

FOR FARMERS' STOCK BREEDERS AND GARDENERS

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

SOCIETY'S CROSS ROADS

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FERNS OF P. E. ISLAND

Family I: Polypodiaceae (Continued)

(11) Fronds larger, linear-oblong or lanceolate, slightly narrower at the base, pinnate, up to 4 ft. high; pinnae triangular-ovate, acute, deeply pinnatifid; all sub-coriaceous in texture.

(12) Fronds large, ovate-oblong or ovate-lanceolate, to 3 ft. high, pinnate or bipinnate; pinnae numerous, lanceolate, slightly shorter and broader near the base of the frond, the upper pinnatifid, the lower pinnately parted, all sub-coriaceous.

(13) Fronds elongate-lanceolate, usually narrowed at the base, bipinnate, deep green, up to 2 1/2 ft. high; lowest pinnae triangular-ovate, others narrower, all deeply pinnatifid, segments spinulose-toothed. Scales of stipes pale brown without dark centres.

(14) Fronds valuable, delicate, oblong-lanceolate, to 3 ft. high, scarcely broader at the base, up to 2 ft. high; pinnae lanceolate-ovate, irregularly pinnatifid, segments mostly decurrent on the winged rachis.

(15) Fronds evergreen, rigid, pale green, lanceolate, once pinnate, to 2 1/2 ft. high; pinnae linear-lanceolate, half-halter-shaped at the base, serrulate with bristly appressed teeth; fertile pinnae contracted and smaller, bearing large contiguous sori which soon cover the whole surface.

(16) Fronds large, delicate, finely cut, 2-3 pinnatifid, ovate-lanceolate, to 3 ft. high; under surface, rachis (midrib), and stipe glandular-hairy fragrant, hay-scented. Sori submarginal, minute, globular, contained in the wholly inferior, cup-shaped indusia.

ODDS AND ENDS

A Wager in Scripture. The Coverdale Bible—which I am pains-takingly reading through—has many differences of expression, when compared with the Authorized Version and also many words which survive only in dialect.

In the 15th chapter the latter part of verse 4 runs—"The worthies also of Moab bleared and cried for very sorrow of their mynides."

A very old word occurs in Job 18:9; "His fote shalbe holden in the glider."

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made from wire sieves. As Coverdale was Bishop of Exeter, the word glider must have been in general use all over England, though quite obsolete now.

"A Great Invention." A school girl called at my home, and we began to discuss the local School Fair. She told me that she was to speak on "A Great Invention."

The Birds of Prince Edward Island is the title of a concise bulletin now on sale at the "School Supply."

Birds at Pownal. A letter from one of the above-mentioned observers, Miss Maude M. Jones, of Pownal, runs in part: "I have had an interesting summer, watching the birds."

Glancing here and there through the pages of the book of registry I found the Magic Company, B. I. Rayner, John B. Roper, with such wonderful foundation stock as Lalla, Devona and Reid, the latter one of the most wonderful progenitors of the breed.

A little further along is number 199, Sir Charles, whelped in 1912, a silver black fox bred by Charles Dalton from native bred silver black foxes.

The J. W. Callbeck foxes, the foundation stock for the best of the Vimy Ranch and also of the George Callbeck ranch, Summerside, were

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



In the course of a conversation with W. Chester S. McLure and John B. Roper, President of the Silver Fox Exhibitors Association, the subject of marking foxes came up and each grew reminiscent of the early days in the industry when tattooing was first thought of.

It was B. F. Stewart who first thought of the idea and a registry association was formed through his efforts. Mr. Stewart was a live wire if there ever was one, and any project he took in hand he put through in a thorough manner.

The first foxes registered were owned by the Charles Dalton Silver Black Fox Company, Charlottetown, and number 1 on the list was Dalton Angel, a black fox whelped in 1908.

Continuing along to the Magic Company whose strains show up consistently in almost all the great foxes of today, we find Magic Jacob and Magic Bess, both whelped in 1908, the former bred by Hon. Charles Dalton and the latter by B. I. and S. Rayner.

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largely of Magic strain, as are also the Lecky foxes, Summerside.

Bluebeard and Bluebird, bred by Hon. Charles Dalton in 1911, became the foundation stock for the Prince Royal Black Foxes, Charlottetown, and Carrie Bluebird, a daughter of this pair whelped in 1913, bred by Frank R. Heartz and others, passed into the ownership of Franklin Boyer, Bunbury, and was mated to Bobby B., bred by the Mount Edward Silver Black Fox Company, by Mr. Boyer.

Some other time I hope to revert to this subject and perhaps have the advantage of interviews with older and wiser heads who are more cognizant of early breeding operations and the strains that set the sure foundation on which we are now progressing.

Now to something more practical—This is the month of October and from now until pelting time the fox rancher must watch the development of his pelters with the greatest care. It is so easy to spoil pelts that one must keep an everlasting lookout for factors that tend to that very unfortunate situation.

The writer knows from experience that there is often a tendency particularly with adult foxes, to let them go on short rations during the summer and early fall months and then jump into a heavy feed schedule in October.

I do not believe that cod liver oil should be used unless as part of the cereal portion when contained in biscuits or other adjuncts on the market. The quantity of oil in these is not sufficient to damage the pelt and probably aids by supplying vitamin A and D.

BULBS BULBS

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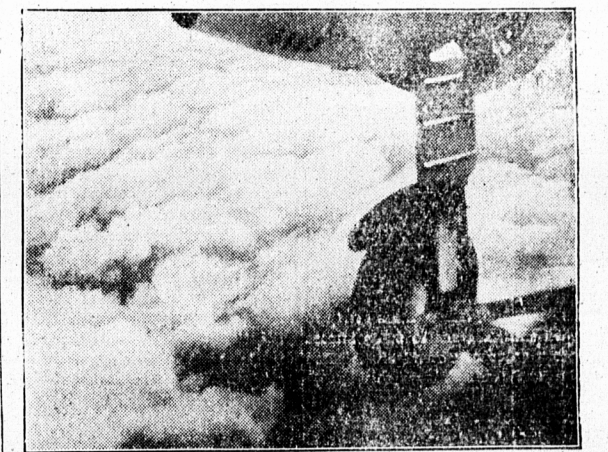
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foxes, but this year we intend to be more particular than ever because we know that damp straw which has absorbed urine will give off ammonia fumes that will brown the belly fur and sides of a fox in short order.

In search for something to go with straw and act as an absorbent, we have lately imported a carload of shavings, done up in packages of about 50 pounds. These seem to fill the bill pretty well so far and we are in hopes that the mixture of straw and shavings will be an improvement over the straw alone.

In an endeavor to get over these difficulties and do away with the bedding problem the Norwegian have evolved the wire bottom pen, and seemingly they suit them very well. Local ranchers who built wire bottom pens this Spring and have placed foxes in them are no achieving the results they hoped for. They report that the foxes appear rubbed on the rumps. On examination the fur is not really rubbed off but seems to be pressed down and its growth retarded. To offset this objection they are placing straw over the wire which is usually one inch mesh and in some cases one and one-half.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD SNAPSHOTS FROM THE AIR



When you say, "We went 'way above the clouds," why not have a snapshot to prove it?

THOSE who make air voyages without a camera miss a part of the thrill. You do not need an especially designed camera to obtain photographs from airplanes.

Make a few snaps about the airport before boarding your plane and then, unless you have very fast shutter speeds, wait before you shoot again till you are up at least 1,000 feet. Naturally the higher the plane is traveling the less rapidly will the earth slip by and snapshots showing the land can be made more easily.

If your camera is of the focusing type, set it at the "infinity" mark, and, on a clear, brilliant day, stop f.22 should produce good negatives at a reasonably rapid shutter speed.

With faster shutter speeds pictures from airplanes can be made at less than the 1,000 foot height. With single lens folding cameras and those of the box type, the second or smaller diaphragm stop should be used.

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