

# FARM AND GARDEN

**Effects of Good Roads.**  
Localities where good roads have been built are becoming richer, more prosperous, and more thickly settled, while those which do not possess these advantages in transportation are either at a standstill or are becoming poorer and more sparsely settled. If these conditions continue, fruitful farms may be abandoned and rich lands go to waste. Life on a farm often becomes, as a result of "bottom less roads," isolated and barren of social enjoyments and pleasures, and country people in some communities suffer such great disadvantage that ambition is checked, energy weakened, and industry paralyzed.

**Outlook For The Farmer.**  
India, Australia, Russia and Argentina are now supplying considerable percentages of the wheat that formerly came from the United States alone. The outlook, however, is reassuring to the farmer, for with the growth in demand exceeding the supply, there is no danger of overproduction and low prices. Whether the wheat is to be consumed at home or abroad does not affect the agricultural interests, however, it may influence the economic situation of the country.—Farmers' Voice

**Sour Milk And Long Life.**  
If you want to live long drink plenty of sour milk. That is the advice of Professor Metchnikoff. The beverage is not palatable, but it is certainly less objectionable than the elixir devised by a famous New York physician some years ago. The reasons for the faith that in Professor Metchnikoff will be read with keen interest by all who desire to live long and preserve good health—that is to say, by everybody.

**Milk of the Goat.**  
It should be ascertained what breed of goat is best adapted to the various sections of the United States, and all questions relating to the care of the animal, the value of its milk, etc., should be investigated. In Germany there are over 3,000,000 goats from which the milk is constantly taken, and an extra fine animal often has a market value of from \$400 to \$500.—Washington Post.

**The Largest Duck Farm.**  
A flock of snow white Pekin ducks, numbering 20,000 and requiring a car-load of food every week, is the "show" to which the villagers of Hiverton, Va., take strangers. The duck farm is said to be the largest in the United States.

**BARNYARD GOSSIP.**  
The broiler raiser has much to contend with, his lot is anything but a pleasant one. It is one of patient study and toil and his season's profits and incidental pleasures are dependent on natural conditions far beyond his control.

Hogs, like sheep, will get along with a comparatively small amount of water, but it must be clean and arranged so they cannot wallow in it. Some of the patent hog watering troughs are excellent.

Pure water and a variety of wholesome food regularly given, with comfortable shelter and kind treatment, are the best preventives of disease.

Many farmers who keep a pure breed of fowl are not prepared to separate the males from the females, but when possible to do this both develop better.

Any variety of fowl will become wild and deteriorate in other respects (though pure blooded) if allowed to go wild and not managed and cared for as they should be.

Job had much patience; yet it was fortunate for him that he did not join fences with a neighbor who kept brachy neck.

What is said about keeping animals warm during the winter, does not apply to manure. Smoking is more injurious to the compost than to boys.

**Tapics on Postage Stamp.**  
Cassava starch, more popularly known as tapioca, is the chief element of the gum on the back of all postage stamps.

# WOMAN'S WORLD.

**The Ideal Woman.**  
An ideal woman, according to an observing member of the sex who has devoted considerable time to studying the characteristics of her sisters, is one without an ideal.

Not only is she easy to live with, but she is worth living for. She has no history. She has no story. She wears a reasonable hat at matinees.

She is too clever to talk of woman's rights; she takes them. She wears frocks that match her hair, she does not dye her hair to match her frocks.

She helps her husband to build up a future for himself, and never seeks to rake up his past.

She believes that a theory is the paper fortress of the immature and that a clergyman may still be a man.

She knows that when men talk about a woman being good-looking they mean that she is well-dressed, though they don't know it.

She does not insist upon her husband's eating up the cucumber sandwiches left over from one of her parties, she eats them herself, and suffers in silence.

She is not such a fool as to fancy that any one is ever convinced by argument. She does not reason. She loves.

She does not believe that a man can love only once or only one.

She herself prefers loving much to loving many.

She knows that every real woman is the ideal woman, the fact being that every idea of the ideal woman is wholly dependent on the idealist and every woman who is idolized is idealized.—N. Y. News

**New Woman in Japan.**  
"In our mothers' generation," declares the wife of the Japanese Consul in New York, "the girls were taught simply to become good wives to their husbands and good mothers to their children, therefore, they were educated to be modest, obedient and capable of controlling themselves. They were taught also how to keep house, how to sew, how to read and write, how to arrange flowers, how to make and serve tea, and very often they also studied music and literature, but they received no school education such as they receive now."

"Girls of the present time all receive a modern school education. Japanese ladies today are not content merely to stay at home and take care of their children. They attend lectures, meetings and entertainments. They publish women's magazines and discuss their rights and duties."

**Entire Wheat Bread.**  
To two cupsful of scalding hot milk add one-third cupful of molasses and one teaspoonful of salt, let cool, then add one yeast cake dissolved in a little cold water or tepid water, add four and three-fourth cupsful of entire wheat flour, beat well, cover closely and let rise until double bulk, beat again, turn into greased pans, fill them half full, let rise two hours and bake in a hot oven one hour.

**A New Egg Opener.**  
Those who find it no easy matter to open an egg deftly will appreciate a new invention in the shape of an egg-opener, a silver plated affair. It is a circle in two sections, hinged, and the inner side is fringed with very sharp and needle-like points. You fit the circle over the top of the egg, squeeze the two handles together, and the upper portion of the egg is at once cut off.

**Wrinkled and Dry Skin.**  
A wrinkled, dry skin has been deprived of its natural oil. Almond meal should be used instead of soap, and the face should never be washed in hot water. Do not apply powder of cosmetics directly to such a skin; apply a softening cream first, rubbing in thoroughly and removing any surplus cream with a soft piece of linen, then apply the powder.

**A Healthy Erect Carriage.**  
A good erect carriage is necessary from both the standpoint of health and beauty. Stand erect, but in so doing avoid making what is called a "hollow back," sending the torso back too far. The torso is held correctly if a plumb line dropped from the ear would touch the center of the shoulder and the middle of the hollow in the instep.

**Best Cure for Influenza.**  
It is not generally known that equal parts of raw milk and lime-water constitute one of the best cures for influenza, surpassing whisky, which is so much used, and in cases where there is fever the white of a raw egg will not only strengthen the patient, but will soothe the pain. Do not give the yolk, as that would increase the fever.

**To Secure Good Coffee.**  
See that the ruler of the kitchen does not become too lazy to keep the coffee pot clean, to grind the coffee fine enough, to dampen it before putting it in the bag, and to supply a fresh bag occasionally, and that is as often as possible. Get good coffee and serve it with cream.—Good Housekeeping.

**Cleaning Holland Blinds.**  
To dry-clean cream Holland blinds, have plenty of clean powdered brick-dust ready. Lay the blinds flat on a table and with a clean dry cloth rub the brickdust well into the blinds, removing it as it gets dirty. Shake well, then give them a final rub with a fresh clean cloth.

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