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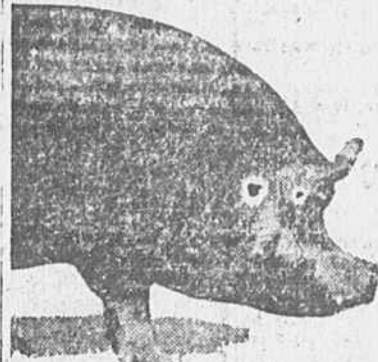
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PRACTICAL TALKS BY GOVERNMENT FARM EXPERTS

No. III.—Hog Cholera—Potato Disease—Poultry Raising. United States Soils.



(Official News Summary of Up to Date Matters Compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

THE United States department of agriculture is engaged in experiments looking to the control and eradication of hog cholera. During the past twelve months the disease caused a loss among swine of over \$30,000,000. While this was slightly larger than in previous years, the loss has run into many millions of dollars each year for a decade or more. The sixty-second congress appropriated \$75,000 for the department to begin work against the ravages of the disease. The work is now going on in Indiana, Missouri and Iowa and is meeting with some encouragement, although it was only begun in July, 1913.

Hog cholera usually makes its appearance in the spring and then spreads with increasing rapidity until autumn. Therefore the department met in the beginning a handicap, as the appropriation was not available until July 1. The plan of the work which is being done in Montgomery county, Ind.; Pettis county, Mo., and Dallas county, Ia., is for the department to place in each county in those states three or more inspectors, who will have charge of the work and who will control the administration of the department's serum to hogs.

The agricultural colleges of the states will gather statistics and inform the farmers of the ways in which they can aid in the campaign, while the duty of the state veterinarian will be to control the movement of live stock and require the disinfection of stock cars, loading chutes and pens in such a way that the chances for disseminating the disease will be lessened.

Farmers not only lose millions of dollars annually as the result of hog cholera, but they are undoubtedly deterred in many cases from raising hogs on account of the fear of cholera. It is evident that loss to the farmer is less to the consumer, for it is not conceivable that a large reduction in the number of hogs, such as is caused annually by hog cholera, can have any other effect than to increase the price of pork and consequently the cost of living.

Potato Disease Quarantine. The federal horticultural board of the department of agriculture has made a decision of considerable importance to potato growers. It is the continuation indefinitely of the potato quarantine that has been maintained during the past year against certain countries from which our main importations of potatoes come. The countries against which quarantine is to be continued are the British Isles, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Newfoundland and two islands belonging to France in the St. Lawrence river called St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The object of the quarantine is to prevent the introduction into the United States of a dangerous potato disease, now unknown in this country. This disease is known as the potato wart, the potato canker or black scab. The decision of the department not only insures the potato crops from the ravages of this disease, but will probably affect the price of them.

The quarantine shuts off practically all supply from abroad, though it does not affect potatoes from Bermuda or Canada and means that we shall have to produce practically all the potatoes we consume for an indefinite length of time. In 1911, the year before the quarantine was issued, 38,000,000 bushels of foreign potatoes were imported into the United States.

Although the London bureau of agriculture has asked the state department, through the British embassy, that the quarantine against potatoes be raised or modified the federal horticultural board has ruled that the risk of introducing new diseases into the United States is too great to justify a change.

Better Poultry Raisers. "Keep the best clean and provide one nest for every four hens" is the advice to farmers and poultrymen by the department of agriculture. "During the egg period a day and keep them in a cool dry room or cellar and market them at least twice a week. Sell all

or confine all male birds as soon as the hatching season is over.

"Begin marketing the cockerels as soon as they weigh one and one-half pounds or obtain a marketable weight and," continues the advice, "market white shell and brown shell eggs in separate packages. Small or dirty eggs should be used at home. When taking eggs to market they should be protected from the sun's rays. Infertile eggs will withstand marketing conditions much better than fertile eggs.

"The hen's greatest profit producing period is the first and second years, and unless a hen is an exceptionally good breeder she should be disposed of at the end of her second laying season and before starting to molt.

"Few eggs can be expected until the pullets are matured.

"Pure bred poultry means uniformity of products, and that means increased profits if the products are properly marketed. Given the same care and food, pure bred fowls will make a greater profit than mongrels.

"In order to obtain eggs it is necessary to have healthy, vigorous stock properly fed. A splendid pasture for laying hens is equal parts of corn, clover, wheat and oats, which should be scattered in litter. Plenty of exercise increases the egg yield. Cabbages, mangels, potatoes and sprouted oats make excellent green food, and when wet mashers are fed be sure they are crumbly and not sticky. For the first three days chicks may be fed a mixture of equal parts of hard boiled egg and stale bread or the latter soaked in milk. From the third or fourth day until the chicks can eat wheat and cracked corn commercial chick food is a good ration. Plenty of pure fresh water, grit, shell and green food should be available from the first day. There is very little danger of over-feeding young stock. Feed your chickens about five times a day."

Soils of the United States. "Soils of the United States" is the title of a bulletin just issued by the department of agriculture which contains a comprehensive study of the soils of the country, showing the locations of the 1,650 different types of soils surveyed and mapped by the department and their crop adaptation. The department has made soil surveys in every state, embracing an area of over 600,000 square miles.

The most important group of soils on which the majority of the trucking crops of the country are produced lies in the Atlantic and gulf coastal plain province, according to the report, comprising about 335,000 square miles, extending from the northern end of Long Island to the southern extremity of the Florida peninsula and along the coast of the gulf of Mexico to the mouth of the Rio Grande. These soils are pre-eminently early truck soils, and their most economic use lies in the production of high priced crops for the early local and distant markets accessible to rapid transportation. The lands are undoubtedly the most valuable early truck soils in the country, they include the whole range of vegetable crops. Norfolk fine sand is an



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important member of the group as well as being the most extensively developed. It is the best early truck soil of the section.

On the soils of the glacial and loessial soil province is grown the bulk of the great staple crops of the country. The silt loams have by far the largest area of development of any of the groups. They furnish the greater portion of the cereals directly produced for local consumption and export the hay and grain used in the production of meat and other meat supplies. Dairying is also an important industry. The Marshall silt loam is the principal soil of the country and is only slightly less important for the production of wheat and is also an excellent soil for the production of oats, alfalfa, tobacco and sugar beets.

Simple Canning Methods. Recently a western Pennsylvania farmer, dissatisfied at selling his peas at a very low price, decided to can them according to the method advocated in bulletin No. 23, agricultural department, on the "Canning of Vegetables in the Home." He used the ordinary fruit jar as a container, its disposal of some to a hotel store, which soon took all he had and agreed to take all he could furnish in the future. He is preparing to put up a much larger amount next year.

English Cattle to Be Admitted. The secretary of agriculture, at the request of the British ambassador, announces that the foot and mouth disease affecting cattle, sheep and swine of England, Ireland and Scotland has been eradicated and that prohibition against the importation of these animals has been removed.

RADIUM MAY CURE DREADED CANCER

Dr. Kelly of Baltimore Adds His Support to the Theory.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Radium was described today to the house committee on a bill as the only cure for the medical world has discovered for cancer—the disease which experts before the committee labelled a rebel against all the laws that govern human tissue.

Four men who have devoted years to the study of cancer appeared at the request of the committee, to which have been referred resolutions to the President to withdraw from entry public lands known to contain radium-bearing ores. They were Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore; Dr. Robert A. Auer, of New York; Director Gierard of the New York State Institution for Dr. C. F. Burham, of Johns Hopkins University. All the doctors agreed that the crying need of their work was more radium, of which there is less than two drams in reduced form now in the United States.

Discussing the case of representative Brommer, of New Jersey who is under going radium treatment in Baltimore, Dr. Kelly declared he felt certain a cure could be effected if more radium were available, as it was said the patient showed encouraging symptoms. Dr. Kelly added that he and his associates were working to discover a process for the reduction of radium from the ores of Colorado. But one concern now furnished radium to the medical profession, he said, and it's output for reduction it held secret.

The committee will meet again Wednesday, representing Taylor of Colorado announced that men who held much of the radium lands in Colorado would be asked to be heard.

ANDERSON VISITED BY GAS PRESIDENT

W. W. Hess of Philadelphia Well Pleased With Progress Made Here.

"Phenomenal growth properly described the condition of the Anderson Gas Company, according to the investigation made Monday by W. W. Hess of Philadelphia and other officers and directors of the concern. Mr. Hess, who is president of the company, arrived in Anderson Sunday and spent Monday in the city. He will leave today for Asheville and other North Carolina points.

Mr. Hess said that he was here merely for an examination of the local business and to see how the affairs of the company were being conducted. He was more than pleased with the result of his inspection and marveled greatly at the rapid increase of the business. The gas company's business here has increased from 400 users of one year ago to over 400 now and officials of the company say that they expect to add at least 250 to the number during the ensuing year. The other officers of the company, aside from Mr. Hess, are Francis I. Jones secretary and treasurer and Adelbert Kohn, vice president. Mr. W. R. Woonen is local manager.

The statement was made yesterday by the company that the receipts for gas here were nearly double that of the receipts from similar ones in the north.

The Northern capitalists made a number of pleasing references to Anderson's rapid growth and said that it was really surprised to see how much the city had progressed since his former visit here.

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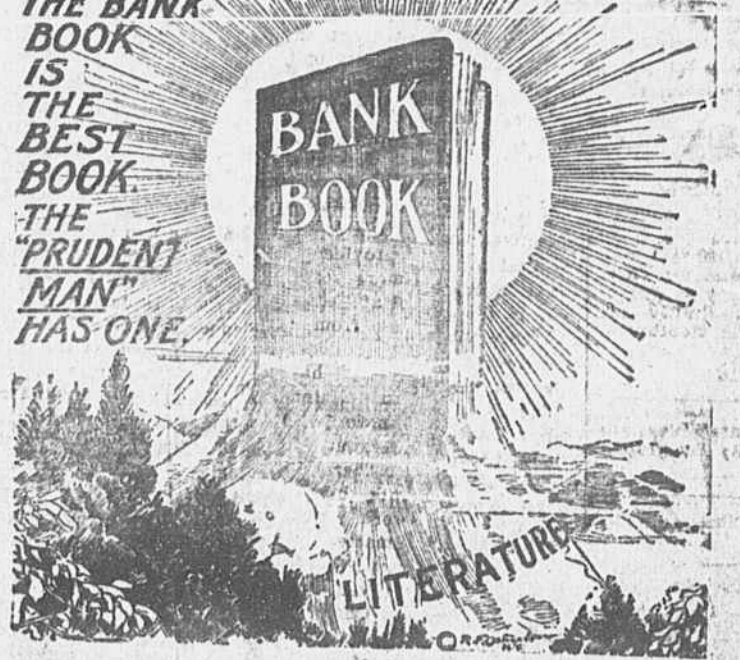
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Canadian liberals are talking about reciprocity with the United States just as if to kiss and make up were the easiest thing in the world.

If Emperor William really said that a "real man wears a mustache" it is order to refer him to the President of the United States. Various discussions tend to emphasize the view recently expressed that there is decidedly a human nature side to the banking business.