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Overbearing and Black Knot.

I have grown plums and cherries for years and have never had any serious trouble with black knot. It is very likely this trouble will be more common this season than last owing to the large crop of fruit last season. In this section there was the largest crop of plums ever known, and growers have not yet come to a realizing sense of the necessity of thinning the fruit. The plum trees were so weakened by overbearing that they became an easy prey to the black knot and all other diseases of the plum.

Black knot is always more prevalent in years following a heavy crop of fruit. I do not believe that spraying with anything will prevent this troublesome disease. Keep the trees in a healthy, growing condition, and never allow them to overbear. This will do more good than spraying. On my 200 plums and over 300 cherry trees I do not find from year to year three pieces of black knot. Therefore I cannot say that any one variety is more subject to it than another.

If I had a tree that persisted in bringing forth a crop of black knot, I would certainly move it root and branch. The secret of success in growing fine plums lies in keeping the trees in a thrifty, growing condition and never letting them overbear. Never prop up the branches of a tree, but thin the fruit until the tree can bear up its burden. By following this plan there will be no off years of fruiting, no black knot, no small, inferior fruit and no glut in the fruit market, says A. A. Halliday of Vermont in Rural New Yorker.

Clean Eggs.

Nice clean eggs always find ready sale. If they are dirty, they should be washed with warm water. A southern exchange says that if this does not take off all the stains cider vinegar will. It will pay to try this if you have a nice lot of fresh eggs that by accident or otherwise have become stained, for a dirty egg is distasteful, even if the egg is all right inside. The sight of it outside is obnoxious to the delicacy of one's taste.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

Support the Home Merchant.

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How to care for Manure.

Farmyard manure should be kept as near the surface of the soil as possible. The rain water as it percolates through the soil has a tendency to carry the soluble plant food downward and out of the reach of plants. Consequently the attempt should be made to delay the downward progress of plant food instead of assisting it by plowing the manure in deeply. Then again, nitrification is most active near the surface of the soil. Therefore, manure kept near the surface is under more favorable conditions for having its plant food made available and consequently gives quicker returns.

When a heavy application of manure has been plowed in deeply, it is no uncommon thing to see lumps of manure brought to the surface by subsequent plowing, showing that it had never become properly incorporated with the soil. It is quite probable, too, that this deeply buried manure has lost considerable nitrogen through denitrification. Economical manuring consists in obtaining quick returns over as large an area of the farm as possible, and this is accomplished by moderate applications incorporated with the surface soil. As a result, the soil does not bake and crack in dry weather; it absorbs and retains water much more satisfactorily and works up into a fine tilth more easily.

Cold Drafts.

Some fowls inherit a susceptibility to roup, and the slightest exposure brings on some form of the disease, which, becoming deeply seated, is carried to the entire flock through the agency of the water-fountain or food-trough. Some birds seem to be entirely exempt from it under all conditions. The most common source of roup is the poultry-house. The ventilator may permit a cold draft of air to flow down and over the birds when they are on the roosts, or a crack in the wall may allow a small stream of air to play right on the head of a hen. She emerges from her quarters in the morning with one eye closed, while a familiar sound of "pip," which is simply a sneeze or effort to clear the nostrils, indicates that she has a cold in the head. This may come from the overhead draft of the ventilator, and a few of the fowls may have stiffness of the neck also, but sooner or later roup will result if the cause of the draft is not removed.

COOK'S NEW BLOOD PILLS.

Mutton.

When we have been hard driven for a few hours, being killed, or if they have suffered recently from lack of food, it affects the meat which is so called "the sheep taste." There is a kind of meat that has finer flavor than mutton when it is at its best. But this means that the sheep shall be fattened without injury to its digestion and that it shall never be subjected to hardships. The practice of shipping sheep huddled in cars for long distances and often without needed food makes the animals feverish and injures the quality of their meat. A sheep that has fattened on rich, sweet pasture and is killed without being run down to catch it will make good mutton. There is popular belief that the fine wool Merino sheep makes inferior mutton. Its wool makes a warmer coat, thus causing the animal to sweat more when it travels. Besides this the Merino is not so hearty a feeder as are the coarse woolled sheep. But if care is taken to feed them so as never to make the sheep feverish or cause them to sweat the mutton from Merino sheep can be made as good as that from the so called mutton breeds.

Mild Flavors in Butter Wanted.

During the winter and summer, British consumers want fresh flavored, fresh made butter without any evidence of staleness. They want also in most markets a butter of mild flavor and not heavily salted. They also want it pale in color, lighter than ordinary straw color, at most seasons of the year. In passing I may mention that they are great sticklers for neat, nice looking, clean undamaged packages. The demand from all markets to-day is for a finer, a daintier class of foods. People who work in all kinds of factories will not take strong tasting foods; they will not buy strong-flavored bacon, and they cannot be tempted, except by a very low price, into buying strong-flavored butter or strong-flavored cheese.

The increase in the consumption of fine butter in Great Britain is enormous, and so long as the quality is kept fine, fresh-flavored and mild, it is likely that there will be a demand equal to all the increased production.

How Alcohol Warms.

The Temperance Cause relates an anecdote about the oft repeated argument of the warming effects of alcohol as follows:

"But, doctor, I must have some kind of a stimulant," cried the invalid earnestly. "I am cold, and it warms me." "Precisely," came the doctor's crusty answer. "Here, this stick is cold," taking up a stick of wood from the box beside the hearth and tossing it into the fire. "Now it is warm, but is the stick benefited?"

The sick man watched the wood first send out little puffs of smoke and then burst into flame, and replied: "Of course not; it is burning itself."

"And so is your when you warm yourself with alcohol; you are literally burning up the delicate tissues of your stomach and brain."

Oh, yes, alcohol will warm you up, but who finds the fuel? When you take food, that is fuel, and as it burns out you keep warm. But when you take alcohol to warm you, you are like a man who sets his house on fire and warms his fingers by it as it burns.

Specks in Butter.

Theoretically milk that is properly taken care of has no specks in it that can afterward be found in the butter, says a writer in The National Stockman, but it is a sad fact that practically there are more or less specks in the milk and consequently in the butter. A cow should be brushed so clean before milking that there would be no such things as specks, and no need for strainers, but the multifarious strainers upon the market testify that the large number of cows are not brushed as they theoretically should be. I say theoretically, for it is a question with me whether a cow that is kept in a clean box stall will pay for the extra trouble of having her toilet preformed twice a day, unless the milk is sold for some special purpose. The modified milkman brush their cows, but they get 8 cents a quart for their milk and can afford to do so, but for the average dairyman with a clean cow it is, as I have said, a question if he can do so.

Good Living in Poultry.

There may not be any very large fortunes to be made in poultry raising, but there is a handsome living for anyone who has the love for the pursuit, the ability to raise and care for stock and a small capital to start with. These three things must go hand in hand. Separately they cannot bring success.

Grass Fattened Beef.

So economical of grain were the farmers of olden times that it was reckoned quite an advantage to fatten cattle on pasture. The idea eventually was that grass was the product of nature, costing nothing, and if not used must be wasted. Grain of all kinds costs labor to grow and harvest it, and if not fed it could be turned into money. So far as economy goes, we believe the practice of grain feeding

is best. But the old grass fed beef was always tender, while grain fed beef was not, especially if the grain was fed in winter with dry hay. The feeding of a very small amount of grain to fattening cattle at pasture makes them fatten much faster, improving the quality of the beef, as well as making its productions more economical.

The Philippines.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Daily Telegraph, commenting this morning upon the situation in the Island of Panay, expresses the hope that the Filipinos will yield. "Otherwise," says the Daily Telegraph, "there will be desperate fighting, leaving America mistress of a conquered people bearing her as bitter a hatred as they bore to Spain."

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Major Avon Sonnenberg, German military attaché to the Empire of Japan, the man who carried the message between Admiral Von Diederichs and Admiral Dewey by which permission was given for the transportation of Captain General Augusti from Manila to Hong Kong on a German war vessel, is in Chicago. Interviewed, he said: "I was with Prince Henry and at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war I accompanied Admiral Driedrichs to Manila. I did not witness the destruction of Montejó's fleet by Admiral Dewey, but I saw many subsequent events. Because of what I saw I was to correct at least one false impression that there was any ill-feeling between the commanders of the American and German fleets. There was a disagreement, I admit, over the right of the Americans to control German ships, but that was settled. I am afraid that the American volunteers have a hard task before them in the Philippines. I should not want the task of controlling those islands unless I had fully 50,000 men behind me. These natives are going to be a hard problem to solve. Since the finishing of the Philippine question I have been connected with the Imperial Army of Japan as a student of its methods of military discipline. They speak very conservatively, I believe, who say that next to the German army there is not a finer body of fighting men in the world than that little collection of Japanese troops. The discipline is perfect, and any nation that picks a quarrel with the Japanese is going to have no easy time of it. I consider them one of the most important factors in the future Oriental complications."

A Domestic Tragedy.

PARRSBORO, N. S., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Frank Cook died at the residence of her father-in-law, Capt. Cook, Friday. Frank Cook disappeared very mysteriously about two months ago. At first his friends came to the conclusion that he had been murdered for his money, two or three thousand dollars, which he was known to have upon his person at the time he left. A few weeks later it was learned that Cook had run away with a woman to whom he had paid some attention before he had married his wife. They had gone to New York and have not been heard from since.

It was about this time that Mrs. Cook gave birth to a child. She was always a delicate woman, but her end was no doubt hastened by the inhuman treatment of her husband.

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