

MODERN FARMER



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

New York furriers, in fact furriers all over America, have been thrown into a near panic by the embarrassment of the Mottly Estingon Inc. furs and skins...

ed one year ago. Fine dark and extra dark males sold at a top of \$30. to \$23. Darks and part dark browns brought \$16. to \$13. Dark browns fetched \$14. to \$18. Prices for females similarly graded were \$12. to \$14. \$9. to \$11. and \$9. to \$9. Offerings of 15,000 muskrat, 300 beaver, 300 silver fox and 300 marten were all withdrawn.

Fromm Bros., Hamburg, Wis. have completed their fall and winter pelting of approximately 35,000 Silver Fox and Platinum furs...

We confess it gave us a considerable jolt when we read in Women's Weekly of December 23rd that for the ten months ending October, 1946, \$23,165,000 worth of furs were imported into Canada...

Human Block, chairman of the marketing board of the American Mink Breeders' Association, has issued a statement...

Ranchers are reminded of the Prince Edward Island Silver Fox Pelting Show which will be held at Summerside, January 6-8, 1947...

Classes are for medium silvers 80 to 70 per cent silver; three-quarter silvers up to 80 per cent silver; light silvers up to 60 per cent silver; extra lights over 60 per cent but not more than 95 per cent and full silver 95 per cent to 100 per cent.

Helpful Suggestions on Keeping Farm Machines Efficient

Few farm machines are used in Canada more than 20 to 30 days per year, and those which are used over longer periods are most subject to neglect against rust and wear...

The worst enemy of all farm machinery is dust and dirt. Winterizing should be preceded by a thorough cleaning of all parts of the machine...

The tractor or stationary engine requires special care in storage. Cleanliness and paint and grease are important, but special attention should be given to the lubrication and cooling systems.

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Two sales in New York at which silver fox type mink were featured took place last week at the New York Auction Company's sale...

From the above it will be noted that a considerably higher percentage of the skins catalogued were sold than on the September sale...

NEWSY NOTES -

By Agricola

TYCHO'S NEW STAR

Tycho Brahe was born in Denmark in December 1546 and died in 1601, after rising to first rank as an astronomer. In a sketch of his life I read that he "discovered the star Cassiopeia" but this is not quite in accordance with the facts...

"Last year (he wrote) in the month of November on the eleventh day of that month, in the evening, after sunset, when according to my habit, I was contemplating the stars in a clear sky...

Brahe's nova was much brighter than Jupiter and nearly as bright as Venus; but it disappeared after gradually fading about 16 months after it flared up. At the present time that part of the sky is occupied by faint stars only.

Since then "novas" have appeared at irregular intervals, in other constellations. The last that I know of, appeared in Dec. 1934, and remained visible for 4 months, during which time I observed it several times.

Which is to say that Sunspots act as safety valves, freeing heat and energy from the vegetation and all life on the earth would perish.

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This is a general view of Spencer S. Stevens' ranch at Martin's Brook, N.S. For a fur ranch it is probably one of the most versatile in the country. Today, Mr. Stevens is the owner and operator of one of the largest fur farms in the Maritimes...

chance of finding such a favorable mutant is about one in perhaps two thousand. When a sport occurs among the apples, it can only be propagated by grafting, budding, or by cutting or slips.

The past two months have seen many disastrous fires with great loss of life. Hotels and other large buildings, crowded with men and women, have gone up in smoke and flame, and the occupants had no chance of escape.

The original of British place-names has always had a fascination for me and in the course of the years I have collected a mass of information concerning them, which I have put into dictionary form.

Alb. Alp. (Celtic); white; related to Latin "albus"—white. Alps, because of their snow-capped peaks, when a young visitor, listening as it came over the ether, told me: "That's not music, that's noise!"

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There are many factors concerned in producing these mongrel scrubs. The bees, by cross-pollination, cause the seed to be endowed with the qualities, good and bad, of both parents.

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Grand champion silver fox at the live fox and mink show, Calgary, from Montgomery Farms, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

one to another, while the runs and "held" notes demanded extra good lung capacity. It gave that song here.

I have asked young people here if they knew what a Pantomime was, but found they'd never even heard of it. So I was constrained to tell them that it was a comic sketch or play, enacted at Christmas time supposedly for the amusement of the children, but loved by the parents too.

They say that of late the Pantomimes have fallen away from the rousing tunes of those palmy days and adopted the "croonings, dirges and other wallings, the depressing laments, and nostalgic moanings of Hollywood and Harlem" each more useless than its predecessor.

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INTRODUCING CHINCHILLAS

(Continued from Saturday, December 21st.)

These little animals are monogamous, and although polygamus mating is being tried out, very little success has so far been attained. The male and female are paired at about seven months of age, and usually produce their first young before they are one year old.

The average animal weighs about twenty-two ounces, and lives to the stately average age of thirteen years. The animals are healthy and strong, and with reasonable care their ranching is not a hazardous occupation.

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