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DOGS FOR FARM WORK

AS VALUABLE AS TRUSTY HIRED MEN, SAYS WRITER.

American Agriculturists Have Not Sufficiently Appreciated Their Usefulness, Though It Is Recognized in Europe.

In England and Scotland farmers learned long ago the value of dogs to farm work. There the universal custom is to have dogs daily do their part the same as trusty hired men.

Here in America, however, few farmers know the value of a well-trained dog. We are the losers because of this fact. We will learn, of course in years to come; and working dogs that are a daily help will replace the countless farm help "misfits" now imposing on the farmer's generosity.

It once happened that the owner of some sheep dogs worked them back and forth among flocks of sheep at the same place where many farmers were assembled in convention. The farmers witnessed the work the dog were doing as the sheep were moved from barns to pasture, through pens gates and lanes. They were amazed to find them so helpful and wondered at their intelligence. They saw them go quietly around the edges of a pasture and gather in the sheep from far away, while the owner waited at the gate. They saw them herd the sheep along the lanes, doing work two men could not have done. And they profited by what they saw.

They began to believe that the useful dog will eventually be on most American farms, when we get to studying more carefully for ways and means to save work and expense. It may be on some large estates many different men are employed, thereby leaving little opportunity for anyone to train a dog. But on the average farm this is not the case.

Any farmer tired from a hard day's toil would praise the faithful dog that would go the mile or two into the pasture to bring in the cows while he prepared the feed for them.

No reference is made to the dog we find on many farms that knows only enough to run and snap at stock, driving them in whatever direction they care to go. Such a dog is of little value, for he drives the stock away as often as he brings them back to the pen they have left. Such a dog might have developed into a good one. It was the fault of the master that he was never trained. Let no man forget how important it is to have his dog well trained and carefully educated to do his bidding. The green untrained dog is like the unbroken colt or the new hired man. Neither is good as a real helper until taught to do as you wish him to do.—Farm and Fireside.

Why He Was a "Sucker."

William E. Mason of Chicago, at a banquet given to lawyers and politicians, was called upon for a story and told the following:

"A well-known Illinois politician was speaking at the same banquet with a governor of New Jersey some years ago. The Jersey governor went into exhaustive figures as to the wealth, agricultural and manufacturing resources of his own state. In fact, he seemed to lack terminal facilities, for he talked about forty minutes.

"Before he sat down he said: 'I am to be followed by a silver-tongued orator from Illinois, and I hope before he sits down he will tell us why they are called "Suckers."'

"Our friend from Illinois said: 'Mr. Toastmaster, when I heard the description of the agricultural products of New Jersey I was almost ashamed to come from the corn belt of Illinois, and when he told us of his state's manufactures, it made Illinois look small, but I noticed, Mr. Toastmaster, that you and the gentlemen about you seemed incredulous—in fact, I could tell by your expression that you did not believe a word he said. I want to say to the governor of New Jersey that I believe every word he said, and that is the reason I am called a sucker.'

Blasting at the Canal.

In the last five years the operations on the Panama canal have required 40,082,850 pounds of dynamite for blasting, or an average of 8,016,570 pounds per year. The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1912, are 8,533,000 and for the 12 months following only 3,986,590. The comparatively small amount for the latter is due to the approaching completion of the excavation work, which will make the total of dynamite used over 52,000,000 pounds. Reckoned by tons, that will be 26,000 tons, which sounds bigger or smaller according to the mind of the person reading it.

For the coming fiscal year the estimated need of other materials for blasting is 328,000 blasting caps, 1,840 pounds of insulated tape, 10,000 feet of connecting wire, 555,300 feet of lead wire, 627,700 feet of electric fuses, 36,000 feet of triple tape fuse.

Overfeeding.

A lot of people eat too much and a lot more don't eat enough. Some stuff till there isn't room for another swallow and then eat some more in between and then kick that they haven't enough. There are those whose earnings just spill over in a thimble, but who expect results as if their weekly check covered all Manhattan. A good rule is to leave off eating while there's still room for more, and fill it up the next time.—New York Press.

WORKED NEW VACATION IDEA

Western Woman "Hired Out" to Her Husband, and Is Enthusiastic Over the Result.

The following letter was written by a woman who lives on a farm in Wyoming:

"To begin with, then, I'm a rancher's wife, and was a farmer's daughter, so I know what it means to get up early and work till late. I've read a great deal about vacations, but not much about vacations for the woman on the ranch.

"Most women who live on a ranch know something about horses, and can harness and drive a team. Now every one knows that to people who have always worked with their hands idleness is not rest, and that recreation comes quicker and surer from a change of work; so I 'hired out' to my husband.

"We have 75 acres of alfalfa, and here in the west men are scarce and wages are high, so I hired a girl to do the housework and take care of the children, while I donned a pair of overalls, a jumper, a broad-brimmed hat and a pair of stout gloves, and went forth to take my vacation.

"The first day I mowed, and the first night I kicked levers and drove horses all night. I wasn't so enthusiastic the second morning, but I mowed some more, and raked some, and that night I slept; and I slept every night that followed during the harvest, for I 'stayed with it' till the hay was in the stack, doing team work altogether, and when we were through my husband said I was 'the best man on the job.'

"I was decidedly a better woman, for I had gained five pounds of flesh, stronger nerves, harder muscles, and a coat of tan that hasn't all worn off yet.

"I told the girl that I was not to be consulted about anything, so I shifted the whole responsibility of the household and did just as the men did; washed, ate my meals, and then rested till time to start to work again.

"My girl cost me four dollars per week and I made \$12, which let me a clear gain of eight dollars per week in cash, besides the other good things. I felt so rested when I took up the reins of the household again that what had before been a task was now a pleasure. Really, it did seem good to cook a meal once more, and I had not thought it possible."—Woman's Home Companion.

Had Given Him Wrong Banner.

Charles R. Holden told the following story at a banquet given to some lawyers and their wives at Chicago:

"A prominent educator of a co-educational institution recently told with evident appreciation the following experience of a prominent professor of a celebrated university in New York city:

"The professor is blessed with a particularly energetic and progressive wife, who is a leader in the suffrage movement. When the recent demonstrative procession was organized in New York she insisted upon the professor adding his influence to the movement by participating in the procession. He yielded and set out. The wife's prominence in the movement gave her a place in the reviewing stand and she was mortally chagrined to see the professor, shame faced, straggling along, carrying his banner in such a drooping and careless way that she could not even see what was upon it.

"At the first opportunity her reproaches fell fierce and fast on the professor, who finally managed to break in with, 'But, my dear, my dear, you really must not blame me; I had an awful time. What do you think that banner was? Imagine! It was a most horrible cartoon of a whisky-soaked and bedraggled bum with the motto, "This man can vote, why can't I?"'

The Weak Spot.

All the day's provisions except the butter were ordered by telephone. The housekeeper came to the store to pick that out herself.

"That is a peculiarity of many women," said the grocer. "No matter how long they have been trading with a grocer or a butcher, no matter how reliable they may know him to be, they make a hobby of one certain commodity on which they distrust his judgment. Everything else may be ordered by telephone or through the clerks, but they insist upon coming to the store and picking out that particular article. Some women want to sort out the eggs, others must taste and smell the butter, or maybe it is the tea or the coffee or the cheese they are suspicious about. It's a queer notion. If they can trust us in other things it stands to reason that we'd give a square deal all the way through, but these doubting Thomases will take no chances."

Proper Credit Given to India.

The art of cementation, by which iron is carburized and converted into steel on heating in charcoal powder, has been investigated by Sir Robert Hadfield in an ancient chisel of Ceylon, 1,500 years old or more, and he confirms the claim of India to the discovery that has done more than any other to advance civilization.

The most complete collection of iron and steel specimens from 1,200 to 1,800 years old is in the museum at Colombo.

The famous pillar of Delphi is a most notable ancient specimen of iron. It is a mass of wrought iron welded into a solid shaft 23 feet 8 inches long and weighing about six tons—a creditable piece of work of at least sixteen centuries ago.

Why Salves Can't Cure Eczema

Since the old-fashioned theory of curing eczema through the blood has been given up by scientists, many different salves have been tried for skin diseases. But it has been found that these salves only clog the pores and cannot penetrate to the inner skin below the epidermis where the eczema germs are lodged. This—the quality of penetrating—probably explains the tremendous success of the well known liquid eczema remedy, oil of wintergreen, thymol, glycerine, etc., as compounded in D.D.D. Prescription.

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