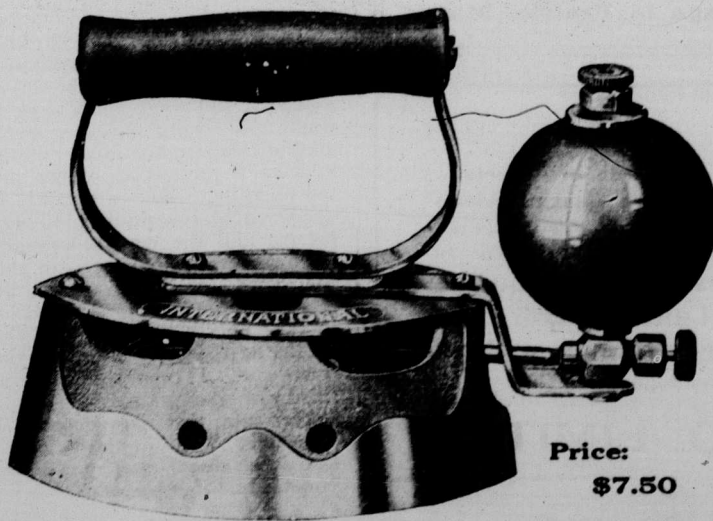
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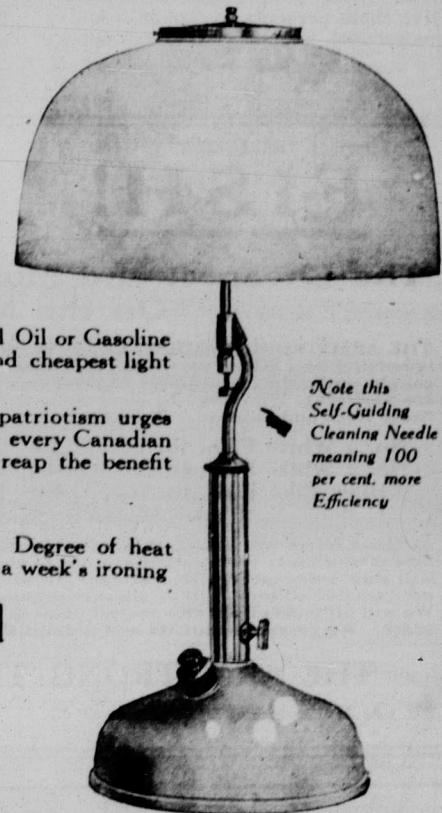
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