



# Case for the MODERN FARMER



## NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

## DAIRY DEVICE ESCHEWS METAL USE



Largest industrial convention ever held in Toronto is the 14th annual congress of the associations of dairy industries. Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, British high commissioner to Canada, stressed the use of the unusual dairying devices to be seen at the convention. That's Barbara McClean sitting inside a huge churn, and the pair examining a new collapsible cardboard ice cream container which doesn't encroach on metal needed for defence are Lieut. James C. Blythe and Lieut. J. G. ...

## TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

Some foxes are changing hands. Last Thursday, Mr. McNeill and Mr. Pope Clark visited the ranch of Raulo Reymond, Southport, and each purchased a male pup of the La Forest platinum strain. Needless to say they were outstanding individuals.

Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C. The application must state the name of the applicant, probable date of arrival and the number of animals to be imported. Blank applications can be obtained from the Fish and Wild Life Service.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Fur experts predict marked increases in the price of furs. Now is the time to look after your foxes for worms and fleas. We carry a complete line. Nema Caps 75c to \$1.00 French \$1.00 Pulvex Flea Powder all sizes. Ear Mite Lotion, the best procurable. FOLEY'S DRUG STORE S'ide Phone 37.

Through the mail I have just received packets of berries, one from Prince, and the other from King's County. The berries from Prince County were for determination, and as the sender did not give permission to publish her name, I shall not recognize this description.

I first examined the leaf which accompanied the berries. The leaf stalk evidently sprang from the root; it divided into three "branches," and each of these subdivided into other three branches before bearing the leaflets. Such a leaf is known as a "ternately compound," and very few plants have such leaves. This peculiarity led me directly to the genus *Alnus*, and as the accompanying berries were white it was certainly *A. alba*.

World War I, when Germany and Austria lacked foodstuffs, especially fats, the T. B. rate rose rapidly. When the people, after the fighting was over, again had access to milk, fats, and other food, the incidence of T. B. dropped as quickly as it had risen. The Germans, if they had a vestige of memory, should have known that guns are not "better than butter."

In some parts of the Southern States "Hog and Hominy" was the almost unvarying diet. Each of these in moderation, and balanced by heavy vegetables, etc., is good and healthy eating in excess, and without the vegetables, they produce a skin disease called pellagra.

This is a wide subject and much remains to be discovered as to the effects of diet. The physician concludes and we may well ponder his conclusion—The impounded r.a.s. by eating comestibles, grow robust and lively; while man, with all the research already made, remains a slave to habit and often sacrifices his health to his unreasoning palate.

### OTHER BOTANICALS (3)

The Ground Ivy is common in some localities, and not hard to recognize. It creeps along the ground bearing small, roundish, rough leaves, and bright blue flowers. The stems are square in section and the plant is very tough and unpalatable. Its botanical name is *Nepeta* (or *Glechoma*) *heterophylla* and it is tonic and aromatic. It was once used for flavoring beer.

Hawthorn berries are 35 cents per lb. These are the berries of the May-bush (*Crataegus Oxyacantha*) and they are reputedly astringent, and a cardiac tonic.

The berries from King's were remarkably large specimens of the Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos racemosa*. These were not for determination, since the sender named them correctly in the note accompanying them; but were sent as a gift, for decorative purposes. My thanks are due for the kindness. The fruit of the Snowberry is given in Britton's "Manual" as being 6 to 10 mm. in diameter, but these berries were 15 mm. in diameter. The shrub whence they were taken must have been a lovely sight.

Horsethorns—nuts which everybody knows—are worth 20 cents per lb. They are astringent and febrifuge.

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### EFFECT OF DIET

You will remember the question put by a young friend—"Why do the British always want the best?" meaning more particularly the bacon exported. To which the reply was made, jestingly, that perhaps what had been said was "We are what we eat." I look at the matter seriously, and we are what we eat to see whether there is any truth in this maxim.

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A few years ago, Sir Robert McCarrison, of the Indian Medical Service, noticed that the Sikhs and Pathans of the Northwest Frontier were all men of six feet or over, and were as a rule perfectly healthy. Down in the east-coast town of Madras, the inhabitants were small and stunted. Both Sikhs and Madrasites were reared in moderate climate and equal, so that environment had little to do with the difference, thought Sir Robert could it be diet that was responsible?

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After the first World War, rural England ran into a depression that was fast killing off the local crafts and trades. The plight of those engaged in them was pitiable and so, in 1921, the Rural Industries Bureau was set up by the British Parliament to give expert advice and assistance to the craftsmen and rural workers in all parts of the country. So successful has this body been that many industries have taken on a new lease of life and are now giving employment to hundreds of workers. Let us look at the Bureau's Report of two years ago—just before the war.

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## CONSERVATION

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF PRACTICAL OPINIONS OF THE VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE USES AND ABUSES OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY MR. LUDLOW JENKINS

### HUMAN TRAPS

A member of long standing, Miss Edith Creighton, the summer resident of a Toronto hardware merchant to order for her a dozen Verbal humane chain-trap traps (the would order no fewer) and distributed perhaps half that number in the vicinity of Highland Creek where there are quite a number of past-time trappers. This is one of the most practical methods of displacing the steel trap and Miss Creighton's action we hope will be an example for the rest of us as to what can be done if one has the will to see it through.

### PREDATORS

John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the United States some time ago succeeded in banning the steel trap from Indian lands. In an article in the *Indian AT WORK* he refers to these traps as "tools of torture" and asks "Who is the supreme predator of this planet? Beyond all calculation the supreme predator is man. If man has no dividing sympathy and no imagination toward, no enthusiasm for, those highly organized, subtly sensitive, and often splendidly beautiful mammals called (by man) "predators," will man have these virtues toward man?"

### REYNARD'S NEW GRAB

This season the fur-stylists focus on the hitherto somewhat despised Red Fox; the dull winter streets blaze with his ruddy beauty and women of every size and complexion flaunt him even on their heads, and in their ears—yes, actually, for

### Milk Producers

We will be manufacturing cheese on or before the 1st of November. We will want 5000 lbs of milk Daily to start. We will pay \$1.80 per 100 lbs. 4 per cent milk. This is equal to 45c Per Lb. Butterfat. Farmers get together and deliver the milk to our Plant, daily. Please send us your name and address and the amount you can supply at once. DUNSTAFFNAGE CHEESE & BUTTER CO. C/o W. R. DENNIS. Dunstaffnage, P. E. I.

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