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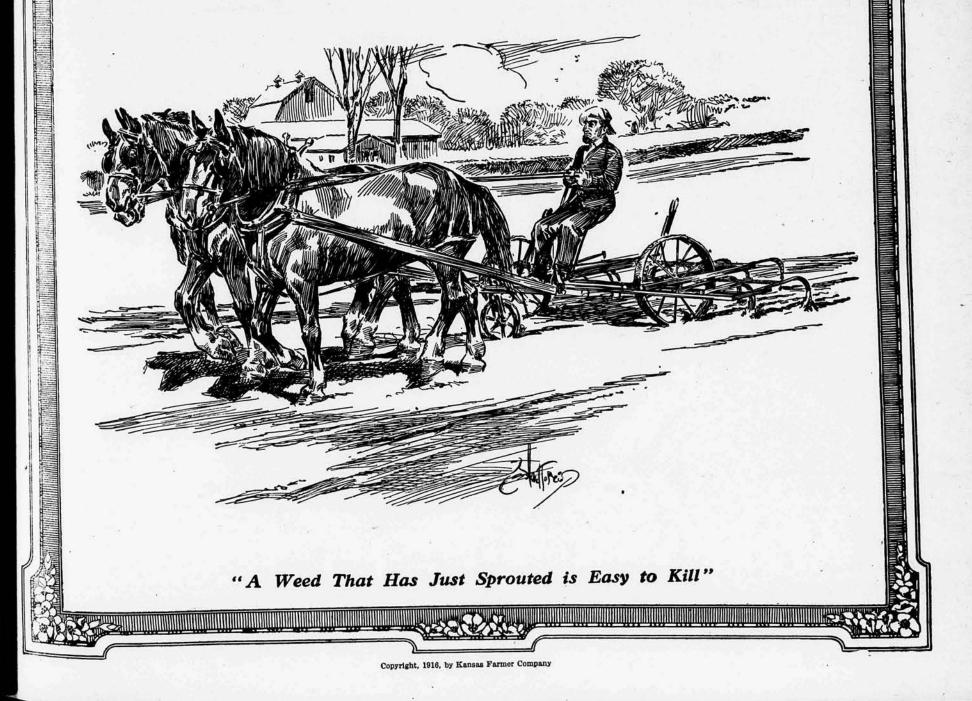
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POWER PLOWING IN LANDS

By RICHARD OLNEY

S OUCCESSFUL plowing with tractor outfits depends very largely on the method followed in laying out the field and the manner of plowing it. The best and the easiest way in the greater majority of cases is to follow the method

majority of cases is to follow the method as shown by Figures 1 and 2. Whether the field is square, rectan-gular or irregular in shape, large or small, the first thing to do is to set guide stakes at each corner, of equal distance from the adjacent sides of the field showt sides of the states are the states of the field, about eighteen to twenty paces-fifty to sixty feet. This should be measured as accurately as possible, as it makes it more convenient when finishing up the field.

up the field. Then with the single right hand plow of the engine gang set to cut a shallow furrow, plow in as straight a line as possible between each stake and around the entire field. The strip outside this furrow provides ample space in which to turn the outfit at the ends of the lands. The plowman should pull out the plows and drop them in on this furrow which serves as a mark. By doing this a more serves as a mark. By doing this a more even job can be accomplished. The part outside of this guide furrow should be left till last, after the portion

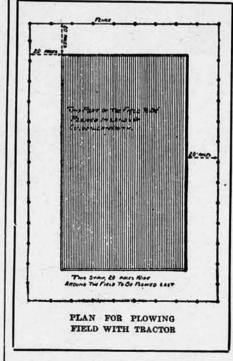
should be left till last, after the portion inside has been plowed off in lands. That part of the field inside the mark should be plowed in convenient lands by a combination of backfurrowing and dead furrowing. The lands should not be too wide, as considerable time will be lost in traveling around the ends be lost in traveling around the ends.

The best method is to divide this por-tion up into a series of lands of ten to twelve rounds each by setting guide stakes. The operator should be careful to drive straight furrows in striking off these lands so he will come out even when finishing.

After the lands have been plowed off, the strip at the outside is plowed by starting in next to the plowed land at the corner, where it is desired to finish the corner, where it is desired to finish up, and plowing around and around the field. It should be so planned that on the last round, if in a fenced field, the gang will be taking its full width. In this way the operator will be able to plow closer to the fence.

PLOWING THE HEADLANDS.

In plowing the outside strip, it is best to follow the plan shown in Figure 2. Start at one corner by dropping in the



plows nearest the plowed land in such a way that the furrow ends will be on a diagonal. In coming out at a corner do the same thing, only start by raising the plows farthest away from the plowed land. The turn can be made by making a circle at the corners. This should be done on the first one or two rounds. After this the operator can make an easy gradual turn and no land will be left unplowed or plowed twice. By properly following the methods as

outlined above, the engine will at no time travel on the plowed ground. When the last round at the outer edge is plowed, the field is finished. And if the proper care has been exercised in doing the work, the result will be a smooth, even job, which cannot be equalled by horse plowing or any other method. OTHER METHODS OF PLOWING.

There are two others methods which are frequently used for plowing a field. The first is to begin at the outside and work toward the center by plowing around the field. It is known as the dead-furrow method. The plows are not lifted in turning. The disadvantage of this is that a small crescent-shaped strip is left unplowed on each corner of every round.

The second is the back-furrow method The second is the back-furrow method In this one the start is made at the cen-ter and the field is plowed by back-furrowing to the outside without raising the plows. The disadvantage of doing this is that the plows cut a narrower furrow when turning a corner than when driving straight and consequently there is a large triangular-shaped piece left at each corner of the field, which must be plowed with horses.

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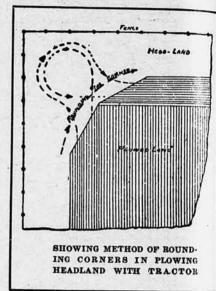
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Either of these two methods is un. satisfactory if a good, thorough job of plowing is desired.

plowing is desired. The case of disk plowing is different, however, than plowing with moldboards. The method shown in the cuts would not be at all satisfactory. A field should

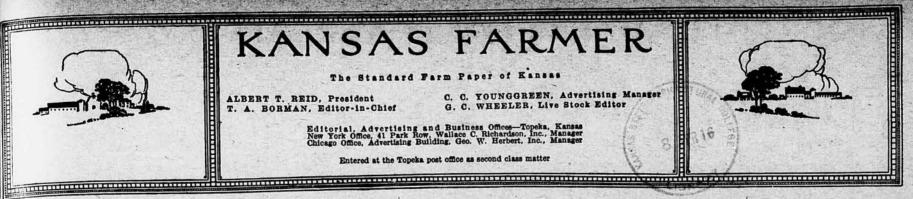


be plowed with disks in such a way that it will not be necessary to lift the plows, The best method to use is the back-furrow method described above—start-ing at the center and plowing toward the outside.

Testing Horsepower of Gasoline Motors. The testing of gasoline motors is a matter that is little understood even by the experienced dealer in tractors or gasoline motors. One big manufacturer measures the power efficiency of his product by using an instrument known as a dynamometer. This, in other words, is an electrical generator or arrowerds, as a dynamometer. This, in other words, is an electrical generator, so arranged that it is turned by the gas engine. The current or power is measured in two ways; first by the most delicate electric instrument, second by the actual scale which shows the number of pounds of pull produced in the generator, the field of which is on a swivel. The load is varied by cutting in more or less resisvaried by cutting in more or less resis-tance. The indicator shows the number tance. The indicator shows the number of revolutions per minute which the motor is running. If desired, the opera-tion above described can be reversed, with generator running as the motor, runs the gas engine, thus showing the exact amount of friction produced in the bearings while running idle. This dyna-mometer is also valuable running oil and fuel economy tests. Every motor feeted fuel economy tests. Every motor tested in this way is sent out, knowing it to be up to the exact standard of efficiency required.

Public Watering Troughs Dangerous. The public watering trough is a nuisance that should be abolished. It is common knowledge that some of the worst diseases of horses, such as glanders and strangles are transmitted in this the transportation on! panies place notices in their establish-ments to the effect that teamsters are not to water at public watering troughs, under penalty of dismissal. It is quite certain that this is the most common means of spreading strangles-distemper -among horses and the public watering trough should be legally abolished.

The successful man is the man who understands his business. This is true of the farmer as well as of other basis ness men. While most farmers know far more about their business than many believe, very few of them can keep the details well in mind unless they have a system of more or less definite records system of more or less definite records for reference. These records need not be elaborate, but should be kept for the purpose of showing the profits or losses of the farming business.



INSECT CONTROL

The possibility of serious losses from Hessian fly is the chief topic of conversation in the leading wheat-growing sec-tions of Kansas. This pest is present in large numbers and thousands of acres of wheat will undoubtedly have to be played up. The mature insect is now plowed up. The mature insect is now emerging from the flaxseeds which lived through the winter. These flies are not over one-eighth inch in length. The fe-males will lay from 50 to 150 eggs on the leaves of the wheat and these will the leaves of the wheat and these will hatch in a few days into tiny red mag-gots. These maggots will immediately begin to feed upon the juices of the wheat and where present in large num-bers the wheat will begin to dry up and fall.

It is this new brood that will do all the damage and the number of flaxseeds found is a fair indication as to the amount of damage that may be expected. The average farmer is usually helpless when it comes to controlling insect pests unless he is very familiar with all their habits. Special training and their habits. Special training and knowledge is almost essential in workknowledge is almost essential in work-ing out plans to prevent or reduce in-sect damage of any kind. The habits of insects are mysterious. Only the trained entomologist is competent to ferrer out the habits and life history of the various insects. Without a com-plete knowledge of their existence from the end to the mature insect it is implete knowledge of their existence from the egg to the mature insect it is im-possible to work out effectual methods of control. We have such men at our experiment stations and they have shown that Hessian fly damage can be almost entirely eliminated. Those who have paid little attention to this post in the past are now becom-

to this pest in the past are now becom-ing interested. When confronted with the necessity for plowing up hundreds of acres of wheat, the grower sees the value of taking up some method of controlling the damage. All that is neces-sary in the case of fly control is for the sary in the case of hy control is for the growers of a community to unite and put into operation in a co-operative way, the plans outlined. While nothing can be done now to reduce this year's Hes-sian fly damage, it is not too early to begin organizing the community for the fight to save next year's crop. The broad that is now doing the damage will pass into the dormant stage about harpass into the dormant stage about har-vest time and will be found in the stub-The work of destruction must begin at that time.

DAIRY COWS FOR CLUB WORK.

The boys and girls of the Kansas Farmer Dairy Club are not finding it an matter to get suitable cows. We tting numerous requests to assist are those who have enrolled. Kansas in advo num ber. In some counties a carload of cows could be used by members club. It would seem that in some e communities of Kansas where ing has been followed for some there should be some cows for sale. of dai If t ere is such community in the state, th people are missing an opportunity 4. It would be a big advertisement a dairy community to supply the and girls of some other county with cows they need to carry on the k of the club. m th Worl of the club.

ere there is any considerable number of club members, there is sure to be decrease in dairy interest, and that an will mean a growing market for dairybred stock.

NEW SHORTHORN PUBLICATION initial number of The Shorthorn America has just come to our desk. It is to be published quarterly by the American Shorthorn Breeders' Associa-It : American Shorthorn Breeders' Associa-tion. The first number sets a high mark in tulfilling the purpose of the publica-tion. If continued along the line of this issue it will become a chronicle of Shorthorn progress, a textbook that all Shorthorn students will read with inter-est and profit 'and a 'histöry upon which future generations can depend. It is printed on book paper and contains nu-merous photographic illustrations of con-temporary Shorthorn types. Frank D. Tomson is the editor.

DISHONEST SPRAY MATERIALS

Not only are spray materials ex-tremely high in price, but there is the danger that commercial sprays may not be up to specifications. The Federal Debe up to specifications. The Federal De-partment of Agriculture has been inves-tigating and as a result there has been a large number of convictions of indi-viduals and firms for selling dishonest spray materials. Reports of sprays be-ing ineffectual could perhaps in some cases be traced to the use of adulterated materials. Judging from the number of convictions the evil must be widespread. Few states have made any attempt to protect the nurchaser of spray ma-

to protect the purchaser of spray ma-terials. It would seem that some system should be devised to make sure that the grower can depend on the materials he buys. Lists of those convicted for sellbuys. ing adulterated materials can be secured from the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C. GROWING POPCORN FOR MARKET

Some weeks ago we received some in-quiries relative to popcorn in Kansas.

We found that it was not grown in a commercial way anywhere in the state. The crop is quite an important one commercially in the state of Iowa, hundreds of acres being grown. Last year, owing to the lateness of the season, much of the Iowa crop did not mature.

There seems to be no reason why Kansas could not produce popcorn in commercial quantities. It begins to ripen the latter part of July and there-fore escapes the dry spells that come later in the summer. After it reaches a certain point it is better for the crop if the weather is fairly dry. An Iowa man who makes the hand-ling of popcorn a business, has recently been making contracts with Smith County farmers to grow this crop. He furnishes the seed and contracts to take the popcorn when matured. He has al-There seems to be no reason why

the popcorn when matured. He has al-ready made arrangements for enough to insure a number of carloads from that

part of the state. There is a good market for popcorn and the industry could easily become a profitable one in Kansas.

Kansas Farmer Dairy Club Grows

ACH week brings new evidence of interest and enthusiasm in the Kansas Farmer Dairy Club. During the past few days two fathers and their sons called at the KANSAS FARMER office, seeking information regarding pure-bred and high grade dairy cows. They had driven sixty miles on this mission. Realizing the club work will be of value in the boys' farm training, these fathers are inter-ested in seeing their sons get the best cows possible in

order that the year's work may be most productive. Another father, whose young son is his farm partner, called by telephone to ask whether or not a pure-bred cow now owned by his son, could be used in the club work. They both thought not, but wanted to make sure before purchasing another cow. Upon learning that a cow must be pur-chased for entry, the father stated the boy would comply with the requirements.

No one can doubt the enthusiasm of the bankers of Kansas nor their willingness to co-operate in assisting boys and girls to take part in the Kansas Farmer Dairy Club.

"We do not care how many boys and girls call upon us for assistance, providing they can satisfy us they have the ability, ambition, and energy to properly carry out the work. Send us such blanks as we ought to have." These are the words of F. H. Foster of the Fort Scott State Bank.

C. R. Hoyt, cashier of the Thayer State Bank, says "We already have the applications of two boys who wish to enter your dairy club contest and will be glad to furnish the purchase money for more on the conditions outlined in your paper. We wish to look after the applicants for this territory.

The Wulfekuhler State Bank of Leavenworth has already enrolled eight boys and is looking for more.

Four girls are now enrolled, and one has just asked if she cannot come in as a partner with her older brother. Even ten-year-old boys are asking for admission.

A number of those enrolled have already secured their cows and those who have not are diligently searching for cows suitable for the work of the club. P. H. Ross, agri-cultural agent in Leavenworth County, was out last week with a party looking for cows.

The buying of cows for foundation stock is an experience all dairymen must go through, and these boys and girls are receiving some valuable training in the selec and purchase of their cows. No matter who wins the prizes, every member of the club will have received far more of actual value than his efforts will have cost. No one who joins this club and does all the work required, can be a loser. It is a proposition in which all who enter will gain something.

At this writing thirty-four boys and girls have com-pleted their arrangements with their respective banks and are now fully enrolled in the club.

Applications for membership will be received up to June 1. Send your names to Albert T. Reid, president of Kansas Farmer Company, Topeka, or have your bankers send them to us.

NON-REGISTERED STALLIONS

In carrying out the provisions of the state stallion license law, there is a possibility that in some instances really good breeding animals must of necessity be licensed as "scrubs". There are only three classifications under which horses can be licensed, namely, pure-bred, grade, and scrub. The scrub classification in-cludes all those of unknown or mixed breeding.

breeding. We have just received a letter from a reader telling of an instance where a horse that has made good as a breeder is listed as a sorub. This horse was brought to the state some years ago and no pedigree was secured at the time he was purchased. He is said to have sired some of the best horses in the community. It is but natural that the owner of such horse should feel that the law has singled him out in a harsh manlaw has singled him out in a harsh man-ner, but if the horse has been successful as a breeder, publicly stating or adver-tising the fact that his breeding is un-known can do him no harm. The law

known can do him no harm. The law was meant for the man who owned a horse of mongrel breeding but who rep-resented him to be a pure-bred. The law compels such men to be honest and advertise their horses for what they are. In spite of the fact that in this in-stance the horse listed as a scrub is a sire of good horses, the average sire of mixed breeding is unreliable and does not transmit even his own individuality with any uniformity. This was strik-ingly illustrated in a horse and colt show held in Norton County at which Dr. C. W. McCampbell, secretary of the State W. McCampbell, secretary of the State Live Stock Registry Board, was the judge. Even Doctor McCampbell was judge. Even Doctor McCampbell was compelled to admit that a non-registered compelled to admit that a non-registered stallion in the show was the best horse there. Later a large ring of colts were judged. After the prizes had all been awarded, Doctor McCampbell, partly through curiosity, interviewed the own-ers of the colts to find out by what horses they were sired. He failed to find a colt that had even gotten inside the money sired by the non-registered horse. It was evident that in spite of the fact that he was a good horse indithe fact that he was a good horse indi-

vidually, he lacked the prepotent power to transmit excellence to his offspring. No license law of this kind can be perfect, but we believe this law has done a great deal to reduce the number of inferior stallions used in Kansas. Such horse as the one referred to by our correspondent will undoubtedly continue to be used because of his record as a breeder, in spite of the fact that he is licensed as a scrub. We do not believe, as does our correspondent, that half the stallions labeled as scrubs are pure-breds the pedigrees of which have been lost.

FARM NAMES We always have a feeling that people who give their farms distinctive names take more pride in their occupation than those who do not. This practice is becoming more common and certainly is to be encouraged. We have been invited to visit on some of these farms and the invitation is always given in a tone of voice indicating pride in the surroundings.

The farm name can now be registered with the county clerk upon payment of a one-dollar fee. This gives the owner exclusive right to the use of that par-

ticular name in the county. There are eighty-two farms in Shaw-nee County having names. Some of these

names are very suggestive. The next step might well be the plac-ing of the name, with that of the owner, on an attractive sign. It is always a matter of interest to the passer-by to know the names of farmers along the way, and where the farm itself has some characteristic name it is more apt to be remembered.

remembered. On farms where some special breed of live stock is kept or pure-bred seed is grown, it is a good plan to have these facts incorporated in the name or dis-played on a neatly lettered bulletin board. In these days when so many people tour the country in autos, this is a most effective means of advertising nure-bred live stock and other products pure-bred live stock and other products.

KANSAS FARMER April 8, 1916 ENGINE FARM LABOR SAVER



Power Plant on Modern Farm Saves Money and Does Away With Much Drudgery By J. C. SHUTT, Engineering Division, K. S. A. C.

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The cil engine using gasoline or the heav-ier petroleum fuels has demonstrated, beyond doubt, its adaptability to the varied conditions of the

up-to-date farms. Thus far it has been applied principally to pump-ing water, grinding feed, sawing wood, etc., but many have devised schemes to drive and operate other machines about the premises.

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the premises. FUEL USED TO OPERATE ENGINES. Gasoline has been the principal fuel used for the oil engine. With the pres-ent prices of gasoline—and the predic-tions are that it will go still higher— it seems that something else must be substituted for this fuel. The kerosene, or cool oil onion has preched a purch substituted for this fuel. The kerosene, or coal oil, engine, has reached a very high stage of development and is, in many instances, replacing the use of gasoline for power purposes. Many farmers operating engines prefer to use gasoline as the fuel because it is easier to vaporize and causes less trouble. However, with only a little added care and attention, the kerosene engine is just as reliable as the other, and is very much more economical. It requires more gasoline than kerosene to develop a gasoline than kerosene to develop a horse power and kerosene is also very much cheaper than gasoline. The heavier oil engines using distil-

The heavier oil engines using distil-late, crude oil, etc., are proving quite satisfactory for power purposes about the farm. An advantage in favor of this type of engine is the cheapness of fuel and the absence of complicated elec-tric ignition systems. The ignition is tric ignition systems. The ignition is by compression which generates sufficient heat to ignite the fuel vapor in the cylinder, or by a hot head or bulb which is heated by a torch before the engine is started, and is kept hot by the heat of the burning gases within.

CONNECT MANY MACHINES TO ENGINE. When installing an engine, facilities for driving other machines should be kept in mind. Quite often it is used only for pumping purposes. An engine house or tool shed should be erected near or over the well where the engine may be housed, and, if the well is outside, a shaft or waterproof belt may be led to a pump jack over it. This may be belted direct from the engine, or better still, from a line shaft. A line shaft, if used, should extend along the entire side or center of the building and be belted di-rect to the engine. This shaft should be provided with a number of pulleys and belts for driving other machines. It is very convenient, but not at all necessary, to have loose pulleys on the line shaft and use belt shifters for engaging and disengaging the power to the differ-ent machines in the building.

The engine house may be used for the dairy and laundry if placed near the residence. If in, or near, the barnyard, it may be used for driving the corn sheller, feed grinder, fanning mill, etc.

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Since several of the machines, as the fanning mill, grain grinder, etc., are used intermittently, it is advisable to provide means of clamping them to the floor when in use. After the work is finished, they may be stored until needed again.

The portable engine is very good for those who find it more convenient to locate their machines at various places about the premises. Those mounted on wheels are much easier to move about and line to the driven machine. For the smaller sizes and when no great amount smaller sizes, and when no great amount of changing around is to be done, the skid mounted engine will serve very well. The uses to which an engine of this type may be put depends very much upon its size. Those of one or two horse-power are suitable for driving the ma-chines in the dairy and laundry and have sufficient power to pump enough water from an ordinary well—thirty to fifty feet deep—for one hundred head of stock. It is also suitable for turning small corn shellers, feed grinders, shop tools. etc.

For heavier work, such as shredding, threshing, and filling the silo, a much larger and heavier engine must be used. Sizes ranging from ten to twenty horse-power are suitable for this kind of work. The size of engine suitable depends di-rectly upon the size of machines to be driven. A sixteen or eighteen horse en-gine furnishes sufficient power to drive gine furnishes sufficient power to drive the average size of the above named machines. A traction engine is also very suitable for the heavier belt work.

The smaller sized engines may be direct connected to a portable force pump and used for spraying trees and plants. They are also direct connected to hoisting winches for use in connection with hay derricks and for lifting hay into barns.

Many attempts have been made to apply them to horse drawn implements, such as mowing machines and binders. Those that have been attached to binders have shown a very marked degree of success. The only work necessary for the horse is to draw the machine over the field. Because of the steady power from the engine, it is claimed that the wearing qualities of the binder are lengthened and a better grade of work is done.

A great labor saving device is the wagon dump and grain elevator. A small engine furnishes power to raise the front end of a loaded grain wagon, dump-ing the grain into a hopper, which is conveyed from this by a chain elevator into the bin or crib.

FARM ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

FARM ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT. Without doubt the best time to gen-erate electricity for a lighting plant is while the engine is being used for pump-ing, separating, or other purpose. It is true that many engines are being used only for driving small electric light dynamos. While most electric machines

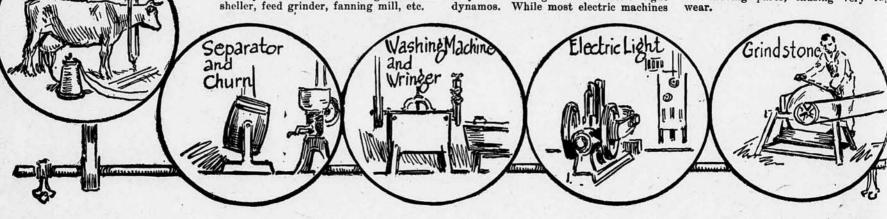
used for this purpose are small and con-sume very little power, it is advisable to install a larger engine and use the surplus power for other purposes while the storage batteries are being charged. Many are finding it very convenient to install an electric equipment of fairly large capacity and then have electric motors at various places about the farm large capacity and then have electric motors at various places about the farm buildings for driving the various pieces of machinery. The electricity is avail-able not only for lighting purposes in the residence, but may be used for elec-tris fans, flat irons, running the sewing machine, etc. Most of the engines used for electric lighting purposes are now being arranged as self-starting. The dynamo takes current from the battery and runs as a motor, turning the engine and runs as a motor, turning the engine until it starts on its own power. Then, as the engine turns the dynamo, current is generated which supplies the mains and stores electricity in the battery. ENGINE NECESSITY IN FARM SHOP.

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No farmer should attempt to get along without some tools for general repair work. Too often the general repair man is no more competent to repair a piece of machinery than the farmer himself. The time requires to remove and take the broken pieces to town is generally much longer than that necessary to do the work at home, were a shop equipped for that purpose. Most repair work that is done in the average blacksmith shop is of such a nature that it might well be done at home. Broken castings are delived and a plate instal be done at home. Broken castings are drilled and a plate riveted on to hold them together. The welding of mild steel and iron is very simple and with a small amount of practice most men can master the art fairly well. The most useful tool in a shop is an emery wheel, and it is absolutely necessary to have some sort of power other than that of hand or foot to turn it. As for the forge hand or foot to turn it. As for the forge or post drill, they may be turned by hand, but this becomes tiresome and mand, but this becomes tiresome and many jobs may be slighted that might otherwise have been finished well had some more powerful means been used for driving the machines. A small rip saw in a shop will soon pay for itself in time and money saved by working broken and split timber into sizes suit-able for the various packet the able for the various needs about the farm. Wide boards have often been used where narrower ones were much more desirable, but time and means would not permit one to be ripped from a wider one.

In placing an engine for shop power, or for driving a feed grinder or fanning or for driving a feed grinder or famming mill, a tight partition should be built between the engine and the machinery to be driven. If a forge and emery wheel are to be driven, a part of the emery wheel wears away with use and dust from the forge as well as emery is car-ried about the shop by air currents which settles on the engine ard is acruid into settles on the engine and is carried into the moving parts, causing very rapid

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April 8, 1016 GENERAL FARMER INQUIRIES Something For Every Farm-Overflow Items From Other Departments

S UBSCRIBER H. M., Wilson County, asks if it is a good plan to burn off a prairie grass meadow in the

off a prairie grass meadow in the spring. If quantity of grass only is to be con-sidered, it would be better not to burn. The fall growth of the old grass which settles down against the ground helps to retain moisture and supplies plant food as it decays. Burning the meadow each spring will reduce the total amount of grass grown quite materially. The quality of the hay produced, how-ever, is always improved by burning. No matter how close the old stubble may have settled down to the ground, enough

No matter how close the old stubble may have settled down to the ground, enough of it will be raked up with the new hay to give it an off color. Its feeding value is not affected, but if it is to be sold on the market it will not bring as much money as will bright hay free from this mixture of old grass. Burning late in the spring after the weeds, have started will kill them or at least set them back so that the hay produced will contain will kill them or at least set them back so that the hay produced will contain less weeds when it is cut. If the hay is to be fed on the farm, we would not advise burning. If it is to be marketed, the extra quality of the hay produced would more than offset the reduction in quantity.

Salting Does Not Improve Fodder. M. M., Reno County, asks if it is a good plan to sprinkle salt water over some poor quality fodder he is feeding to his milk cows. They do not seem to relish it and his idea is to get them to eat more of it.

usually very unsatisfactory results Will follow trying to feed milk cows on forage of poor quality. Animals that are simply being maintained will use low are supply being maintained will use low grade roughage to advantage, but milk cows are hard-working animals and even though they might be induced to eat more of this poor fodder, the nutrient value is not there and little effect could be expected in improving the milk flow be expected in improving the milk flow. It is true, cows need salt, but it is never advisable to give salt in connection with feed. Salt is most satisfactorily sup-plied by keeping a box of it handy where the cows can help themselves to it whenever they want it.

If there is any good forage on the place it would pay to give it to the milk cows at this season of the year. It might even pay to buy some good al-falfa hay rather than allow them to fall off scringly in will down off seriously in milk flow.

Age to Breed Fillies. P. S., McPherson County, writes that he has a two-year-old filly of draft breeding weighing about 1,200 pounds. He wishes to know whether it would be se plan to breed her this season.

a wise plan to breed her this season. Well developed facilities can be safely bred at this age, but they must be given the best of care and feeding to avoid checking their growth and development. Raising a colt puts considerable strain on the young mare, but we can see no reason why fillies of this age should not be bred. It is being successfully done be bred. It is being successfully done by horsemen all over the country. Our correspondent must remember, however, that his filly has not only her own growth to complete, but must provide Buuishment for the developing colt. tourishment for the developing colt. The breeding his fillies at two years of age.

Deep Plowing. P. L., Jefferson County, writes that he is on a farm this year where the indi-cations are that the land has never been plowed more than four or five inches He has been in the habit of plowing much deeper than this and asks if it is advisable to increase the depth of ploving very much on this farm this

ur or five inches is certainly very shallow plowing and we would not ex-pect corn or other cultivated crops to very good results where land is not ed deeper than this. A deep seed is to be desired on nearly all kinds bed soils. It is not always a good plan blow new land deep the first year, as is necessary for the soil to become and with organic matter before it is to it suitable for plant growth. Greatly in-creasing the depth of plowing in a singlo year might bring up so much raw soil that it would take several years for the land to get into ideal condition for growing crops.

A shallow seed bed compels the roots of the crop to spread out on the surface. This of necessity restricts their feeding area and makes the crop much more susceptible to dry weather. Soil that has been plowed shallow for a numher of years quite often has an artificial

hardpan subsoil made by the sole of the plow. This makes it even more difficult for the plant roots to grow below the bottom of the furrow. If this is the condition on our correspondent's farm, we would advise that the plowing be we would advise that the plowing be deep enough this year to break up this subsoil which is found at the bottom of the former furrows. This will deepen the seed bed and will give the roots a larger amount of soil from which to draw

A deep seed bed not only gives the plants access to a larger amount of ferplants access to a larger amount of ler-tility, but helps to store a reserve of soil moisture. It might not be advis-able to plow this land eight or nine inches deep this year, but the depth could safely be increased an inch or two with good results.

Market for Castor Beans.

An Oklahoma reader asks if castor beans can be profitably raised, what the seed costs, and how and where they are marketed.

This crop is grown mostly in the Southern States. Only eighty-seven acres were grown in Kansas last year, according to the figures given out by

smoothed and a coat of cement plaster applied. This should be made of one part of cement and two parts clean sharp part of cement and two parts clean sharp sand. It may be necessary to moisten the dirt somewhat before applying the plaster. Another four or five feet can be dug and plastered, and šo on until the desired depth is reached. This method saves scaffolding work. Some device should be rigged up to haul out dirt. Those who have had experience in digging wells will know how to han-dle this part of the work. A windlass and bucket is commonly used. We would suggest that our correspondent write to his experiment station at Berkeley, California, for advice relative to the pit silo for his particular section. A bulletin on the pit silo can be se-cured from the Kansas Experiment Sta-tion at Manhattan. It may be necessary to moisten

No System to Road Work. I differ from State Highway Engineer Gearhart very much in regard to the building of surfaced roads. I think what we need is a system of better graded and dragged earth roads. In traveling over the county you seldom see a property over the county you seldom see a prop-erly graded road. They are just small

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our State Board of Agriculture, and over half of this acreage was in Bourbon and Cherokee counties.

and Cherokee counties. The Oklahoma Experiment Station has grown these beans experimentally and in Bulletin No. 54 of that station, the results of this work are given. Those interested should write to Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the bulletin. They found that the best time to plant was about the middle of April. The beans began ripening the third week in July. The best yield they secured was 12.9 bushels best yield they secured was 12.9 bushels an acre.

The beans are marketed in the East, but we can give no information as to prices, nor the probable cost of seed.

Pit Silo Information.

A. P. H., a California reader, asks for information about the pit silo. The pit silo is simply a hole in the ground and will preserve silage as well ground and will preserve snage as well as any other type of silo providing the soil is of such nature that no water seeps into the pit. This type has been quite extensively dug over the Great Plains area, including Western Kansas, Fastern Colorado, and Wastern Okla-Eastern Colorado, and Western Okla-homa. Its principal merit is that it costs very little to make outside of the

labor. Such silo should not be located where there is any possibility of surface water getting into it.

The first step in digging a pit silo is to make a collar of concrete about six inches thick, to prevent the dirt from caving in at the top of the hole. This is done by digging a circular trench 18 to 24 inches deep and filling this in with concrete, using about one part of ce-ment to four parts of sand, or one to five if the sand contains some coarse gravel. After this has set for two or three days, the digging can begin. Great care should be exercised in doing this work in order that the walls be kept perpendicular. After digging four or five feet the walls should be carefully

grades, and when the heavy rains come they become water-soaked and cut up very easily. If the road were properly graded, making a deep, wide ditch, and a good crown were kept on the grade, the road would become solid and would shed the rainfall and become dry after a half day's sun and wind a half day's sun and wind.

The reason we are spending so much money and derive so little benefit from it is because of the poor system of road work and poor work that is done. For instance, I know of many places where instance, I know of many places where the township and county have expended \$2,000 at different times and received no permanent good from it. The trouble with the road work is that there is no system to it and the work done is not permanent in many cases. I know of a piece of road that a year are was almost impassable. I have seen

ago was almost impassable. I have seen three teams stuck along this road at one time on a three-quarter mile stretch. They finally cut two good ditches and now this road is all right. I speak of this simply to illustrate what proper ditching will do.—FRANCIS LONG, Greenwood County.

Opposes Road Building by State.

Being somewhat of a good roads en-thusiast, I read with a good deal of interest State Highway Engineer W. S. Gear-hart's article on "Financing Road Build-ing" in last week's issue of KANSAS FARMER. There are several sides to this, as well as to most other questions. Con-siderable study of the good roads ques-tion has convinced me that under existing conditions of development, the common people and farmers of Kansas cannot afford to build what is generally understood by "improved" or "surfaced" roads, costing thousands of dollars a mile to build, but should concentrate their efforts to making and maintaining the best dirt roads possible and building good, durable culverts and bridges. Our enthusiasm for good roads should always be bounded by the question: "Is

it a good investment? Will it pay, not only the favored few who happen to own property adjacent to a proposed 'im-proved' road, but the community at large as represented by the people of the town-ship, county or state?" The "improved" roads advocate will be ready with the assertion that it does, but the very plans assertion that it does, but the very plans proposed for financing such projects shows the fallacy of this claim. Mr. Gearhart, after dwelling on the pros-perity of the people of Kansas, and re-citing the fact that the state is out of debt, asks why the state should not as-sist in building some good roads? He then proposes that the state should pay 35 per cent of the cost, the county 30 per cent, the township 20 per cent, and the abutting property owners 15 per cent. cent

cent. Now, let us turn Mr. Gearhart's ques-tion "to' other end to" and ask: "Why should the state pay 35 per cent? Why should the Shawnee County taxpayer, for instance, pay for an "improved" road past my farm in Butler County, which he will probably never see or travel?" Just because Kansas is out of debt and her people prosperous? No, the real rea-son is that if the money is to be raised by the people benefited, the cost will at once be shown to be prohibitive, while if we see a chance to shift 85 per cent of the cost to other shoulders we will be of the cost to other shoulders we will be apt to boost the cause, trusting to luck to shift a good portion of the remain-ing 15 per cent onto some of our neigh-

ing 15 per cent onto some of our neigh-bors in the assessing of benefits. It seems to me that every road im-provement project should stand on its own merits, and that the Hodges law cited by Mr. Gearhart, providing for county aid building bridges and cul-verts, and 25 per cent township aid, is certainly going far enough in the mat-ter of outside aid. Any road that is not feasible to build under such provisions, had better be left unbuilt. I am strongly opposed to state aid in

had better be left unbuilt. I am strongly opposed to state aid in road building, as the benefits to be de-rived from good roads are at least 90 per cent local, and state aid under such conditions is degrading and demoraliz-ing, but am in favor of liberal and wise expenditure of township funds for grad-ing and dragging dirt roads, not only "between cities and market centers" but throughout the whole township. for. as throughout the whole township, for, as has aptly been said, as the strength of has aptly been said, as the strength of a chain is determined by its weakest link, so is the hauling capacity of a team determined by the poorest stretch of road. Hence, my plea for the best uniformly good dirt roads we can profit-ably maintain.—J. H. CLASSEN, Butler County.

Another Breed of Horses.

We have just received a communica-tion suggesting the idea that we need a new breed of horses. This writer argues that while the typical draft horse has his place on the farm, it is not the only one. He thinks farmers are contenting themselves with horses entirely too small one. and of very inferior character for cultivating crops and doing other work for which the heavy drafter is not adapted.

We have no pure-bred horses of the size and type classed as wagon horses. This is the market class including expressers, delivery wagon horses, artillery horses, and fire horses. On the farm horses of this size and conformation are specially adapted for use on the mower, cultivating and harrowing on soft ground, or for farm work. The question raised is, would it be an advantage to take up systematically the breeding and development of horses of this type, with the end in view of eventually having a distinct breed? Do we need a new breed to supply the missing lind between the automobile and the draft horse? We would be glad to have KANSAS FARMER readers give their views on this subject.

Looking After Spring Litter of Pigs.

With the price of hogs soaring around ten cents a pound it will pay to give intelligent care to spring litters of pigs. They should have a comfortable house with dry bedding, milk or milk and shorts ration by the third week of the pig's life, and a clean place to eat with plenty of forage as they get older. If a little pen or creep is built near they sleeping place they can be fed when they are young and small, which prevents the young porkers from losing their "pig fat." By keeping a succession of forage crops for the pigs through the summer the ration of grain can be lessened and the profits increased.

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Finishing With Milo and Feterita

WIDENCE continues to accumulate that finishing cattle for market is not dependent on corn. For many years it has been the custom to ship the cattle grown in the West to the corn belt to be finished for market. In the territory tributary to Garden City, 6,000 cattle have been on feed the past season. Cattle feeders through this section have been experimenting with the feeding of ground milo and kafir and the results have been most satisfactory. Only last week four carloads of fat cattle were marketed by George T. Inge, of Finney County. These had been fattened on milo, alfalfa, and a little cottonseed cake. They gained well from the very beginning and the increase has been made more cheaply than it could have been in VIDENCE continues to accumulate more cheaply than it could have been in the corn belt and the cattle were just as well finished as they would have been if fed corn.

The beet sugar company has taken up live stock farming extensively, and this company is now finishing several thousand head of cattle, using milo as

the grain ration. The climate of this part of the state is much more favorable to cattle feeding than is the climate farther east. In Eastern Kansas and Missouri feed lots Eastern Kansas and Missouri feed lots frequently become so muddy during the winter and spring seasons that it is abso-lutely impossible for cattle to be com-fortable. Under such conditions gains are always poor and are made at high cost. There is never any trouble of this bind in the grain account of the second se kind in the grain sorghum country. Catkind in the grain sorghum country. Cat-tle can always be assured of a com-fortable place to lie. Not only can the cattle be grown more cheaply under the conditions prevailing in the grain sorghum country, but they can be fin-ished for market as satisfactorily as in sections farther east. There will un-doubtedly be much more feeding of cat-tle as it becomes more generally known that milo and kafir can be used when properly supplemented, for this purpose.

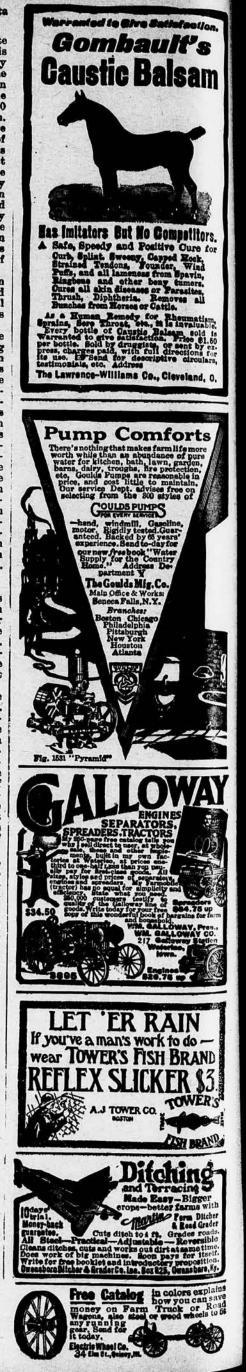
Grain for Live Stock.

Live stock production in the past has been marked by great extravagance in the use of grain. The old type of steer feeder gave little consideration to the feeding value of the roughage he used. He looked upon this as simply filling— something that must be supplied to the ruminant animals but not for nutrient purposes.

Grain now has too high a market value to be fed to live stock as formerly. Economy in live stock production re-quires that the fullest use possible be made of rough feed. In Argentina, which is our greatest competitor in beef pro-duction, almost no grain is fed to cat-tle. They are fed on alfalfa, and the beef produced enters into the trade of tle. They are fed on alfalfa, and the beef produced enters into the trade of the world. Almost all of the grain pro-duced in this country is exported. While it is impossible to produce the highest country of beef on roughage alone, this It is impossible to produce the highest quality of beef on roughage alone, this Argentina product forms a large part of the world's beef supply. Even with the high prices for grain, some is necessary on the live stock farm. Some classes of stock can be fed and

Some classes of stock can be fed and maintained for considerable periods on roughage alone, but there are few live stock farms where it is advisable to leave out of the plans some provision for grain crops. While corn has long been the principal grain feed for stock, the grain sorghums are coming more and more into prominence and are being used as a substitute for corn. Even where corn is commonly grown, putting out a corn is commonly grown, putting out a reasonable acreage of kafir will make grain for the stock more certain. It is not wise to put all the eggs in one basket. A permanent system of live stock farming cannot be developed withstock farming cannot be developed with-out the growing of some grain, even though stock must be considered largely as a means of marketing the rough feed of the farm. By practicing a little di-versification in the matter of grain crops, the chances of failing entirely will be of failing en tirely will be lessened. We believe much greater con-sideration should be given to the sorghums as producers of grain for live stock feeding.

Control of hog cholera has been most successful in the counties of Kansas having farm bureau organizations. In many of these counties almost the first thing the agricultural agent was called upon to do was to assist in vaccinating hogs on the farms of bureau members. It has been estimated that over a hundred thoubeen estimated that over a hundred thou-sand dollars has been saved in these counties as a result of this hog cholera work done through the agency of the farm bureau. This disease has even caused trouble in Southwest Kansas, but through the systematic work of Lee H. Gould, district agricultural agent, every controved in that section during the past outbreak in that section during the past year has been controlled.



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Terms Applied to Market Beef

Few persons know the names given the several kinds of beef. For instance, "Carcass beef" includes both full sides and quarters. The classes are steers, heifers, cows, bulls, and stags. The grades within the classes are prime, choice, good, medium, common, and canners. The grades are based on differences of form, thickness, finish, quality, soundness, and weight.

"Native" carcass beef has sufficient finish to indicate grain feeding; is comparatively compact in form, thickly fleshed, mature in proportion to age, and consists chiefly of medium to prime steers, heifers, and cows of heavier weights. "Westerns" are relatively "rangy" in form, "grassy" in color and general appearance, coarser in quality, and inferior to "natives" in finish, consisting largely of common to good cows and steers. "Texas" beeves are lightweight carcasses inferior to "westerns" in form, finish, and 'quality, usually bruised and showing considerable age, consting chiefly of medium, common, and canner cows and heifers.

"Yearlings" are carcasses of young steers and heifers of 400 to 700 pounds dressed weight, with sufficient quality and finish to be sold at retail or on the butcher's block. "Butcher cattle" are those especially adapted to butchershop trade, and consist principally of medium to choice heifers, steers, and cows. "Kosher" cattle are beeves that have been slaughtered, inspected, cleansed, and labeled in accordance with Jewish rites, and include medium to choice steers, cows, and heifers. "Distillers" are steers, bulls, and stags that have soft, "washy" flesh and "high color," characteristic of cattle fattened on distillery slops. They are principally of medium and good grades.

"Shipping" beef refers to that sent to Eastern cities, and consists chiefly of steers, heifers, and cows of medium to prime grades. "Export beef" is made up mainly of medium to choice steers, and includes good and choice heifers, heavy cows, bulls, and stags.

Texas Cattlemen Pass Resolutions.

The Texas Cattlemen's Association has a membership of almost four thousand. At their recent annual meeting many important subjects connected with the live stock business, were discussed. They turned down the proposition advocating co-operative slaughter-houses. This suggestion came from the National Live Stock Association. It would seem from this action that the Texas cattlemen consider cattle production as their principal business and can see no justification for branching out into the packing house business. They did, however, recommend municipal slaughter-houses for Texas cities.

The proposed congressional investigation of the packing house was discussed at considerable length. The governor of the state advised that they proceed cautiously in order not to create the impression that. Texas is unfriendly to capital, but the cattlemen passed some resolutions, the principal point being that Congress be urged to inaugurate a uniform and comprehensive system of acrounting for packing houses doing interstate business, this to be under government supervision.

Some most vigorous resolutions were passed relative to guarding more closely against the introduction of infectious live stock dir sees into the United States. These resolutions protested against the admission of any stock, hides, or other animal products without the most rigorous inspection.

In view of what has happened in the last year or two, cattlemen are justified in demanding a larger degree of protection from this danger. Although the kansas outbreak of foot-and-mouth discase was handled most efficiently, it cost the state almost \$6,000 to pay its share of the value of animals slaughtered. In addition there were other expenses that had to be met. This is but a drop in the bucket as compared with the cost of this outbreak to the live stock interests of the country as a whole.

Live stock production is a fundamental industry in this country, and the demands made by such an association as this Texas organization, command a most respectful hearing all over the country.

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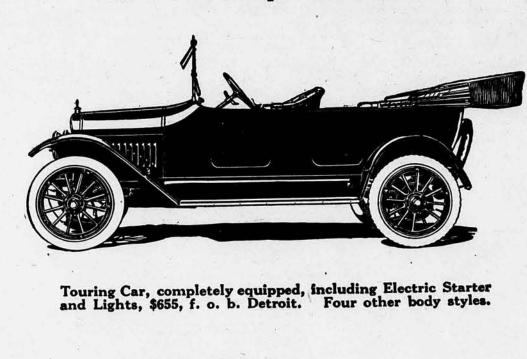
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Banker and Live Stock Industry

From Address at Hays Cattlemen's Meeting-By M. L. McClure of the Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Mo.

SINCE the Federal Reserve Banking Law went into effect, there has been a remarkably steady financial condition, not so much for what has been done as for what could be done through it should an emergency arise. Knowing what it could do has prevented such emergencies arising. During the past eighteen months at least a half dozen incidents have occurred over which the public and the bankers would have gone into financial fits under old condigone into innancial fits under old condi-tions, such as the sinking of the Lusi-tania and the present critical situation with Mexico. Through relying on the saving emergency purpose of the Federal Banking Law, the situation has remained other and financial affairs here here calm and financial affairs have been serene.

The construction of the Federal Board at Washington in regard to the eligibil-ity of cattle paper is very liberal, and has caused a demand for that class of paper among the member banks, as it is about the easiest paper of all to redis-count. However, that law will not make bad loans good or security that has decreased in value sufficient to pay notes. The eastern banker now wants cattle paper for the reason that loans secured stocks and bonds and for speculation cannot be rediscounted by the Federal Reserve Bank, as they are not eligible; and at present they have not sufficient demand for their money in the East. All this has made it possible to finance the cattle business as never before. But, so much easy money may not be of benefit to the legitimate cattle interest. It may encourage speculation, over-buying, over-production and over-stocking even among experienced men. It also enables those who are not experienced and not heretofore engaged in the busi-ness to go into it and finance their deals in competition with the experienced men. All this is dangerous and there are some indications now that we can expect lower prices for feeders and stock expect lower prices for feeders and stock cattle, which are higher in proportion than fat cattle have averaged in the past two or three years. It is a well known fact that in the past few years produc-tion of cattle has increased, and it is said that the consumption of beef has decreased. We can see the supply, but we can't see the demand. Each year we know the receipts of beef cattle on the markets, but the demand for beef prod-ucts is only known to the packer, but we can guess that the demand is better we can guess that the demand is better when the exportation has been as heavy as it has been in the past year and a half. When there is general prosperity there are more people employed, causing an increased consumption of beef. There-fore, it is held that we should have head fore, it is held that we should have had better prices during 1915.

This country, on account of being comparatively new, has had a high rate of interest on account of there not being sufficient funds at home to finance the cattle deals, and a high rate of interest had to be made to induce the loaning of

money to the cattle interests. We think money to the cattle interests. We think those conditions now are changing. The security is becoming better; this new country is becoming richer, and nearer self-sustaining, and not requiring so much outside eastern assistance. Hence, much outside eastern assistance. Hence, the rate of interest has a tendency down-ward. The amount of money that is necessary to finance the cattle interests in the Tenth Federal District is enor-mous. The banks, loan companies and commission men alone at Kansas City commission men alone at Ransas City loan annually over eighty-five million dollars to cattlemen. It is estimated that in the district it requires 250 mil. lion dollars to finance these interests, a great part of which has heretofore been procured from the East. It is now hoped with the assistance of the Federal Reserve Bank, and with general prosperity in this district, to reduce the amount that has to be obtained from the East, making it a matter of home interests, and the loans being held in your immediate vicinity, you will perhaps have better treatment, as the situation will always be understood better by home

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people. There is another matter of great im-portance that has been discussed during the past year, and that is marketing of live stock. The present system of mar-keting live stock in the United States has been a development and an evolution and is based on the open, competitive, public marketing system where all the competition there is can be had, and the sales there made are published to the world so that every one can know the market. The boards of trade in the great cities establish the grain markets and publish them.

The cotton exchanges establish the price for cotton through sales made and their publication, just so does the live stock market at the great centers estab-lish the market for live stock and pubhish the market for live stock and pub-lish these sales so that every man en-gaged in the business, however small he may be, can know the market. The price obtained on these open, competitive markets is the yardstick or measure for all prices everywhere in the United States States.

The price you obtain for the fat calf or cow which you sell to your local butcher is measured by the price that such stock would sell for at the nearest open, competitive market. Therefore, you can see at once the great impor-tance of maintaining these markets and conducting them, so that competition there is can be had and more competi-tion, if possible, created.

The number of cattle, hogs and sheep that are marketed annually on the eigh-teen main central live stock markets in the United States is staggering. At the public, competitive markets, there are annually marketed around 10,500,000 head of cattle; about 25,000,000 head of hogs, and 15,000,000 head of sheep. The present system of marketing is established and the business so vast that any

SPRAYING SCHEDULE

FTER careful experiments, corroborated by extended orchard work, the following is recommended by the Kansas Experiment Station as the most satisfactory spraying schedule:

1. CLUSTER-CUP.—This spray is composed of one and one-half gallons of commercial lime-sulphur and two pounds of arsenate of lead to every fifty gallons of water. It is applied in the interval between the opening of the cluster buds and the opening of the blossoms. It has prevented a very large percentage of the normal curculio damage. It is also very valuable in controlling apple such

very large percentage of the normal curculus damage. It is also very valuable in controlling apple scab. 2. BLOSSOM-FALL.—This spray has the same composition as No. 1. It should be applied after the petals have fallen from half to two-thirds of the blooms and before the calices close. This spray controls a large percentage of the first brood of codling moth and aids in the control of curculio curculio.

3. THREE-WEEKS SPRAY.—The composition of this spray should be the same as for Nos. 1 and 2, or, if apple blotch is present, Bordeaux 3-4-50 should be substituted for the lime-sulphur. If the weather is damp and threatening at the time when this spray should be put on it will be safer to use the lime-sulphur, and then, as soon as the weather permits, a spray with Bordeaux should be put on. This also aids in controlling curculio

and codling moth. 4. FIVE-WEKKS SPRAY.—If blotch is present in the orchard another spraying with Bordeaux should be put on at this time in order to have good control of it.

good control of it. 5. TEN-WEEKS SPRAY.—This spray is applied about ten weeks after blossom-fall. It is composed of two pounds of arsenate of lead, with the addition of Bordeaux if blotch is present or if bitter rot is expected. This spray is valuable in controlling the second brood of codling moth.. 6. THIRD-BROOD SPRAY.—Where there is damage from a third brood of codling moth another spray of two pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water should be used just as the fruit starts to ripen. In ordinary seasons and under ordinary conditions aprava 1, 2, 3 and

In ordinary seasons and under ordinary conditions sprays 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be sufficient.



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change from that system would create confusion and destruction to established customs and values. Therefore, nothing should be done to narrow or restrict, but everything should be done to encourage and broaden this system.

City Boys Study Stock Judging.

The study of good live stock makes a The study of good live stock makes a strong appeal even to city-raised boys and young men. The Saddle & Sirloin Club of Chicago, now has under way a most unique and interesting experiment which consists in ministering to this desire for live stock knowledge in the city sire for live stock knowledge in the city of Chicago. Under its management a series of live stock judging demonstra-tions is being given in the auction ring of the horse market at the Union Stock Yards. These demonstrations are given evenings, and at the first class 143 en-thusiastic young men listened attentively for two hours and twenty minutes to the lecture on horses by S. R. Guard of the Breeders' Gazette staff. At the close, a judging contest was proposed and every judging contest was proposed and every member of the class took part. Three horses were placed and reasons were subhorses were placed and reasons were sub-mitted in writing. The prize was a copy of "Judging Live Stock" by John A. Craig. This prize was awarded to Wil-liam Nachtingall, a clerk in the city offices. He expects to take up farming as a life work, and the following extract from his paper on the placing of the horses, shows that he has a cleark knowl-

horses, shows that he has a cleark knowl-edge of what constitutes a good horse.: "According to my judgment, I believe the horse placed first is the best for the following reasons: In general appear-ance he was large, heavy, broad and well proportioned. His skin and hair were fine. He lacked a little action, but he had a great length of stride. He had a gentle disposition. "He had a very intelligent looking

"He had a very intelligent looking head which was well carried. His noshead which was well carried. His nos-trils and windpipe were large, which shows great breathing capacity. Be-tween his bright and clear eyes, there was great width, indicating power and intelligence. His neck blended well into his shoulders. His shoulders sloped gradually to receive the collar. He had a deep chest, as should be, for here the heart and lungs are located.

heart and lungs are located. "His front legs were placed well under his body and the cannon bones had a flat appearance. The pasterns slanted at the correct angle. "We back was short. The ribs were

at the correct angle. "His back was short. The ribs were close together and well sprung. He was long and broad in the croup. His tail was mounted fairly high. The muscles in the gaskins were large. He had good hocks. His hoofs were smooth with a waxy appearance."

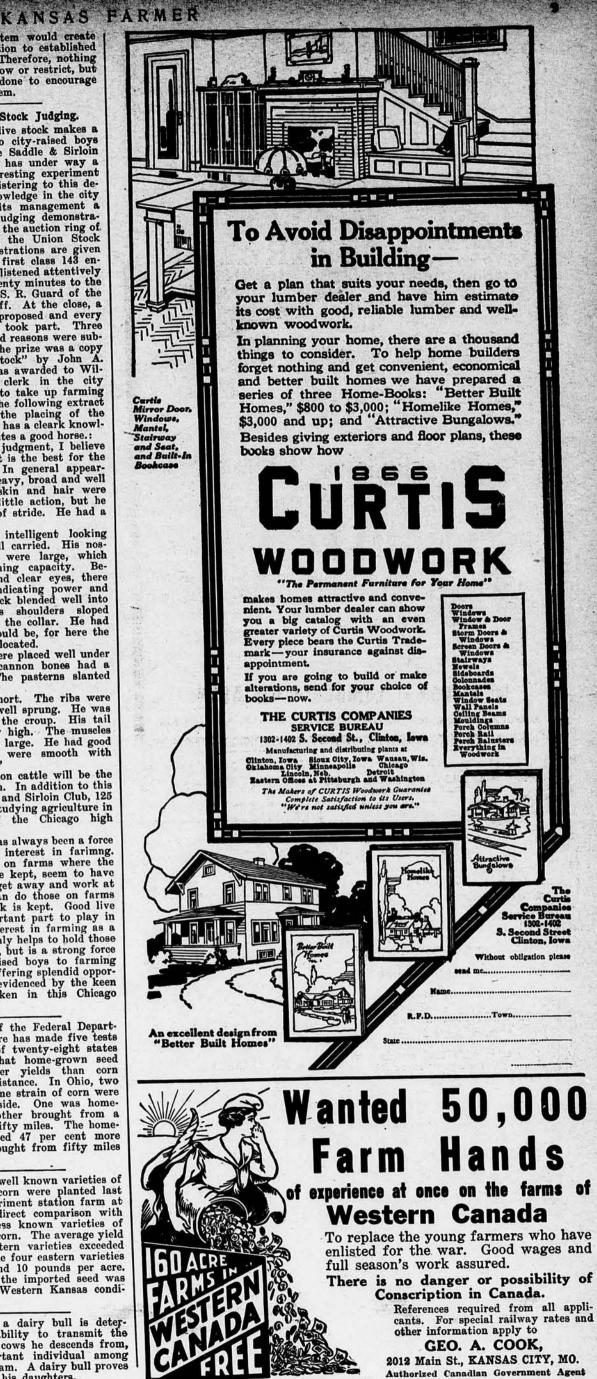
At the next session cattle will be the subject of discussion. In addition to this work of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, 125 boys and men are studying agriculture in evening classes of the Chicago high

schools. Good live stock has always been a force in keeping up the interest in farimng. Young men raised on farms where the best of animals are kept, seem to have less inclination to get away and work at something else, than do those on farms where inferior stock is kept. Good live stock has an important part to play in keeping up the interest in farming as a business. It not only helps to hold those raised on the farm, but is a strong force in turning eity-raised boys to farming as an occupation offering splendid oppor-tunities. This is evidenced by the keen interest being taken in this Chicago work. work.

C. P. Hartley of the Federal Department of Agriculture has made five tests of corn in each of twenty-eight states and has found that home-grown seed gives much higher yields than corn brought from a distance. In Ohio, two brought from a distance. In Onio, two samples of the same strain of corn were planted side by side. One was home-grown and the other brought from a distance of only fifty miles. The home-grown seed yielded 47 per cent more than the seed brought from fifty miles away.

Four good and well known varieties of Eastern Kansas corn were planted last year on the experiment station farm at Dodge City, in direct comparison with four good but less known varieties of Western Kansas corn. The average yield of the four western varieties exceeded the average of the four eastern varieties by 16 bushels and 10 pounds per acre. In other words, the imported seed was not adapted to Western Kansas conditions.

The value of a dairy bull is deter-mined by his ability to transmit the qualities of the cows he descends from, the most important individual among these being his dam. A dairy bull proves himself through his daughters.



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FEEDING

T is generally assumed that dry cows do not need much feed. It is true, they are not converting feed into milk, but the unborn calf is making heavy demands and the cow, to be most profiteble later should be as for as to profitable later, should be so fed as to accumulate a little reserve. A cow that has gone through a long lactation period needs this dry period to recuperate and

if kept on too meager rations the full advantage of the rest is not secured. There should be plenty of protein in the feed at this time for/while a very small amount is required for mere maintenance, the dry cow soon to be fresh is doing more than maintaining her own Little or no grain is required if body. the roughage is of good quality. Straw and corn fodder are not suitable because they are too highly carbonaceaus. It takes protein to build tissue. The dry cow should have some such roughage as alfalfa, clover, or cowpea hay. It will not hurt in the least to have

good milk cow accumulate some fat during this resting period. Some dairy-men seem to have a great fear of feed-ing their cows so they will get fat. A milk cow that gets fat while being milked is not profitable because the feed that should go to milk is being stored that should go to milk is being stored as body fat, but during the dry period even the most highly organized milk cow can with profit be so fed as to accumu-late a considerable reserve of fat. In the cow possessing the deiry towards the cow possessing the dairy tempera-ment this reserve will be drawn upon during the first few weeks following freshening and more milk will be pro-duced than if she has been so fed as to prevent the accumulation of any fat. A cow coming up to calving time carrying considerable fat will gradually fall of in flesh until she has reached her normal working condition. We believe this is a point that owners of cows of dairy breeding should not overlook. If the cow is bred right the extra feed stored as fat in the few weeks before calving will be a distinct advantage in enabling her to give a maximum flow of milk during the beginning of the milk-ing period. ing period.

A Jersey cow, Mary Maiden, owned by J. T. Thompson of Portland, Maine, has recently made a remarkable record in the production of high testing milk. The average butter fat test for the year was 8.13 per cent. The lowest monthly test was 7.13, and the highest monthly was 10.05 per cent, this being the average test for the twelfth month. This cow was undergoing the regular Register of Merit test which was supervised by the Maine Agricultural College. The total butter fat production for the year was 560.4 pounds.

Development of the Dairyman.

A good man is usually the result of good "bringing up" and his own efforts to be just a little better citizen each succeeding day. A good character isn't made in a day or a year. It is the result of many years of doing well. What has this to do with the development of the dairyman? Good dairymen are developed in the same way. It should always be borne in mind

that the owner of the cow must be a better dairyman than she is a dairy cow, otherwise the herd will be graded down-ward instead of upward. The man who has not been giving thought to the dairy business and who has been keeping cows just because he happens to have them on his hands should also remember that his herd is an exceptionally poor one if there are not a few cows in it that will will make pretty good returns if he gives them the chance. These are the cows to which he should give special attention. He should serve them with a good dairy sire and keep the heifer calves from them. He will be delighted with the first cross.

"Nothing succeeds like success." One can't become half so enthusiastic over what some other fellow is doing with his cows as he can when he begins to see the results of his own efforts in his own dairy. He may be aroused to the possibilities of dairying by reading about what some dairymen are getting out of their cows, or when he hears them tell about it, but he can't become a real enthusiastic dairyman until he is enjoying the returns himself.

A good dairyman is the result of years of association with good cows. When a man attempts to become a good dairy-

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man all at once, he generally makes a dismal failure. Start in the dairy busi-ness by taking good care of the common cow. Improve the herd by improving yourself in that line of work. Then you will be working in harmony with reason will be working in harmony with reason and will eventually become a good dairy. man.

April

Good Water for the Milk Cow.

Milk is about 87 per cent water. Un-less the cow has all the water she wants and can have free access to it, the milk flow will be reduced. It is astonishing how much water a cow will drink in a day. This water should by all means be clean. Frequently cows are compelled to get their water from stagnant ponds during the summer season. Such water is certainly not suited to go into a food module. An abundant supply of clean, product. An abundant supply of clean, fresh water is indispensable on a dairy farm.

Grinding Grain for Milk Cows.

No farm where much stock is kept is complete in its machinery equipment uncomplete in its machinery equipment un-less there is a good feed grinder. Grain fed to milk cows should be ground fine. It is almost impossible to buy ground feed that is really ground as it should be. Go to the grain dealer and call for ground corn and you get cracked corn. You must buy corn meal in order to get corn ground as it should be. The same corn ground as it should be. The same is true with ground barley. Even where the grain is purchased it pays to buy the whole grain and grind it as you wish to have it ground. Then, too, you don't have to take the sweepings from the mill. mill.

Even if it were possible for the cow to digest all of the whole grain that she eats, it would still pay to grind it for her. As a matter of fact she doesn't her. digest it, as every farmer knows. Every bit of energy that the cow uses in grind-ing her food must be supplied from the food and that energy can be more cheaply furnished in the grinder by means of a gasoline engine.

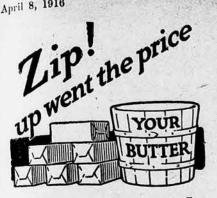
Variations in Cream Tests.

Variations in treat rests. Variations in test cause many mis-understandings. Many fail to see why tests are bound to vary from day to day. Change in the speed of the sep-arator is the most common cause of variations in the per cent of fat in cream. The greater the speed of the separator, the smaller the amount of cream and the higher the per cent of fat. A sep-arator when run at three-quarters of the regular speed may deliver cream testing as much as 10 per cent less in fat than when the same machine is run at the regular speed. When run at the lower speed, a larger quantity of cream is se-cured and it always tests lower. A variation in speed has a much greater effect upon some machines than upon others. Speed also makes a much greater variation in the test of the cream when the separator is set to deliver thick cream than is found when thin cream is separated. If the separator is adjusted to deliver cream testing 25 per cent at regular speed, the test will perhaps not be mode than 2 per cent less if the ma-chine be run only three-quarters speed of the regular speed, while if the cream screw be so adjusted that the machine run at full speed delivers cream testing 40 per cent, at three-quarters speed the test may be from 7 to 8 per cent less. This variation due to speed is not caused by a difference in the amount of fat remaining in the skim milk but by the proportion of the whole that is taken out as cream and as skim milk. In other words, at a lower speed more skim milk goes into the cream.

Keeping Cows Contented. It is not an easy task to keep cows contented during the few weeks preceding the beginning of the pasture sea-son. There is the smell of the green grass in the air, and unless the very best of the feed has been saved for this emergency, they are likely to lose their appetites for the dry feed which they have been eating through the winter. If there is any feed on the farm of specially palatable nature, it can be fed to the milk cows with profit at this season. Some specially choice alfalfa will tempt them, and sometimes the addition of new grain or concentrate to the ration will help keep up the jaded appetite. Those having silage will have less dif-

ficulty but it should be remembered that

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as the weather gets warmer the silage will more quickly spoil on top and un-less a good heavy layer is being fed each day there is a possibility that the silage fed at this season will be off in quality. This is a time when it is sometimes quite a serious disadvantage to have a silo slightly too large for the amount of stock being fed. We have seen this dif-ficulty successfully overcome by covering the surface of the silage with a tarpaulin are strake cover fording from half of the or stack cover, feeding from half of the silo only at a time. After a few days feeding from one side, the cover can be turned back and the other side can be

Early Pasture Lacks Feed Value.

fed down.

Along about this time of the year the milk cows begin to look with longing eyes at the grass that is springing up in the pasture. While this grass is most in the pasture. While this grass is most appetizing to the cow, it contains little nutrient value. Those who have turned stock out on the pastures too early, ex-pecting them to make their living from the grass, have often been disappointed in the poor results. This early grass is watery and contains but little in the way of real feed value. It will always pay to give the grass a chance to harden a little before per-mitting the stock to even get a taste of it. If cows once get a taste of this young and tender grass, they seem to lose all appetite for other feeds. The result is that the milk flow will be very much cut down. All classes of stock

much cut down. All classes of stock should be kept off pasture until it is well started, but none will be more seriously affected than the cow giving milk.

Treatment of Garget.

Garget or caked udder is a common ail-ment of milk cows. The udders of heavy milkers nearly always become enlarged, hot and tender just before and immedi-ately after calving. It is so common a condition as to be looked upon as a metter of source. It would discusse matter of course. It usually disappears after two or three days, the udder soft-ening and taking up its normal function of producing milk. This softening of the udder is hastened by kneading and manipulation. The suckling of a hungry calf is beneficial and for this reason most dairymen like to let the calves stay with the cows for the first day or 80.

or so. It is a good plan to rub the udder with the palm of the hand, using a little lard or camphorated oil. This should be done gently as the udder is very tender at this time. The caking of the udder so common at caking of the udder so common

The caking of the udder so common at calving time may become very much aggravated by permitting the cow to be exposed to cold drafts or lying out at night on the cold or wet ground. With the added inflammation brought about by such exposure a case of garget may onelly negative in the loss of a portion of easily result in the loss of a portion of easily result in the loss of a portion of the udder. One of the best and safest treatments is the application of hot water. A bucket of hot water may be set under the cow and two persons can wet a heavy piece of cloth in the water and hold it against the udder, renewing its heat as necessary by dipping in the water. Care should be taken that the water is not warmer than can be borne water is not warmer than can be borne by the naked hand. Another method is by the naked nand. Another method is to pass a sheet around the body of the cow, cutting holes for the teats, and packing soft cloths around the udder, these to be kept warm by pouring on warm water every fifteen minutes. The safest plan of all is to avoid these aggravated cases of garget or called

aggravated cases of garget or caked udder by not allowing cows near calving to lie on cold, wet ground, or be sub-jected to cold drafts or extremes of temperature. Lying on a cold cement floor without bedding will sometimes bring about this condition.

Care of Heifer with First Calf.

On farms where the heifers have been hand-raised and have always been treated as pets, there is usually little difficulty in getting them accustomed to being milked when they first calve. They will, of cour., be somewhat nervous, but with carefu, handling, treating them with gentleness at all times, they will soon stand quietly while being milked and take their places in the herd like

old cows. It is worth while to take some pains with heifers at this time, because a little harshness in their handling might easily develop habits that would make them very disagreeable as milk cows.

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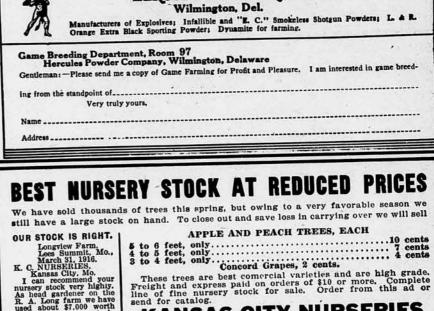
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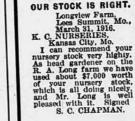
your neighbor you may lease the privilege of shooting birds produced through your investment of money and labor. You may be able to get a sportsmen's club to fur-nish the money for stock and pay you for the birds raised.

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The amount of seed required is so small that it does not represent much time or effort to save or store all that is needed. A bushel of kafir will plant from twelve to fourteen acres unless it is planted for forage. These heads of seed can be very easily

threshed by hand. One farmer tells of beating out the seed by striking the heads against the inside of a barrel. The largest and best seed will shatter off first, and it is not a good plan to shell the head completely. The smaller seeds that usually hang more tightly are in-ferior and will not germinate as strongly. After the seed has been beaten out in this manner, it will require a careful fanning to get out the chaff and any light or cracked grains.

The kafir grower who has his season's seed prepared in this manner, has taken the most important step in the growing of a profitable crop. Such seed will be strong in vitality and when planted a good stand is almost assured.

We recall a striking demonstration of the value of this method of handling kafir seed on a Marion County farm. Part of the field had been planted with head selected seed, but there was not enough for the whole field so ordinary seed from the bin was used to finish. In driving along the end of the field a few days after the seed came up, it could be easily seen where the selected seed ended and the poor seed began. The stand from the selected seed was almost perfect and the plants were uniformly strong and vigorous. On the rest of the field the stand was very poor and the plants were weak and puny.

Well matured heads cared for as indicated usually can be depended upon for germinating quality, but to be on the safe side it is a good plan to test a num-ber of representative heads for germination. This can easily be done by plac-ing the seeds between folds of moistened a warm place. Seed that has not been stored in the head should always be tested for germination.

Protection against smut is another precaution that should be taken if there was any smut in the field from which the heads were selected. There is no practical method of treating seed for head smut, but grain or kernel smut which is much more common than the head smut, can be avoided by treating the seed with formalin just before planting. This is done by placing the seed loosely sacked in a solution of one pound of formalin to thirty gallons of water. The seed should remain in this solution one hour. It should then be spread out on a floor and thoroughly dried. It is not safe to attempt to store seed very long after it has been treated, as it is so apt to heat if not sufficiently dry. It is best to treat it just before it is to be planted. The floor upon which the seed is dried should be disinfected with the same solution in order to avoid the pos-8ibilit[.] of reinfection. The sacks should also be treated, and the planter box.

Sudan Grass Experience.

Owing to the backward spring, my plantings of Sudan last season were very late. On June 14 I sowed about three acres of creek bottom land in close drills at the rate of about twenty pounds an acre. Late in August this field was cut the first time and made five or six tons the first time and made five or six tons of cured hay an acre. It averaged about six feet tall at time of cutting and was of course rather coarse and hard to handle, but made good feed. This, too, in spite of the fact that it was rained on while in the windrow. My observa-tion is that Sudan grass is damaged about as little by rain while curing as about as little by rain while curing as any feed crop with which I have had experience. The second cutting was made

Current of the last in stand

the last of September, the yield being about one and one-half tons of splendid

hay to the acre. I never saw any finer, more palatable grass hay than this was. On July 5 and 6 I drilled eighteen acres of sod ground to Sudan in wide rows. I planned to raise seed on this piece of ground but circumstances had prevented earlier planting and the cool wet summer so delayed maturity that frost caught this piece before much of the seed was ripe. As I had a great quantity of other hay I cut most of this field with the corn binder and ran it into the silo. Some of it was shocked and later stacked and this I have been feeding to the horses with good results. As silage, however, I do not like Sudan very well. It is so leafy that it does pack well and quite a part of the not Sudan silage was somewhat moldy while the heavier corn silage put in at the same time comes out in splendid shape. It is possible that the addition of more water at filling time might have caused the Sudan to pack better and resulted in better silage. But Sudan makes such splendid hay that I am convinced that under ordinary circumstances it will not be used for silage. Then, too, under average conditions Sudan will not pro-

duce quite as great a tonnage for the silo at a single cutting as will corn. As a feed for either horses or cattle I As a feed for either horses of cattle 1 like the hay very much. I have now had two seasons' experience with the crop and am positive that I am not mis-taken when I say that in our part of Kansas, at least, Sudan is an exceedingly valueble addition to our feed group. It valuable addition to our feed crops. It will not replace alfalfa as a feed for cattle because it is not as rich in protein, but it has the advantage of making a greater yield and also of fitting into a shorter rotation system. For horses it is generally more satisfactory than alfalfa. I do not like the threshed straw for horses because of the dust, but for cattle even the threshed straw is

very good roughage. For ordinary soil in this locality I consider twenty pounds to the acre about right to sow for hay in close drills and three or four pounds in wide rows for It appears that most authorities favor shallow listing for the seed crop, but so far as my own experience goes rather prefer surface planting. Most failures that I have heard of seem to be due either to planting too early or too deep. For ordinary purposes I be-lieve about the middle of May is a better time to sow than earlier, although this will naturally depend somewhat upon the season.—WILSON G. SHELLEY, McPherson County.

Farm Tractor Designing.

The following is from a paper given by C. M. Eason before the Society of Agricultural Engineers at Chicago: "It is universally conceded that a trac-

tor must be capable of running continu-ously with very little attention, other than replenishing the fuel and lubricant

the bearings either in the motor or the transmission system. Carburetion and ignition system adjustment must be arranged so that frequent changes are unnecessary. A delay of even a few hours



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supply. When ground conditions are right for plowing, or the grain ready for harvest, a tractor must go out and work straight through until the job is finished. In fact, the tractor should run an entire season without adjustment to any of

of replacing a broken part or adjusting bearings my often result in the loss of hundreds of dollars. Five thousand hours' service is expected of a tractor before any of the principal parts need re-placement and at least twice this service



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before the replacement of parts would make the cost of repairs prohibitive. In other words, the tractor should be de-signed to give about ten years of useful-ness. This will certainly require the very highest grade workmanship and material and a type of construction superior to any of the existing farm tools of today which usually have a life of five hundred to a thousand hours. "With this in view it would seem that

the automobile type of construction would have somewhat the best of the situation as regards quantity output. When we speak of automobile type of design it does not mean automobile proportions. A gear or a bearing in an au-tomobile having a given size motor will only be called upon to take the full power of the motor at rare intervals. In a tractor, gears and bearings must stand practically the full load capacity of the motor at all times. This necessarily means large bearing surfaces throughout even though the tractor has only the same size motor used in an automobile.

"Efficiency, or fuel economy, is an im-portant consideration. Essentially a tractor is a mechanism for converting heat units of a liquid fuel into useful farm work. To do this efficiently motors farm work. To do this efficiently motors must be designed to deliver as high a percentage of the heat value in the form of useful work as is possible. The energy thus developed should be transmitted to the work with the least possible loss from friction, and to accomplish this the use of cut and hardened gears, mounted on roller bearings, in rigid cases, would seem to have, by far, the best of the situation. In order to absorb as little of the energy as possible in propelling the



unchine it is desirable that the total weight be kept down to a minimum. The kind of fuel used and the market price of some also have a bearing on this problem.

The effort to obtain the greatest pos-ble range of adaptability has probably on the primary cause for the present de diversity in types. It hardly seems sible to combine the ability to per-mall of the farm operations efficiently one piece of mechanism and it is likely that the future development he industry will bring out several tent standardized types which will articularly adaptable to conditions may be more or less local in char-For instance, it is quite well con-that the endless track type of ma-is superior to a round wheel tracor working in extremely sandy or marchy lands. A special type of tractor has also been developed to meet condi-tions of corn cultivation.

The all around tractor, for which there seems to be a great demand, is which can be used efficiently at Playing, planting, harvesting, belt work, read work and road hauling."

Bermuda Grass.

The longer we grow Bermuda, the more we like it. That which we first planted upon the white alkali spot in the front yard is still growing and is now completely covering the ground and so thickly that the ground is hidden. It is still growing upon the subsoil taken is still growing upon the subsoil taken from the bottom of a thirty-foot well. We planted some in a big draw that had never been plowed. It has covered the

bottom and is now creeping up the sides. The erosion is entirely stopped. Upon places too rocky and rough to plow it is now growing. The poorest thirty acres I have is now

in a Bermuda hog pasture and I cannot raise enough hogs to eat it.

raise enough hogs to eat it. It is in my feed yards and will make an excellent growth on account of the richness of the soil. It's hard work to plow up an old feed yard. There is also a loss in time waiting for the crop to grow, but Bermuda does not need to be plowed. As soon as it's spring time the Bermuda is ready to be pastured. An acre of big Bermuda upon such land as that furnishes grazing for a hundred head of hogs. The hogs cannot kill it by rooting. Neither can the cattle kill it by tramping, no matter how muddy it gets.

g We feel now that if we had some of We feel now that if we had some of the good Holstein cows raised in Kansas we would be all right. In Oklahoma we are coming to dairying. We have the grass and kafir for silage and grain but are in need of good dairy cows. When you get more Holsteins than you need in Kansas, ship them down here.—"BEE-MUDA" MITCHELL, Oklahoma.

Steer Feeding in Farm Economics.

The following introduction to a bulle-tin by C. A. Willson of Tennessee presents some practical thoughts on the re-

lation of steer feeding to farm practice: "Before beginning any type of farm-ing, one should consider whether or not it will pay. That is usually the first question is meant to be a relative one. duction in any particular section. The question is meant to be a relative one.

The inquirer wishes to know whether the inquirer wisnes to know whether beef production will pay more than some other kind of agriculture that he might engage in, and what profit he may ex-pect to make if he engage in the raising of live stock instead of selling his crops from the farm. Most of all he wishes from the farm. Most of all he wishes to know how much money he may expect to have on hand when tax time comes, or when he must meet the various other expenses that necessarily arise in the running of a farm.

"In order to answer such questions with regard to beef cattle raising it is necessary to relate the work to the acre basis. A feed that is shown to be the most profitable in a feeding trial when considered on the basis of market prices may prove to be the least successful when grown in actual practice for the production of beef. There are several reasons for this. The feed that gives the highest returns in the feeding trial may produce the smallest amount of food may produce the smallest amount of food nutrients per acre, and hence necessitate larger quantities of the fertilizing ele-ments to replace the loss. These con-siderations are of more importance in determining the final returns from the farm than is the question which feed will make the most beef per given quan-tity. The data most needed by the farmer at the present time with regard to live stock production are those that to live stock production are those that will relate the work to the acre basis. The farmer needs to know which type of farming will return the most per farm. He is interested in the question which type of farming will return the most over a series of years, and not which will return the most for one year without regard to weather conditions or the

condition that the soil will be left in at

the end of the year. "It may be shown in some instances that the selling of the crops off the farm for one year will bring in more money than the feeding of the crops to live stock on the farm, but the history of agriculture shows that the soil is maintained in a higher state of fertility in those counties and communities where live stock production prevails. Again, live stock production is not opposed nec-essarily to the sale of grains and other essarily to the sale of grains and other marketable crops from the farm. Live stock on the farm will increase the crop production per acre through the con-servation of soil fertility. Records of the more progressive stock farms show that they actually sell more crops than the average farm."

riments Careful English ex storing of manure indicate that rain storing of manure indicate that rain damages manure worse than anything else. Six months' exposure to rain caused a loss of 75 cents 'worth of nitrogen per ton. Manure when put in compacted heaps under cover lost almost no nitrogen. It proved to be poor policy to add water to manure under cover, even though there was no loss by leach to add water to manure under cover, even though there was no loss by leach-ing. Many European peasants think it wise to keep the manure pile wet and compact. But the English experiments prove that when manure must be stored, it should be dry and compact, and moved as little as possible.

Now is the time to select the animals you expect to show at the fall fairs. Feed and handle them throughout the summer with this plan in mind.



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T URKEY hens, chicken hens and in-cubators are commonly used to incubate turkey eggs. During the early part of the laying season it often happens that one has on hand a number of ergs that should be incubated hefore of eggs that should be incubated before any of the turkey hens are through lay-ing their first litter and become "broody." In such case, and also when it is desired that the turkey hens lay more than one litter, some of the eggs have to be incubated under chicken hens or in an incubater. About a week before the poults are due to hatch, turkey hens enough should be allowed to sit to take all the poults hatched. They can be given a few eggs from the incubator or from under the chicken hens and allowed to hatch the poults themselves, or at night a newly-hatched poult can be slipped under each turkey hen that is to be given a brood of poults and by morning she will be glad to take them.

Lice are a great annoyance to sitting hens and are one of the worst enemies of young poults. To prevent their get-ting a foothold, dust the hen thoroughly with some good lice powder before she is placed on the nest and once a week thereafter while she is sitting. The nesting material should be kept clean, and if the eggs become dirty they should be washed with lukewarm water. If the weather is warm and dry no shalter is required as the nould do het.

shelter is required, as the poults do bet-ter in the open. Should it be rainy, however, they need to be protected, for nothing is more injurious than for them to become wet and chilled. The most satisfactory plan is to confine the mother turkey hen to a coop and allow the poults to run in and out whenever rain does not prevent. This coop should be placed in a field where they can run out and find grasshoppers, green vegetation, and other feed. The coop should be moved to fresh ground every day. Improper feeding, combined with close

confinement, has been the cause of many failures in turkey raising. Given free range on the average farm, the poults can easily pick up their own living, and one light feed a day for the purpose of inducing them to come in at night is sufficient. If the mother hen is confined to a coop and the poults allowed to run in and out, three times a day is often enough to feed and very little should be given at a time. The poults should always be ready to eat; if given all they will clean up several times a day, indigestion will be the result. If there is little or no feed outside the coop for the poults to pick up, then they should be fed about five times a day, feeding only a small quantity at a time. A good feed for the first few days is stale bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry. Corn bread crumbs and clabbered milk or cottage cheese is also quite often fed and with excellent re-sults. Green feed and grit should be on hand at all times. As the poults grow older, the ration should gradually be changed to grain.

Onion tops or sprouts and dandelion leaves are good green stuff for the chicks and these come before most greens are out. It will pay to chop them up for the young chicks.

Small flocks of hens pay better than large ones. You will get a much larger percentage of eggs where the pens are small, say six to ten hens, than you will where there are fifteen or twenty hens in a pen.

s time now to be on the looko for lice. Every one you kill now will save a million killings by and by.

Every poultryman knows what pests mites are when they get into a poultry house. Oftimes when one goes to gather the eggs, he finds the nests so full of mites that they crawl all over him be-fore he gets through. Now is the time to keep ahead of the mites, by keeping the house and nests well sprayed with lice killer.

Where incubators are much used for hatching purposes, setting hens are a nuisance, and where they are not used, the surplus setting hens are useless until broken up. They prevent the laying hens from going on the nests, and quite often break the eggs as a result of quar-reling for the nest. Setting hens should be taken away from the laying house and put in a coop by themselves. A slatted coop through which the air cir-culates freely is the best place for them. They should be fed sparingly, but given plenty of water. In such a coop the brooding spell should be broken up in a few days. To let the setting hens in the laying house to bother the laying hens not only interferes with the work of the layers, but causes a waste of time for the setter, for if taken in hand properly she can be made to commence to lay again within two weeks.

Many requests have already been received for the two-day extension schools in poultry which will be conducted be-tween March and October by Ross Sherwood, specialist in poultry, division of extension, Kansas Agricultural College. Sixteen schools have been scheduled for March and the fore part of April. A community wishing one of these schools is required to organize a class of not fewer than twelve men and women who must pay a membership fee of not less than 50 cents each, and provide a room and the demonstration material for the school. Work will begin at 10:30 in the morning and will close at 3:30 in the afternoon. Lectures and discussions will be given on the study of breeds, incubation and brooding, housing, egg produc-tion, marketing of poultry products and preparation of poultry products for the table.

Occasionally one comes across a farmer who believes that common scrub fowls are hardier and more profitable than the pure-breds, but the number is getting less every year. It costs no more, after the first purchase, to keep a flock of improved fowls, than it is to harbor dunghills or cross breeds. Either kind when properly fed will eat just about as much as the other. Or if there be any saving, it is so trifling as be-tween one or the other kind, that it is not worth noticing. If judiciously pro-vided for and tended from the shell up-ward, as all fowls should be cared for, any of the larger breeds will make good of any one kind will lay an abundance of eggs, take them on the average, throughout the year. Among any of the pure breeds there will always be found some exceptionally good ones for breed-ing purposes or for exhibition. All these finer specimens will command the high-est current prices among fanciers or amateurs who are about to commence the programmed of pure stock and who amateurs who are about to commence the propagation of pure stock, and who are disposed to pay better prices for such prime specimens. At the same time, the imperfect birds, as to form, color and other Standard requirements, come to good size at maturity, and will pay much better for their keeping, at the right killing age, than will the runts of the small barnyard fowls. which cost of the small barnyard fowls, which cost quite as much to feed and to bring them to the proper state for slaughtering. to the proper state for slaughtering. The improved hens will, in a season, lay one-third more eggs in number, and of a larger size usually, than will be dung-hills. As broilers, the young cockerels of the heavy breeds are fitted for this purpose at a much earlier age, and so are far more valuable in this respect than are the lesser sized or common varieties. In any view, then, it has come to be well determined that pure-bred fowls are the most economical, the most valuable, and the most desirable most valuable, and the most desirable for all purposes; and although any of these better breeds cost a little more at the outset, the product they yield in twelve months in eggs and meat alone, saying nothing of the income that may be had from extra good specimens and for eggs for hatching purposes, will be found far more satisfactory and more profitable than will the same number of the ordinary dunghill breeds. To think or argue differently would cause to go for nothing all the labor and research for fifty years by experts all over the country, in poultry plants as well as in colleges. Their work has all been in vain if the pure-breds are not better than scrubs.

Causes of Poor Hatches.

The cause of poor hatches is a much discussed question, which depends on a great variety of circumstances. A poor hatch is more apt to be due to the condition of the eggs previous to hatching than to incubation, although improper handling of either factor will produce the same results. When eggs fail to hatch,

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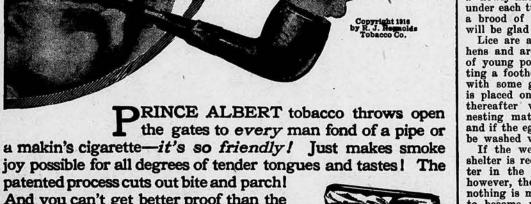
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see whether the breeding stock is kept under conditions which tend to produce strong, fertile germs in the eggs, if the eggs have been handled properly before incubation, and whether the conditions were right during incubation, as judged by the time of the hatch.

A daily temperature record should be kept of each machine. The operator can thus compare the temperature at which the machines have been kept, which may the machines have been kept, which may prove valuable in the future work, es-pecially if the brooder records can be checked back against those of the incubator.

Hints on Running Incubator.

See that the incubator is running steadily at the desired temperature be-fore filling with eggs. Do not add fresh eggs to a tray containing eggs which are

undergoing incubation. Turn the eggs twice daily after the second and until the nineteenth day. Cool the eggs once daily, according to-the weather from the seventh to the nineteenth day. Turn the eggs before caring for the

lamps.

Attend to the machine regularly at regular hours. Keep the lamp and wick clean.

Test the eggs on the seventh and four-

teenth days. Do not open the machine after the eighteenth day until the chickens are hatched.

Keep Tested Out Eggs on Farm.

The mixing of infertile eggs taken from incubators with other eggs sent to market, as the practice has grown from year to year, has tended to lower the average prices offered for spring eggs by cold storage packers, who are important buyers at this season. Spring shipments buyers at this season. Spring shipments of eggs, free from tested out incubator eggs, are of such good quality that pack-ers do not have to go to the extra cost of candling each egg before storing it. Such eggs can be "clicked," three at a bine time to dotor oracle and cuality is time, to detect cracks, and quality is determined by the fresh powdery look of the shell. These measures, however, will not detect eggs which have been incubated and fail to hatch and which are useless for storage purposes, because, even if not actually rotten when stored, they soon become so.

they soon become so. When the egg packers are forced to candle, they quickly determine accu-rately the number of incubator eggs to the case from the different collecting points and regulate their prices accord-ingly. In final analysis, therefore, the country shipper is paid on the average for just what he ships to the wholesale center, and he in turn bases his payment to the producer on his own returns.

The eggs removed from an incubator because they are infertile, while not fit because they are infertile, while not fit after such heating for keeping, and not good for boiling or poaching, may, if used at once, be fried, and are good for cake and certain other baked foods. Such infertile eggs, moreover, make one of the best feeds for early chicks, and many poultrymen use all their infertile eggs from incubators for this purpose. eggs The farmer, therefore, would be wise to use such eggs immediately at home and not mix them with his spring eggs. He should send only fresh eggs to market and should try to sell to the country collector, or store, on a strict quality basis. Incubator eggs when they reach market are classified as "Low Grade No. 2" and the 2." and the presence of any number of them in a case reacts unfavorably on the grading of the entire thirty dozen at the hands of the first wholesaler.

Raising All Chicks Hatched.

We count on raising all the chickens we hatch, and we are not very often disappointed.

We have a number of small boxes and when taking off a hatch we separate the stronger from the weaker ones, never putting more than twenty chicks to-gether. We keep them divided in this way for three days, and every night for three weeks. We then change them to a large box and let them all sleep together.

We give the chicks their first feed when they are thirty-six hours old, and we also give each chick a drink. We try We also give each chick a drink. We try to have regular hours for feeding and find it best to feed five times daily, giving what they will eat in ten min-utes. For the first three days we feed dry rolled oats and hard-boiled eggs. We crumb the egg and shell together and add finely chopped onion and willow charcoal, flavoring with a little salt and charcoal, flavoring with a little salt and red pepper.

After three days we let them all run together in the daytime. We have a pen out of doors, made of good lumber and covered with screen wire. Every day the weather is so we can, we keep the chicks in this pen. After the third day we feed them person and kafir. day we feed them popcorn and kafir,

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first popping, then grinding. Field corn and wheat, parched and ground, are fine feeds. We also give them plenty of fresh water and sweet milk to drink. The second week we add dry bran and corn bread to their feed, and when three weeks old we begin feeding whole small grains, also corn chop. A mash of corngrains, also corn chop. A mash of corn-meal and ground wheat moistened with sweet milk and seasoned with a little salt and pepper, will be good for them after they are three weeks old, but we never feed them a real wet mash.— LYDIA SMYSER, Cherokee County.

Lamb Feeding Experiment.

At the Nebraska Experiment Station lambs fed a medium feed of corn and alfalfa made the cheapest gains of all the lots fed, the cost being \$4.90 for each 100 pounds of increase. Eleven lots in all were under comparison. The next cheapest ration was that in which a light in all were under comparison. The next cheapest ration was that in which a light feed of corn was fed with alfalfa as roughage. In this lot the cost of each 100 pounds of increase was \$4.90; in a lot fed corn, alfalfa, and silage, the gain cost at the rate of \$4.95; in the the corn, alfalfa, and cottonseed meal lot the cost was \$5.15; corn, alfalfa, and sugar beets \$5.45; corn and alfalfa in the open lot \$5.46; corn and a heavy feed of alfalfa \$5.53; hominy feed and alfalfa \$5.78. \$5.78.

The lot that brought the highest profit on the market was the one fed corn, al-falfa, and pea-sized cottonseed meal or cake.

The Linn County farm bureau has been active in reclaiming rich limestone soil by securing the co-operation of a half dozen farmers in one locality in tile-draining wet land. This was made nec-essary as a result of the excessive rain-fall in 1915. The farmers co-operate in the purchase of their tile at wholesale, thus benefiting each co-operator. After these farmers realized that the drainage work could be done at less expense than they had estimated, they reclaimed some of the best land on their farms.

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As the palm-tree standeth so straight and so tall, The more the hall beats, and the more the rains fall, So the love in our hearts shall grow mighty and strong, Through crosses, through sorrows, through manifold wrong. -Longfellow.

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While visiting a home where lamps were used, I was much interested when were used, I was much interested when passing through the kitchen to see that all the lamps had paper bags turned over their chimneys. On expressing my curiosity I was told that the lamps had been cleaned and the bags had been placed over them to protect them from the dust steam and smoke of the the dust, steam and smoke of the kitchen. Later on in the evening I noticed the bright and glistening condi-tion of the lamp chimneys, and decided that the simple device was a good one to remember. to remember.

When transplanting any plants, trees, shrubs or flowers, dig a hole deeper than is needed, fill this hole with water, allowing it to sink away three times, re-filling it each time. The fourth time it sinks away you will have enough mois-ture at the root of your plant to last

it several days. It does for it what no it several days. It does for it what no amount of surface wettings could do. Then fill up the hole to the proper depth with dry dirt, set your plant in, and draw the earth around it and press it firmly into place. If treated in this way your plants should not wilt when you transplant them.

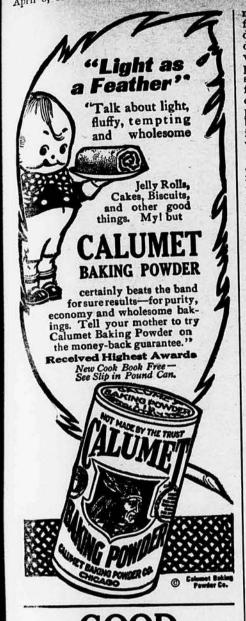
When making cottage cheese after the whey has separated from the curd, let it cool, for milk that is put to drain while yet warm will result in a tough, indigestible mass.

When people, for the first time, see When people, for the first time, see me cleaning my rooms, they invariably express surprise at my methods of dust-ing; which, unlike the ordinary method, I consider clean and sanitary. Instead of using the usual sort of duster, I use a damp cloth—preferably some soft stuff, such as a piece of an old gauze undervest or a worn napkin. The cloth is soaked in tepid water, then wrung absolutely dry—so dry that not another drop of water can be wrung from it. With a cloth of this sort the dust is quickly lifted from woodwork and fur-

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In the making of doll clothes, many lessons in sewing that will always be helpful can be taught. Make the work as attractive as possible by providing pretty scraps for the doll dresses. If this work is encouraged and well directed, the child will not realize she is learning to saw_it will all be play to har but the child will not realize she is learning to sew—it will all be play to her—but her play will be turned to good account a few years later when she finds those same principles apply in the making of her own clothes.

Early teach the child the value of his teeth and what will be the result if he neglects to care for them and keep them clean. It is far more logical to spend a few minutes brushing them at least twice each day, than to spend much time and much money later in repairing the damage caused by neglect. And only a small part of the damage will show in the teeth. Few parts of the body have more to do with the general health.

Edison's Tribute to His Mother. Edison's Tribute to His Mother. During the short time that he at-tended school, Thomas A. Edison was nearly always at the foot of his class. On one occasion a teacher remarked to the inspector that the boy was "addled" and that trying to tutor him was a mere waste of time. waste of time.

The youth overheard the remark. He repeated it to his mother, who promptly took the child back to the school and told the teacher he did not know what he was talking about and that the lad had more brains than the teacher. Referring to this critical period of his existence, Mr. Edison once said:

"Had it not been for my mother's appreciation and faith in me, I should very likely never have been an inventor. She

was so true, so sure of me, that I felt that I had someone to live for; some-one I must not disappoint. The mem-ory of her will always be a blessing to me."—Columbus Dispatch.

Reading Habit. The person who has cultivated the reading habit cannot be deprived of an reading habit cannot be deprived of an education. He can be a master if he so wills, for in these days there is no end of good literature on every subject, the use of which is free. There are city and state libraries, and traveling libraries. Our own state maintains a traveling library of nearly 50,000 volumes and keeps these circulating. In addition, there are government bulletins and those of the state educational institutions which are well written and full of re-liable information on many subjects.

liable information on many subjects. The man or woman who has cultivated the habit of gaining information through the printed page, appreciates the value of these free educational agencies, but they mean little to him who thinks that because he was unable to spend many years at school, knowledge has been shut

away from him. The reading habit, like all other hab-its, grows upon the individual, and the more he reads the more he finds to read and the more he is able to learn. There is no link in the early training

that will be a greater blessing through-out life, than that which develops a de-sire for good reading and the ability to make practical use of the knowledge gained.

Asparagus. An asparagus bed should be a part of every garden. This is an early spring vegetable and supplies the craving for something green before the rest of the garden has started.

For spring setting of the bed, the ground should be given the same prep-aration as the rest of the garden. The aration as the rest of the garden. The roots should be set either in a deep furrow which is generally filled as the plants grow, or planted six to eight inches deep. Where plenty of manure can be used, a trench should be dug and the bottom filled with manure, covering this with soil. The roots should then be planted and the trench filled as the plante grow. plants grow.

plants grow. By setting one-year-old roots the as-paragus can be used the third year. No tips should be cut the first two years, but the third year it will do no harm to cut a part of the crop. This cutting should not be continued more than five to six wacks any ward.

to six weeks any year. The plants should be set fourteen to eighteen inches apart in the rows and the rows should be three feet apart.

Early in the spring the asparagus bed should be given a thorough cultivation with a spading fork or similar tool, to the depth of four or five inches. After this the weeds should be kept down until the cutting season is over and the top growth shades the ground sufficiently to check the growth of weeds.

Kinds of Children.

From the standpoint of attention given, there are three types of children -those who are allowed to "just grow", -those who are anowed to just grow, those who are taught the principles of wholesome, busy living, but who develop a spirit of initiative, and those who are idolized or given so much attention that they are helpless to think or do for themselves.

If those of the first named class de-If those of the first named class de-velop into useful and capable beings, it is usually through hard knocks. It is but the natural growth of those in the second class and as they grow their foundation principles also gain strength and are adequate for their demands upon them.

But the children of the third type are the ones to be really pitied. It is their very nature to expect kindness from others, but this cultivated dependence is quite apt to be termed laziness by those who do not understand them, and they are seriously handicapped and shunned. Theirs is a real fight—not only against

the world, but against themselves. Kindness to children is a virtue, but to idolize or over-tend a child is not a kindness.

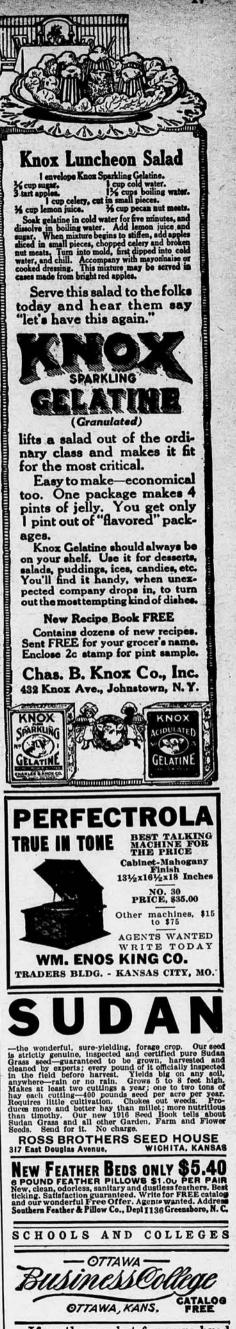
Sweet Violets.

Sweet Violets. These flowers are among the first bloomers in the spring, and their dark green foliage and purple heads are the last to fade in the fall. Even Jack Frost does not scare them, and their beauty and fragrance brighten the dark late fall days until fragrance brows the most beauty

and fragrance brighten the dark late fall days until freezing weather comes. The violet bed should be in a some-what shady, well drained spot. Take away the top three or four inches of soil, unless it is well enriched loam, and replace it with equal parts of well rotted manure, leaf mold, and thoroughly de-composed sod. The plants may be set out late in April. Put them six to eight inches apart each way. They must have plenty of water all summer.



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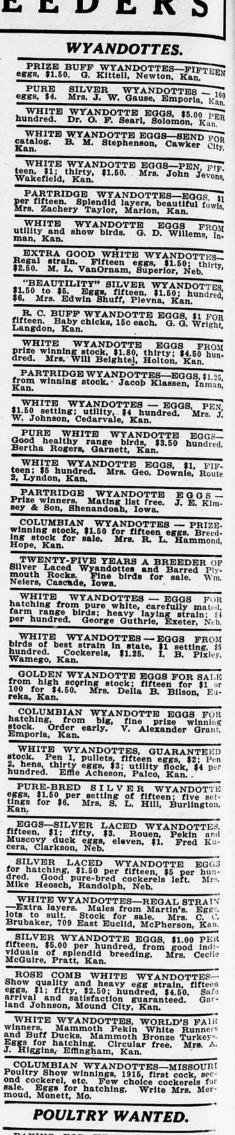
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CLAIM SALE DATES.

Aberdeen Angus. Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association salesi St. Joseph, Mo., April 25; Omaha, Neb., April 26; Sioux City, Iowa, April 27; St. Louis, Mo., May 2. Chas. Gray, Secretary, 817 Exchange Ave., Chicago, Ill. May 26-E. H. Salisbury, Kirksville, Mo.

Shorthorns.

Holsteins.

April 18—J. R. Smith, Newton, Kan. April 25—F. J. Searle, Oskaloosa, Kan. April 26—Mark B. Curdy, Howell, Mich. April 28—Liverpool Sale & Pedigree Co., Ins., Liverpool, N. Y. Iowa Breeders' Sale at Waterloo, Iowa.

May 20-Robt. I. Young, Route 5, St. Joseph, Missouri. Jersey Cattle.

The Liverpool Sale & Pedigree Company of Liverpool, N. Y., claims April 28 as the date of their Iowa Breeders' Sale of regis-tered Holstein cattle. On that date, at Waterloo, Iowa, they will offer a choice lot of registered Holsteins selected from the best herds in Iowa. It is expected that this will be one of the sale events of the season in Holstein circles.

Ed Boen of Lawson, Mo., owner of Prairie View Stock Farm, noted as the home of one of Missouri's most famous and biggest herds of jacks and jennets, reports a good demand for high class jacks. The Prairie View herd is noted for its large number of high class mammoth jacks. All of the jacks in the herd at this time, old enough for service, were raised and broke on Prairie View Farm.

The Department of Agriculture calls atten-tion to the fact that these contests, the Department of Agriculture calls atten-tion to the fact that these contests have been found to be a valuable means of in-ducing dairymen and others to use greater care in handling milk. "Education accom-plishes more than legislation," says this bul-letin. "The educational value of these con-tests," the bulletin points out, "Is indicated by the fact that almost invariably dairy-men who have had little experience in such competitions obtain higher scores than those who have not. On the other hand, the contests are used also to point out to consumers the fact that clean milk is more difficult and expensive to produce than dirty milk."

E. H. Salisbury of Kirksville, Mo., owner of one of the choice herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle in that state, has claimed May 26 as the date for a public sale. On that date he will offer a very choice selection of Angus cattle. The entire offering will be of the best blood lines and are the type that will be profitable on any farm.

Wisconsin is noted as the home of good Holstein cattle, and Holstein breeders in that state are furnishing a large percentage of the breeding stock coming to the South-west. Whitewater Stock Farm at White-water, Wis, is one of the farms that has been drawn upon heavily by breeders in the Southwest, and many good herds in this territory were started with foundation stock from this herd.

W. T. Hutchison, the well known Duroc Jersey breeder of Cleveland, Mo., has lo-cated on one of the good stock farms near Laredo, Mo., and has entered into a part-nership with A. H. Schmidt. The new firm of Schmidt & Hutchinson will continue in the business of breeding pure-bred stock. In addition to the splendid herd of Durocs owned by Mr. Hutchinson, they will also breed Hereford cattle.

G. C. Humphrey, head of the dairy de-partment of the Wisconsin Agricultural College, gives ten reasons why dairying on farms in that state is becoming so popular. Among the reasons advanced is that it en-ables the farmer to receive a regular cash income, and also provides a home market for his forage feeds, and at the same time builds up and enriches his soil. Dairying also produces a human food for which there is no substitute, and for which there is al-ways a demand.

Guernsey cattle breeders in Kansas City territory are working for a big dairy show to be held in Kansas City next September. C. F. Holmes will attend the annual meet-ing of the American Guernsey Cattle Club to be held in New York City next month.

to be held him New York firey Cart months to be held him New York firey Cart months to be given at the Kansas City show. At a recent meeting of the Mid-West Guernsey Breeders' Association the following officers were elected: Phil R. Toll, president; E. P. Adams, W. H. Holmes, C. E. Fulton, Spring-field, Mo., and William Newlin, Hzitchin-son, Kan., vice-presidents; C. F. Holmes, treasurer, and M. E. Livezey, secretary.

W. H. Richards of Emporia, Kan., is a live booster for better draft horses on Kan-sas farms. A number of the best imported and home-bred draft stallions now in serv-ice in Kansas and neighboring states are from Mr. Richards' barns. The imported and home-bred stallions now in his herd are a choice lot of ideal type drafters and the kind that will make good.

Thirty-one years ago Phil Walker of Mo-line, Kan, moved from Kentucky to this state. He brought with him ten head of jennets and a herd jack as the foundation for one of the best herds in the state. Dur-ing the many years that Mr. Walker has been in the business he has been constantly improving his herd, and at this time a better lot than the big, high quality jacks and jennets in the Walker herd is hard to find. A visit to his 600-acre farm will con-vince anyone that he has found that breed-ing good jacks is a profitable business.

April 18-Robert Russell, Muscotah, Kan.





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KENTUCKY JACKS PRIVATE SALE



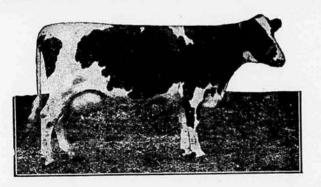
THE firm of Saunders & Maggard, Poplar Plains, Ky., has shipped twenty head of jacks to New-ton, Kansas, and they will be for sale privately at Welsh's Transfer Barn. This is a well bred load of jacks, including one imported jack, and they range in age from coming three to matured aged jacks; height from 14 to 16 hands. We will make prices reasonable, as we want to close them out in the next thirty days. Anyone wanting a good jack will do well to call and see them. Barn two blocks from Santa Fe Depot, one block from Interurban. Come and see us.

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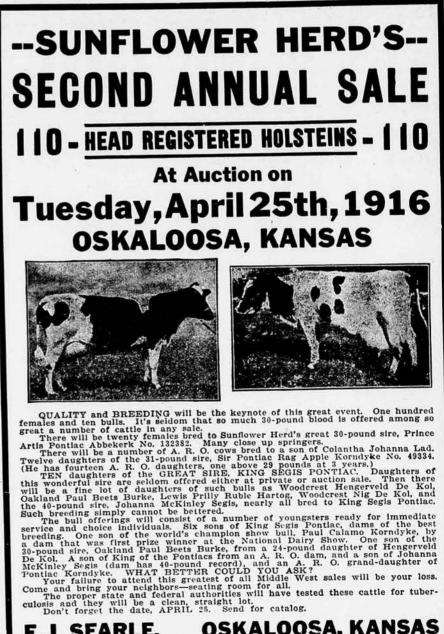
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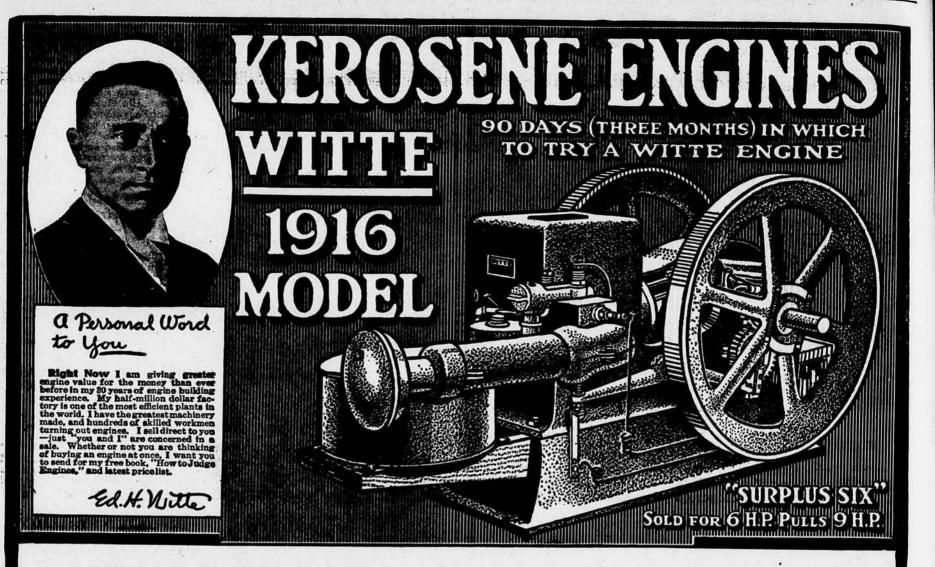


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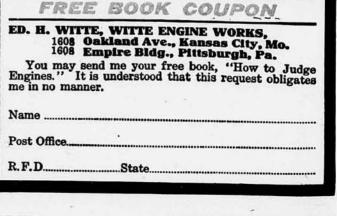
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