

VARIOUS ODDITIES.

The bamboo has been known to grow two feet in 24 hours.

While riding a pig around a yard in Paris, a young butcher named Lagre fell off, fracturing his skull and dislocating his ankle.

A five-year-old Philadelphian who was sent across the continent with a tag directing him to his destination, reached San Francisco safely.

A Chicago woman had all winter a tame butterfly that has just died. It did not cost much to keep this butterfly, for all it ate was one drop of honey every three days.

A plumber of White Plains, N. Y., while digging a trench near his home last Saturday, found a solid silver button that had been worn by a British officer in the revolutionary war.

Because the bride could not understand English and the bridegroom could not understand German, County Judge G. W. Murray, of Springfield, Ill., found it necessary, the other day, to perform a wedding in the two languages.

So rigid is the inspection of silver coins before they come from the mint that a defective piece is a rare thing. Yet Eugent Young, of Portsmouth, N. H., has a dime of the coinage of 1903, and it shows where the die slipped and pushed the milled edge over. Bank clerks claim that it is extremely rare than such a piece is seen.

The largest plow in the world is owned by Richard Gird, of San Bernardino county, California. This immense agricultural machine stands 18 feet high and weighs 36,000 pounds. It runs by steam, is provided with 12 12-inch plowshares, and is capable of plowing 50 acres of land per day. It consumes from one to one and a half tons of coal per day, and usually travels at the rate of four miles an hour.

PICKED PERSONALITIES.

It is claimed that no man in the world knows more about affairs in Asia than Col. Younghusband.

President Roosevelt has delivered 270 speeches within two and a half years. It is said he has broken the record.

J. P. Morgan is one of the great smokers of the country. His black cigars are made especially for him in Havana.

Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, is so young looking that visitors to the capitol building often mistake him for a boy.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, takes great interest in military affairs. He failed of examination for West Point years ago.

Alfred Dennett, at one time famous for the ownership of restaurants in numerous cities, is in the insane asylum at San Francisco.

Sir Henry Thompson, an eminent English surgeon, who died recently at the age of 84, was one of the most earnest advocates of cremation.

Salle J. S. White, Kentucky's first female negro lawyer, will receive her degree from the law school of the colored state university on May 10.

John E. Parsons, for 20 years president of the General Memorial hospital of New York has worked steadily during that time to find a cure for cancer.

Miss Alice Dunlap, of Peru, Ind., has been a telegrapher in the Western Union office at that town for 35 years and for 28 years has been the manager of the office.

WALL PAPER HINTS.

They are suitable for pretty parlors, drawing-rooms, reception rooms and boudoirs.

Papers of this kind, when used in a single gentle color, give an air of richness and luxury to an apartment.

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Fabric effects are seen in some of the new wall papers, silks, satin and water or more surfaces being faithfully represented.

Soft old rose, canary yellow, mandarin yellow, silver and green and robin's egg blue are delightful in silken surfaced papers.

TURN OVER TIME

When Nature Hints About Food.

When there's no relish to any food and all that one eats doesn't seem to do any good, then is the time to make a turn over in the diet. That's Nature's way of dropping a hint that the food isn't the kind required.

"For a number of years I followed railroad work, much of it being office work of a trying nature. Meal times were our busiest and eating too much and too quickly of food such as is commonly served in hotels and restaurants, these together with the sedentary habits were not long in giving me dyspepsia and stomach trouble which reduced my weight from 205 to 160 pounds.

There was little relish in any food and none of it seemed to do me any good. It seemed the more I ate the poorer I got and was always hungry before another meal, no matter how much I had eaten.

Then I commenced a fair trial of Grape-Nuts and was surprised how a small saucer of it would carry me along, strong and with satisfied appetite, until the next meal, with no sensations of hunger, weakness or distress as before.

I have been following this diet now for several months and my improvement has been so great all the others in my family have taken up the use of Grape-Nuts with complete satisfaction and much improvement in health and brain power.

"American people undoubtedly eat hurriedly, have lots of worry, thus hindering digestion and therefore need a food that is predigested and concentrated in nourishment." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

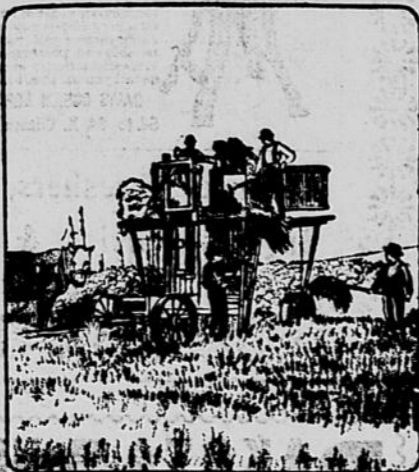
Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



THE INTEREST IN ALFALFA.

Plant Is Coming to Be Considered a Cosmopolitan Grass of Wide Range of Growth.

The interest in alfalfa seems always on the increase. Ten years ago the farmers of Kansas were discussing whether or not they would grow this crop, while now the same discussion is being carried on in the states far to the east and north. Alfalfa was first introduced into this country by the monks who settled on the coast of California in the early part of the last century. They doubtless brought it from South America, where it had been grown for



ALFALFA HARVEST IN CALIFORNIA.

at least 100 years before its introduction into California. It is claimed that it worked its way eastward overland, but this may be doubted to some extent, as it is certain that it was grown in the southern Atlantic states a generation ago in a tentative way. But that most of the spread has been from California fields seems certain, the plantations following the lines of railway over the mountains and through the arid deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. It has now become the great hay crop of the semi-arid region.

Alfalfa was looked upon as a plant adapted to the dry sunny climates only, but it is now coming to be considered a cosmopolitan plant of great range of growth. It is certain that where it has been grown in large quantities it has enormously increased the productivity of the land and increased the number of live stock that can be carried on each acre. The ranchmen of the west are now using immense quantities of alfalfa in the winter feeding of stock being prepared for market.—Farmers' Review.

HOG'S NOSE IS ALL RIGHT.

To Disfigure the Snout Which the Creator Has Given to the Animal Is a Mistake.

I have noticed instances where some of my farmer brethren asked which instruments are best in disfiguring the nose of a hog. I beg to answer the same by saying, in the first place, that it is inhuman and inexcusable cruelty to disfigure the nose of a hog, remarks a writer in Northwestern Agriculturist, besides, it is a detriment to the owner. Our Creator gave the hog his snout to root with, in order to find a medical substance which his system needs to cleanse the blood, to disinfect all worms and trichinae and to keep him in good health and a thrifty condition. But if that is prevented by disfiguring his nose, and this medical substance is not fed to him, he will then become unhealthy and diseased, and will be unfit for mankind to consume. I will venture to say that 90 per cent. of cholera hogs have died with a disfigured nose.

I have handled for the past 26 years as high as 300 hogs yearly, and have yet to see where they have made a hole large enough to set a hen. To prevent rooting, dig a hole four and one-half feet deep, two and one-half at bottom, four and one-half at top; start a fire at bottom; throw in any kind of wood and cobs and when all is in a blaze cover hole airtight, with sheet iron. Break up the charcoal next day, mix with each bushel four pounds of salt, one-half pound copperas dissolved in water, and sprinkle over it, then put in self-feed box. Swine will then stop rooting and do well. If I were elected to congress one of my first bills would be to make it a misdemeanor to put rings in or to disfigure in any way a hog's nose or anybody that would manufacture or any person that would handle any rings or instruments for said purposes should be held liable for misdemeanor. A heavy fine of six months, in the penitentiary, or both, according to the discretion of the court, would be one of the best steps toward the health of mankind in this universe.

The Retail Price of Meat.

When the public is better educated in the art of buying meat there will be a closer ratio in price between the values of live stock on the hoof and the carcasses on the block. Comparatively few people want anything but the best cuts, though it is shown chemically that there is fully as much nutrition in the cheaper parts. The result of the wholesale demand for porterhouse, sirloin or rib roasts keeps this part of the carcass up to a high figure, while the lower half has to sell for cost price or less. This is why, according to the best authorities, the choice meats sell high regardless of the price of live cattle.—Chicago Drivers' Journal.

In swine raising for the beginner, a start should be made with a few animals.

SHEEP BENEFIT PASTURES.

They Are Great Exterminators of Weeds and Stimulate Rich Growth of Grass.

We are convinced that the addition of five or six head of sheep for each cow will tend to increase the productivity of a very weedy pasture, nearly if not quite to the extent of the amount consumed by the sheep. After a few years, when the weeds have been exterminated, the relative number of cows may be increased, but of course the proportion of cows to sheep, as well as the total amount of stock that can be profitably kept upon a given area, will depend upon the nature of the soil and the vegetation, the locality, the climatic conditions, and so forth.

We will not attempt to lay down any hard and fast rule as to how many sheep should be kept upon any farm, but we are firmly of the opinion that some sheep could be profitably kept upon nearly all farms in the state. They will not only serve to keep the pasture free from weeds, but they will also prove excellent scavengers for clearing up stubble fields after harvest and the odd corners on the farm. And, moreover, they will yield a handsome profit on the investment, as well as providing the most wholesome kind of fresh meat for the farmer's family whenever it is desired.

A mistake often made by farmers who start in with a small flock of sheep to act as scavengers is to buy anything that anyone else may choose to call sheep, has a little wool on its back and will eat weeds, and then treat them as meanly as their appearance seems to deserve. This does not pay. Good blood, individual merit and good care are as necessary for profitable sheep raising as with any other kind of stock.

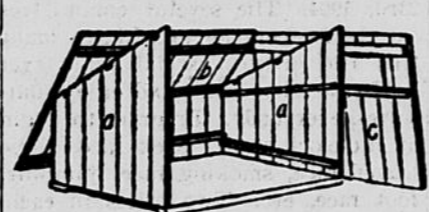
Buy a few good, pure bred, registered sheep of any one of half a dozen of the standard breeds, treat them right, and they will do the handsome thing by you. They will earn their keep during the summer by destroying weeds, but they must have good care and feed during the winter. When a considerable number of sheep are required and pure breeds cannot be obtained at satisfactory prices, good grade ewes will do, but nothing but registered rams of high individual merit should ever be used.

Such a flock of sheep of appropriate size will in a few years exterminate the weeds and greatly improve the grass of any good native pasture. Top dressing with manure and sowing bluegrass upon the bare spots will also be found beneficial. If, however, the native grasses are too badly run out, it may pay better to breed the sod up crop it for two or three years and then seed it down again.—South Dakota Bulletin.

HANDY LITTLE STRUCTURE.

Portable Hog House Which Will Be Found of Inestimable Value at Farrowing Time.

More than at any time during the year a sow requires proper housing during farrowing time. Too often comfortable provision is not made and she is given such temporary quarters as may be available, often to the serious loss of the farmer. I have a small portable house which may be cheaply built from material found about the farm. It is built in five sections and may be taken



PORTABLE HOG HOUSE.

down and stored against the weather when not in use. I use them not only at farrowing time, but as long after as the sow and her little ones require such housing.

As shown in the illustration, the sides, a, are 5 feet high at the front, 3 1/2 feet at the rear. The depth of the house is 5 feet and width 6 feet. The roof, b, is built upon three crosspieces, which are arranged to fit into notches shown in a for rigidity. The roof is built 6 or 8 inches larger each way to afford protection over sides. The front, partially shown at c, is 5 feet high by 6 feet wide. A small door is built in this to permit entrance and exit of occupants. The window shown in the upper part is used for light, ventilation, and for putting in food and slop.

A hinged glass window may be provided to give light without admitting air during cold weather. I move this house with its temporary tenants from one place to another in the feeding pastures.—Farm and Home.

A Cure for Kicking Horses.

If you have a horse that has formed the bad habit of kicking against the side of the stall, just toe-nail a narrow shelf or two to the partitions and see how soon it will stop him. We had a fine young mare so vicious with this habit that the joints of both hind legs were swollen and threatened to remain so permanently. We tried every known remedy, but failed until we thought of this four-inch shelf, and then the trouble stopped immediately. The bone must strike the edge of the shelf.—C. S. Hunter, in Ohio Farmer.

Live Stock in Cold Climates.

Cold climates are as well suited to the raising of live stock as are temperate and warm climates. While herbage is more abundant in the warm climates and the winters are shorter, yet most of our farm animals do better in the cold climates than in the warm, and diseases are less numerous. Grass is a greater factor in the north than in the south, for climatic reasons.

INVENTED PRAIRIE CRAFT.

History of the Man Who Conceived the Idea of Running Wagons with Sails.

A man from Texas was talking with a New Yorker, when a wagon with the name Gail Borden painted on it passed by. The name is retained by Gail Borden's successors, though Gail Borden himself is dead, says the Sun.

"I do not know when Borden came to New York," said the Texan, "but the sight of his name recalls a bit of interesting history which, I venture to say, few, if any, New Yorkers ever heard."

"Gail and his brother Thomas used to be editors in Texas. They were the founders of the Texas Telegraph, which had a hot history. It was the first newspaper published in Texas. It was printed in San Felipe in 1835.

"On the approach of the Mexican army, President Burnet and his cabinet fled to Harrisburg, and were followed by the Borden with their press and type, and they were there working off a form of the paper when the advance of Santa Anna's army appeared at that place.

"They were forced to abandon the work and flee for their lives. The type and press were thrown into the bayou, and the printing office destroyed.

"After the victory at San Jacinto the publication of the paper was renewed at Columbia, but was, with the government, transferred to the new town of Houston, and soon afterward was sold. Thomas was older than his brother Gail, and, besides being a partner in the paper, was also engaged in surveying and selling lots in Galveston.

"Gail invented the steam gauge and also a vehicle called a prairie schooner. This was much the same as an ordinary covered wagon, but was made to run by sails, and it would run, but too much so.

"It was not easily controlled, and it would do unexpected things, and was dangerous. It would run into the gulf or up against things, and the model was finally wrecked in a drift on Galveston island, and the project abandoned. Borden intended these vehicles to be used on the great level dry plains; hence the name he gave them.

"This idea of his afterward caused the great trains of covered wagons in the west to be called prairie schooners.

"Gail Borden filled a number of civil offices, and was a member of the convention at San Felipe in 1833. He was also the agent of the Galveston City Gas company, and the first collector of the port of Galveston.

"After annexation, he distinguished himself as an inventor, first securing a valuable patent for preserving meat in a form which he called meat biscuit. He also invented and secured a patent for a process of condensed milk which is a staple article of commerce.

"He made the first condensed milk where the town of Glidden is now, in Colorado county, but then called Borden. As late as 1887 his sign was still to be seen there.

"At that time a post office and Borden's place were about all there was there in the way of business. The county of Borden, at the foot of the plains, was named for him, as was also the county seat, which is Gail."

ABUSE OF HOSPITALITY.

Tale of the Orient Which Contains a Suggestion for Long-Suffering Hosts.

Col. William C. Greene, one of the greatest ranchers in the world, spoke on hospitality at a recent dinner in New York, reports the Tribune.

"Hospitality is an excellent thing," said Col. Greene, "but it is open to abuse. Let me tell you how the oriental hospitality of Nasr Eddin, a great man of the east, was abused many years ago.

"From a distant village a poor man came to Nasr Eddin and made him a present of a hare. Nasr Eddin was delighted with the gift. The poor man, on the strength of it, stayed with him a month.

"A short time after, a stranger came with his entire family to Nasr Eddin's house.

"We," the stranger explained, "are friends of the man who gave you the hare."

"Nasr Eddin welcomed the visitors warmly, and they stayed two weeks.

"They had not been gone long when another family of strangers arrived.

"Whom have I the honor to receive?" said Nasr Eddin.

"Friends of the friends of the man who gave you the hare," was the reply.

"Nasr Eddin looked grave. He did not invite these guests indoors. He served them on the lawn with cups of some clear fluid. Tasting this fluid, they made wry faces, for it was nothing but warm water.

"What is this you offer us, O Nasr Eddin?" the strangers said, reproachfully.

"The host replied:

"Oh, that is the sauce of the sauce of the hare."

Formic Acid of Ants.

Henri de Parville, in an article in the Journal des Debats, calls attention to the experiments of a Dr. Clement of Lyons, who has been investigating the alleged properties of formic acid, a secretion of ants. Eight or ten drops of the acid taken three or four times a day had a marked effect in stimulating muscular activity which, according to Dr. Clement, might be continued for a long time without resultant fatigue.

"That tired feeling" also disappears under the influence of the acid. It is not stated whether the after effects of the acid are good, bad or negative.—Medical Journal.

Proof Positive.

She—Do you still adore me, George? He—Didn't I stop reading the baseball news to hear about your new waist?—Chicago Daily News.

Sleeping Car Service to World's Fair.

On June 1st the Minneapolis & St. Louis inaugurated another through sleeping car between the Twin Cities and St. Louis, which is evidence of the increasing popularity of the through St. Louis service established by that line a little more than a year ago. The new car is of Pullman's best, and leaves St. Paul on train No. 2, 9:00 a. m. daily except Sunday. Minneapolis 9:35 a. m. arriving at St. Louis Union Depot 7:15 a. m. following morning.

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A Skeptic.

"He's too honest to use money on an election."

"Well," said Senator Sorghum, "I don't know. Maybe he's too honest and then again, maybe he's too economical."—Washington Star.

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The Igorrotes want dog meat and the Moros clamor for baked slaves. When the exposition is over they will be permitted to eat each other.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

We get some idea of the importance of civility when we reflect that in its day it had as much influence with woman as have chocolate creams in our times.—Puck.

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