

# MUSKRAT FARMING

## WILL PAY WELL

When Swamps and Marshes of Country Are All Cleared Up

## ANIMALS ARE EASY TO KEEP AND FEED

Industry Suitable to the Farmers and the Farmer Boys.

If the supply of muskrat fur is to be maintained when many of the swamp and marsh lands now occupied by animals are reclaimed for agricultural purposes, "muskrat farming" will have to become more general. This is brought out by biologists of the United States Department of Agriculture in a recent Farmers Bulletin, "The Muskrat as a Fur Bearer."

For the present, however, a sufficient number of muskrats to meet demands for their fur are trapped from marshes and swamps that are for the most part, unprotected, millions of skins being taken each year. So long as the natural breeding places remain undisturbed and reasonable closed seasons are maintained, the biologists say, there is little likelihood of the numbers of the animals being depleted. This is because these animals multiply much more rapidly than most other fur bearers. With adequate protection in the breeding season and with the present habitat available, from ten to twelve million pelts can be taken in North America annually without depletion of the supply.

The muskrat is found throughout a wide area in North America, the habitat extending from the northern limit of trees to near the Mexican border.

**Muskrat Farming.**  
The practicability of muskrat farming already has been demonstrated. The animals are easily kept, become very tame, and breed well in narrow quarters. Under present economic conditions, however, keeping muskrats on preserves is more practicable than keeping them in restricted quarters. The former plan is in remunerative operation in the Chesapeake Bay region, in Dorchester County, Md., and formerly considered almost a loss, and now used as muskrat preserves, is worth more, measured by actual income, than cultivated lands in the same vicinity. The owner of one 1,300-acre tract of marsh took in two seasons—1909 and 1910—more than 12,000 pelts which sold for more than \$9,000.

**The Industry Adapted to Farmers.**  
The biologists point out that the maintaining of muskrat preserves should be an attractive business where conditions are favorable. The animals require no feeding, since the plant life of ponds and marshes furnishes abundance of food. It may be possible to "plant" the industry in sections from which muskrats are now absent. As trapping is done in winter, it is pointed out, the business of muskrat farming is especially adapted to farmers and farmer boys.

### OBITUARY.

Gone, but not forgotten. Yes, the little darling is now in Heaven. Little Henry Clayton Chestnut, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Chestnut.  
Dear little Clayton was only months and 23 days old when God sent the band of angels to carry the little bud of flowers to bloom in Heaven. The little darling is missed by us all and was a bright and loving little one, but God loved him best and His will be done and not ours. It was January 13th, 1918 when God called the little sunbeam home. He was at his grand-parents', Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chestnut, where he had so many times been. He leaves a father, and mother, and grand-parents, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn the loss, while we mourn for the shining little angel.  
The little darling was laid to rest at the Tilly Swamp cemetery the following day. May we all meet dear little Clayton on the shining shore.  
His Loving Aunt,  
Mary N.

**Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children.

### Mule LINEN SHORTAGE

(By Frank A. Van Wert.)  
Hardly a day passes but there is some fresh illustration of the inability on the part of governments to buy with money something essential for war preparation. We are now discovering that there is not linen enough in the world to cover the airplanes that the allies are producing. The English government has just decided that at least 10,000 acres of English soil must be devoted to the production of flax, instead of food. That government is making terms with the farmers, which will lead to the planting of that crop.

The illustrations are endless of the fact that there are not labor and materials enough to produce the things that the government wants. There are two ways of helping solve the problem. One is to speed up production and industry. The other is to cut down unnecessary consumption. By the latter method, every one can put himself in an effective way in a front trench. Every one can make sacrifice that will be reflected in a quicker and better equipment of armies. The progress that can be made by speeding up production can be exceeded many fold by the reduction which can be produced by a nation making up its mind ready to help win the war. The difficulties of equipping the army would be easily cut in half if every individual in this country would recognize his responsibility in helping to get on without demanding new things he can get on without, and by so doing leave a greater amount of labor and material to produce the things the government must have.

Every yard of linen that is bought from today on puts the buyer in direct competition with the Aeroplane board in equipping the fleet of aeroplanes which we hope to put over the German lines. That should be very plain to every one when it is known that the need of linen for aeroplane production exceeds the total stock there is in the world. But the same rule applies in almost every direction that we turn.

There can be only two reasons why men should not see in their personal expenditure their individual responsibility for equipping the army. One is a belief that a fully equipped American army is not going to be necessary; that the war either will be won by our allies or it has already been won by the exhaustion of our enemies. There is little in the situation upon which to base such a belief. The other reason must be that people believe that there are labor and materials enough to produce everything that they want for their individual uses and everything that the government must have. Absolute blindness to what the total is when you add two and two is the only excuse there can be for believing there are labor and material enough for individual comforts and military needs of the country. The man who is not prepared to economize to-day either believes there is no necessity for military preparedness or he will not look in the face the plainest facts in regard to industrial capacity. The government has provided the easiest possible road for the individual to turn his personal sacrifice into patriotic aid—save and buy War Savings Stamps.

## COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

**Terrible Suffering From Headache, Stiff Neck, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.**

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It would come under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days. I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go. I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me.

One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did for I began to improve when on the second bottle. I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui." Try Cardui today.



## Through Our Membership

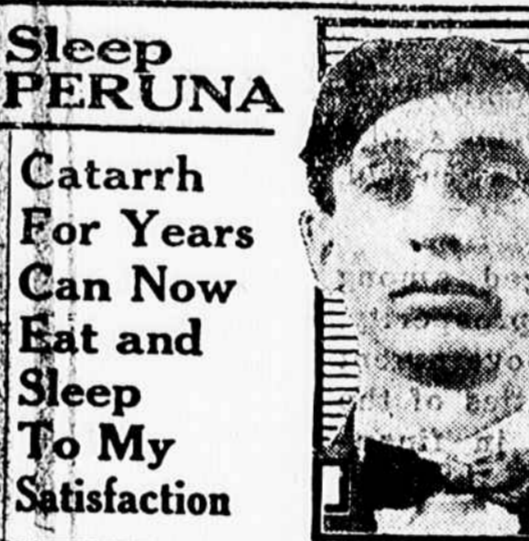
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Why not open an account with us and begin at once to participate in these benefits and the additional protection which this system gives to your money deposited with us?

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## Could Not Eat or Sleep Made Well By PERUNA

Mr. William E. Denny, 1023 Park Ave., Springfield, Ohio, writes: "I find great pleasure in writing you and thanking you for what Peruna has already done for me. I have been troubled with catarrh for years, and it had affected my head, nose, throat and stomach, that could not eat nor sleep with any satisfaction. I have just taken three bottles. I can eat most anything and am greatly relieved of nervousness, so that when I lie down I can sleep without the least trouble. I recommend it to all those who are sufferers of that dreadful disease, catarrh."



Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

## PRO-GERMANS TRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE

The following is sent us from Hamlet, N. C.—It is believed that Pro-Germans are endeavoring to interfere with the conduct of the war and spreading the following rumors with respect to the growing of the castor bean. Investigations are being carried on now to trace these rumors to their source. These Pro-Germans are telling that the castor bean is a very difficult crop to raise, and that it is impossible to harvest and thrash them and insinuating that the beans are not being grown for the Government. To such rumors no attention should be paid, because this Government would not ask the farmers to do something that was impossible, and the Government has fixed a liberal price so that it will be very profitable to grow these beans. The beans, when gathered, if put into a barn in a dry place, will thrash themselves just as a cotton boll will open, and an ordinary velvet bean or pea huller will thrash them, with a few minor adjustments. The Government need these beans, and it is going to surmount any difficulties the farmers may meet with.

Mr. T. S. Evans, Assistant Development Agent of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., with offices at Hamlet, N. C., who has undertaken the planting of 10,000 acres for the Government in this territory says that he believes that when the farmers found out that these rumors were the result of Pro-German propaganda, they would come to the support of the Government.

## The Wonders of Science.

A camera man working for the educational department of a film company met an old farmer coming out of a house in the town, where he was working and explained his presence in these words:

"I have just been taking some moving pictures of life out on your farm." "Did you catch any of my laborers in motion?" asked the old man curiously. "Sure I did." The farmer shook his head reflectively, then said, "Science is a wonderful thing."

## A Soldier's Strength

Every enlisted man would stand up stronger during the first year's service if he could have the benefits of

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

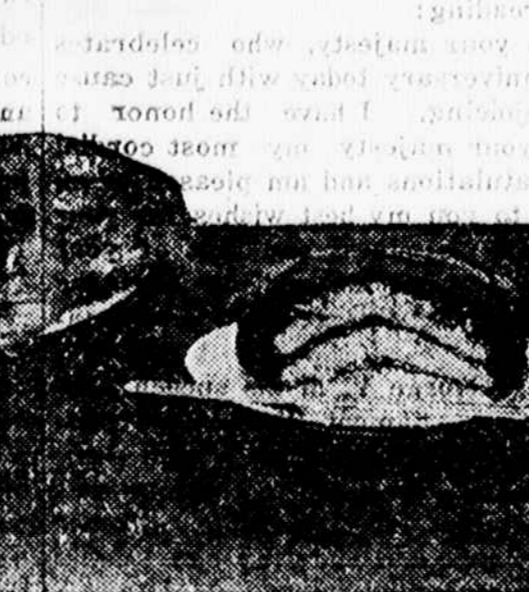
because it fortifies the lungs and throat, creates strength to avoid grippe and pneumonia and makes rich blood to avert rheumatic tendencies.

Send a bottle of SCOTT'S to a relative or friend in the service.

The Norwegian cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which makes it pure and palatable. Scott & Bowne, Philadelphia, Pa.

## CHICKEN FAT is often wasted.

The French housewife thinks it is the finest shortening for cakes.



### HOW TO SAVE FUEL.

As our country is passing through a critical period, it is the duty of every person to live as economical as they can. But I am speaking mainly about fuel now. First, we must learn how to save it, for the people in late years have been wasteful of it, thinking that just because we have money to pay for it, or that we have it of our own, that it is no one's business how much we use, but I think they are going to find out differently.

And here is another reason that we should be saving of it. Some times the timber will be all cleared out, and the small boys and girls of today will be farming the land, and then what will folks do for wood?

Next we shall consider the fire place. As most of the homes in the south have them, we should not have them too deep, as the fire is so far back that the heat goes up the chimney and does not warm the room. So you see the wood is used up, when it would not take half of it if the fire place was more shallow. So all of you who have such deep fire places put another back in them, and save a piece of wood for Uncle Sam, and also have the sides of your chimney flare out a little, as that helps to throw out the heat.

You should not cut your wood too long ahead as it becomes dry and burns up quicker, and does not furnish the heat that green wood does. Just have a little dry to start the green wood off and get it to burning good, then use green wood.

We also should burn hard wood as much as we can, pine is good, but oak or ash is a harder wood, so burn these as much as possible.

Saw your wood as much as you can, as a lot of wood is wasted by cutting. Large chips fly off and they are wasted, for not many folks will pick them up, especially if they work for wages. A heater is better than a fire place, because it heats the whole room and the fire place just throws the heat out a little ways, and warms your face while your back will be chilly.

And there is another thing about heaters. The more pipe you have the warmer it will make the room, and you also can get a damper on most any hardware store, and if you get a damper, you put this in the pipe about one joint from the stove, and it will send the heat out in the room and not up the flue, and in this way we can save fuel.

You should stuff cracks in your house with cotton, and also weather strip your windows. Keep your windows and doors closed. Of course we need air and should have it, but after you have opened them for a little while close them again.

Now just a word to those who use coal, you should just heat the rooms you use all the time, and should just keep them at 68 degrees, best heat for health.

Cover furnace and pipes with asbestos, or other insulation. Test your ashes by sifting before throwing them away. Save the red coals as a lot of coal is wasted by throwing this away, when it could be burned longer. If there is much good coal there is something wrong with your heater. See a furnace expert.

Write to the maker of your furnace or stove for practical directions for running economically, and perhaps you can save some fuel in this way.

Save gas and electric light as much as possible. This will save coal for the nation.

As it is our duty to help Uncle Sam, let each one of us do our bit in saving fuel.

Remember, save a piece of wood a day for Uncle Sam, by doing so you will help win the war.

—Maud Sessions, 8th Grade, Home Wood School, Maude Moore, Teacher.

### BAKING "VICTORY" BREAD

Washington.—Baking of "victory bread" is to be taught to bakers throughout the country by chemists. The food administration announced tonight that it will send experts on lecture tours to advise the bakers and also instruct millers concerning the administration's new milling requirements.

The program has the support of the American Society of Milling and Baking Technology and the American Society of Cereal Chemists.

The coldest February weather in many years demoralized railroad traffic in Pennsylvania.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

## WARMLY DEFENDS CONDUCT OF WAR

Emphatically Denies That American War Machine Has "Fallen Down"

### REMARKABLE SUCCESS IS UNPARALLELED

Is as Well Equipped With Machine Guns as Any Army in Europe.

Washington.—Representative Glass, in a speech delivered in the House today, came to the defense of the administration, answered the charges contained in Senator Chamberlain's indictment of the War Department and denied that the American war machine has "fallen down." Mr. Glass followed Senator Chamberlain's speech, point by point, and praised the work of the administration in each instance. He said that it was General Joffre, who suggested supplying American factories, "since it would save the unavoidable delays, the pressing needed cargo space, the tremendous cost of shipment." As to Machine Guns. Regarding the machine gun controversy, Mr. Glass asserted that the Browning gun was selected because experts pronounced it "the best machine gun in the world."

"The only prop on which the critics now rest their case," he said, "is the plea that the Lewis gun was immediately available, while deliveries of the Browning gun will be delayed. The American army in France has thousands of machine guns to go up against the enemy," he said. "It is as well equipped with machine guns as any army in Europe—perhaps better equipped than the German army. And no set of malcontents should be permitted to deceive the people of this country into the disturbing supposition that our fighting forces in France are suffering in equipment of any kind."

Points to Spartanburg. Regarding the health of the soldiers in camp at Spartanburg, S. C., where he said there were only four deaths among 31,000 men during a period of more than three months.

Remarkable Success of Draft. Referring to the difficulties which the administration faced at the outbreak of the war, Representative Glass pointed out the success of the selective draft as a remarkable achievement.

"Not until the third year of the war could Great Britain venture to apply partially a conscription law," he said. "Not until a few months ago could Canada do it in opposition to the rebellious threat of one of its largest provinces. It has not been done as to Ireland, and Australia has twice declined to attempt the system. And yet, this republic, instantly applied the democratic method of selective draft, and the country responded with unparalleled spirit of patriotism. Great military cities were built almost overnight, and then with out friction or hesitation, our boys went, offering their bodies and their lives in defense of human liberty. We have sent nearly ten times as many troops abroad as the French and English military missions had expected that we could do in the time required and we have trained and are training an army far beyond the original estimates. This year we will have in France more than a million men."

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all and singular the kindred and creditors of Arthur M. Burroughs, deceased, that the undersigned will apply to Hon. J. S. Vaught, Probate Judge of Horry County on Monday, February 25, A. D. 1918 at 11 o'clock A. M. for a final settlement of the estate of the said Arthur M. Burroughs, deceased and for a final discharge as Administrator of the said estate. D. M. BURROUGHS, Qualified Administrator, Conway, S. C.

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