

NEWSY NOTES

By AGRICOLA

A Wonderful Race.

I have always been interested in the Jewish race for two reasons: first because of their influence on the thought of the English nation and indeed on that of the human race...

One of the most interesting triumphs of this far-fung race was the part it played in Spain during the Moorish occupation. The Goths and Vandals had destroyed all the centres of learning...

When we read the Old Testament we find the ancient Jews had a passionate interest in all the sciences of life...

We may date the history of the Jews as an organized race to about the years 1200-1350 B.C. when the nomad clan from southern Palestine...

After the seventh century, the Jews were taken over by the King, notwithstanding that the commons of England had granted and given him a fifteenth of all their goods...

Since writing that key to the Flatfishes (which appeared in this column during April) I have come into possession of a neat booklet...

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Modern Farmer

CONSERVATION

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

THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION SEARCH FOR HUMANE TRAPS

(Reprinted from The National Humane Review) The American Humane Association is still in search of the ideal trap which will make it possible to take animals without suffering...

There are, of course, those who believe it is wrong to take animal life to secure skins for adornment or utility. The guest of humane traps is forced by those who think otherwise...

So it looks as though we shall be trapping in some form many years for long years to come, and there are many traps already available which are vastly more humane than other methods in common use...

THE NATIONAL CONTEST The national competition was again divided into three groups. These were: Traps designed to take animals alive and unharmed—prizes \$15 and \$75...

Traps of the killing type—prizes \$85 and \$40. The scheduled prizes for traps of the alive and unharmed type were not awarded, the report stating that "in the opinion of the judges no alive and unharmed traps were presented superior to traps which have won prizes in previous contests...

Mr. John J. Slauterback, former executive secretary of the Fish and Game Commission of Pennsylvania and now specializing in conservation. W. J. Schoemaker, division of Zoology, New York State Museum, and authority on wild life. Charles E. Wheeler, ex-senator of Iowa and to Singapore at a further cost of £200,000. The Suez Canal does run to over £10,000. And those were the days when material and labor was cheap.

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

A few weeks ago, we made some references to the Hudson's Bay Company of London, England. We forwarded a copy of the Paper to P. A. Chester, General Manager for Canada and received a very nice letter from Miss Winnifred M. Archer...

Next Thursday, the Canadian National Fox Breeder's Association will have on sale with Lamson, Fraser and Huth, Inc., New York, some 2,000 silver fox pelts. These will include about 125—the remainder of the Prince Edward Island Show Pelts...

George Hooper, whose ranch adjoins Frank MacKay's, East Royal, has a real freak litter in his ranch. The female apparently gave birth to a very large number of pups...

Both prizes were awarded in this group. First prize of \$100 was won by Alvin E. Larson, Webster, S. D., for the words of the judges: "An improved leg snare principle; small, cheap, practical and apparently efficient. Suggestions—improve the leg snare to provide a simple means of setting trap and an expanded soil spring to relieve tension when a trapped animal pull against the stake..."

Second prize of \$50 was awarded to John Watson, Roxbury, Mass., for the trap which won first in the Massachusetts group. Special award of \$25 to Simon Sandoval of the Mexican consular service for a double jaw, double spring leg gripping trap with rubber covered jaws. The judges suggested a weaker spring and the adoption of patches or other device to lessen the tension on the jaws...

The judges agreed that the submissions in this group did not justify them in awarding the first prize of \$85. They conferred second prize of \$40 upon Alvin P. Habus, Orize, Indiana, for "a large double spring steel body crushing trap to catch hawks and possibly owls; expensive." The summary of contest awards shows that the judges, out of the scheduled classes and \$125 as special prizes. This left a sum of \$188 which the judges withheld in accordance with the rules. The American Humane Association, however, has no desire to retain any of the prize money offered and has decided to apply it by sending The National Humane Review for a year to every person who submitted an entry in the contest. This will more than reimburse the remainder of the prize money offered and it will also be a contact which may enable some of the inventors to come more nearly to the ideal humane trap for which the Association is searching.

THE MALE REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS PURCHASED FROM WELLINGTON MACDONALD IN 1939, AND IS A WHITE-FACE, NECK-NECK FOX...

The male referred to above, was purchased from Wellington Macdonald in 1939, and is a white-face, neck-neck fox. Among the good pups he produced in 1940, was an extra pale platinum male that won second prize in his class at the Provincial Fox Show. He also sired quite a number of their good white-face, ring-necks.

Mr. Hamm carried over 37 females and has already over 100 pups and an unusual percentage of these are "marked pups."

In the American National Fur & Market Journal for May, is an Article by Doctor W. P. Thompson, Professor of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, entitled: "A Discussion of Foxes." An inset on the page is a very good likeness of Claude C. Holman, Secretary Treasurer of the Canadian Platinum Fox Breeder's Organization, holding a male Platinum Silver Fox pup, from the Forest Fox Farm, and owned by Dr. R. H. MacDonald of Saskatoon.

On Monday, May 19th., and Tuesday, May 20th., 10,000 silver foxes, 650 cross foxes, 25,000 ranch mink, will be on sale for the account of American National Fox and Fur Breeder's Association.

Thursday's heat wave which, by the way, came to us from western Canada. (It was 80 in Winnipeg, few days ago) reminded us that it would be a good thing for ranchmen to have small blocks of wood that they can insert under the covers of the Fox House, to let in some fresh air and let out foul air on hot days. Of course, if the wind turns around easterly and the ice-cold air is floating around, it will then be necessary to remove the blocks.

Again, don't forget plenty of fresh clean water; treat your foxes for worms and earmites, and start spraying the ranch, and the house, with a good disinfectant, diluted from between 1 to 40, to 1 to 80. Honestly, it is no economy to go short on disinfectant, because if you do, you will have to work up 10 times the deficiency.

AMBER JEWELLERY Complementing beautifully the popular basic spring colours—soft grays, the new beige, as well as navy and black—is costume jewellery of translucent amber. By skillful cutting and polishing, amber is no longer the uninteresting dull yellow our grandmothers wore, but a clear, glowing stone of lovely golden tones from pale sunlight to rich mahogany. Contrasting shades have been intricately worked together to create pieces of singular beauty, becoming to both blondes and brunettes. A matched necklace and bracelet of brooch and earrings would make valued heirloom sets at prices little over the cost of imitative costume jewellery.

IMPORTANT GARNISH When planning a dinner menu, it's often a good idea to make the main course garnish an important part of the meal. Try a juicy sirloin roast, surrounded with tomatoes stuffed with whole kernels sweet corn and braised until the tomatoes are tender. Serve with baked lima beans, green salad rolls, sliced oranges sprinkled with cocanutt, coffee.

"QUEEN" OF INDIANS "TUCSON, ARIZ.—(CP)—Susanne Ignacia, who teaches in Arizona University, was elected "Queen" by 4,000 Indians in convention here recently.



LIME

Your government's agricultural department is strongly advocating the use of lime this season. Consult your agricultural representative concerning the application of lime to your soil. There are many good reasons for this; you likely know them all and are planning to lime your farm this Spring. To avoid being disappointed in delivering, place your order now while "Brookville" High Grade Limestone is selling at the same low price as last fall. Brookville agricultural Lime is the finest manufactured and will give early results. Consult your farmer who has used it. Regardless of increased production costs, there is no increase in price to you this spring.

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Is Your Garden On A Slope

Steeply sloping narrow lots are not a matter of pity but of envy, practical landscape gardeners maintain. With this sort of ground the creation of a really unusual and individual garden is made simple. Experts do not advocate carrying on as it is, however, but would sharply divide the different levels. To do this a variety of devices is recommended, such as a stone wall, ornamental but stronger concrete wall screened with a hedge, or a rock garden with a few stone steps connecting the levels.

Sometimes where the slope is very great and over a few feet wide, a combination of all three methods will be the most practical and effective. Big trees are depended upon to hold the general slope in place with here and there extra support furnished by steps or short bits of wall.

To attempt handling a slope as an ordinary lawn or flower garden is both unnatural and difficult. The grass will almost certainly wash away, and even mowing will be impossible.

TRY NEW VEGETABLE

In vegetables, as in the flowers, scientists have been giving us many improvements. The work has been carried out in two directions; first, the introduction of vegetables unfamiliar to most Canadians and second, and probably more important, vast improvement in those varieties that have been grown in this country for years.

Of the vegetables new to most Canadians there are several worth a trial in any garden. Many experienced gardeners make it a habit to try at least one new kind each year. Full descriptions will be found in any Canadian seed catalogue.

In regular vegetables there has been improvement all down the line, with the object of getting more flavor, succulence and a longer season. Corn is a typical example. At one time it was possible to get only one variety of Golden Bantam. Cobs were short and the season also. Now there are offered three of four different Bantam types, some extra early some regular season, some late. Cobs have been lengthened, more important, bigger. One can enjoy the finest table corn for over a month as in the old days.

There are gardens that fit almost any situation. For those people who have neither the time nor inclination, there are plenty of annual flowers that thrive on neglect. A little digging of the ground in late spring is all that is required. These such things as Alyssum, dwarf marigolds, portulaca, and California poppies are good. These are little flowers that almost seed themselves, crowd out weeds, do well in any location but prefer sun and light soil. Once started they will look after themselves.

For the centre of beds or near the back large flowers such as calliopsis, gladiolus, poppy, and phlox will make a fine showing and for screens castor beans, dahlias, cosmos, sunflower, tall marigold are advised.

For scent, especially in the evening, a few nicotiana glauca, nonette or stocks will perfume the whole garden.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

A schedule for housekeeping is like a budget, it should be tried out again and again until it works—and even, if like the always-failing budget, it does not work out as a plan, it is better than if we did not try at all and just ran the house in its cleaning in a hit-or-miss fashion. It is bound to come out right some weeks if, when nothing unforeseen checks it, it is kept to a regular plan which will keep a good house in the long run.

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