

Farmerettes Answer Uncle Sam's Call

Girl Volunteers Raise Pigs, Care for Cattle, and Till Soil Better Than Many Men



In the opinion of Uncle Sam the raising of pigs is an important war task; so important, in fact, that he has called upon 200,000 girls and boys to raise porkers for the market. The appeal has been heeded by the farmerettes who are joyfully tackling the job of providing more than their share of the pork products which we must ship to our fighters and the allies in Europe. This farmerette is having a jolly good time taking care of a litter of eight cute little black pigs. Caring for the pigs is only one part of the work of these girls down at their Huntington, Long Island, farm. They are showing that girls can be capable farm hands at all sorts of chores.

Efficient Lovemaking Man Is One Favored by Majority of Women, Asserts a Writer

To a woman the most interesting thing about a man is his reaction to women. His manner of loving—or refusing to love—is what really interests her. According to a writer in the New York Mail, when a woman meets a man she sizes him up, not as a lawyer or a musician or an actor, but as a lover. What sort of a husband would he make?
Says Miss Sydney Shields, once a newspaper woman now an actress: "A certain physician, a friend of mine once told me that, other things being equal, a woman would in nine cases out of ten choose a man who had loved many women in preference to a man who had loved none. Most women think along with this."
I think it is Havelock Ellis who explains it in his wise "Expériences." A woman gives a man's choice greater value, and secondly, the more a man has sinned in this direction the greater the woman's chance to raise him to her own level. Every woman will admit that she prefers the man whom other women desire. As the English remarks a woman looks on every other woman as a competitor. Even if other women don't really desire the husband whom she loves she will still imagine they do, and woman's imagination let loose is a fearful and wonderful thing.
I have discussed this subject with different kinds of women. The consensus of feminine opinion seems to be that the wholly inexperienced Romeo is a "pill." The man of the world knows how to make love, they say, and that is the all important thing with women. He makes the beautiful woman think that she is intelligent, and the intelligent woman think she is beautiful; he is at all times the master of the situation, and women, even modern ones, adore a masterful man.

Good Irish Name Helped Mike Hogan Get a Tryout With John McGraw's Team

The bird who said there is nothing in a name had his signals summed up. There is quite a bit in some names, and the case of Mike Hogan of Cohoes, N. Y., proves it beyond a doubt. Just before the Giants started for Marlín and spring training, Mike Hogan bounced into the Giants' offices and announced that he was ready to go South.
John McGraw gave him the up and down, scratched his noggin in deep



Pitcher M. B. Hogan.

thought, and utterly failed to remember of ever having heard of him.
"Why, the paper up in Cohoes said you wanted to give me a trial and so here I am," explained Hogan. "I've been pitching sempre 'ball up home, and I guess you've heard about me. I'm a machinist by trade."
McGraw had never dreamed of Hogan, but he liked the youngster's looks, and, most of all, he took a fancy to the name of Hogan. McGraw would like to surround himself with Doyles, McCarthys and Hogans, so he decided to give Mike a chance, and Mike went to Marlín.

So there is something in a name after all, for Hogan, who had never played professional ball, is getting his first tryout in the strongest minor league in the country, and all because his name is Hogan.

HOW BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL CLEAR LAND OF VERMIN

British government authorities have decided to organize a campaign for the destruction of rats, mice, sparrows and other vermin throughout the country. The ministry of food has tentatively established a destructive pests branch, with Lieut. Alfred E. Moore as director. The proposals already under consideration include: The organization of all the rat catchers throughout the country, the training of several hundred disabled soldiers as rat catchers, the establishment of rat and sparrow clubs, bird sanctuaries to be formed for the preservation of owls and vermin destroying birds, capitation grant for the destruction of rats and sparrows to be trapped and used as food.
Another proposal is that the director of the destructive pests branch should take immediate steps to eliminate disease-carrying and useless cats. This involves the registration of all cats and the compulsory wearing of a collar inscribed with the owner's name and registration number.

SQUIRRELS APPEAL FOR HELP

Why Protected Inhabitants of White House Grounds Feel Called On to Protest Pet's Destruction.

Speaking of families, the squirrels in the White House grounds at Washington are up against it. Before the United States got into the war these grounds were largely open to the public, and the concrete walk along the front driveway was used daily by thousands of government employees going to and from work and by tourists.
Hundreds of persons made it a practice now and then to fill their pockets with peanuts to feed to the squirrels, and the little bushy-tailed creatures became so tame that they would sit along the concrete walk as pedestrians passed and beg.

When war was declared, however, the grounds were closed to the public. Police guards by day and soldiers by night kept all trespassers away. The squirrels have become lean and wild—those who have remained in the grounds—and the peanut vendors who for years have had their pushcarts near the east gate report a large falling off in sales.

HONOR SAVER OF MANY LIVES

Indorsement of Secretary Daniels' Will Have Enthusiastic Approval of Sailor's Fellow Citizens.

Secretary Daniels has commended William B. Gray, a ship's cook in the United States naval reserve force, for his bravery and skill in making a trip over the ice of the North Carolina sounds on Jan. 11, 1918, in the ship's boat, to which runners had been attached, and bringing provisions to the keeper of the Roanoke Marshes light-house.
This part of the North Carolina sounds had been closed by ice for nearly three weeks and the assistance rendered by Gray was greatly needed. The currents through this sound are strong and irregular, and the ice badly broken, dangerous, and unusually difficult to traverse, and the trip made by Gray was perilous and difficult.

Why Fish Food is Valuable

Some simple facts about the food value of fish are given in the Fisheries Advocate by H. E. Taylor, a secretary of the bureau of fisheries. Pound for pound, he says, there are nearly if not quite as much protein in fish meat as in beefsteak, and fish could be substituted for all other kinds of meat every day in the year without ill effects. Oily fish, like shad, herring and eels, are especially nutritious, affording a large quantity of fat as well as protein. Fish roe contains more protein than beef, with some fat.

Fish meat is quite as easily digested as other meat, and is a suitable form of protein for sedentary workers. Practically every fish taken from pure water is fit to eat, the only objection to some varieties being toughness and coarse texture, which can be remedied by proper cooking. Sharks, for instance, furnish an abundance of wholesome meat of good flavor—there is nothing against them except that they are sharks.

Why St. Mark's is Unique

There is no structure in the world just like St. Mark's in Venice, notes the Kansas City Journal. Its bulb-shaped dome and minaret-like bell-towers remind a visitor of the Orient. It seems more like a mosque than a Christian temple. In the facade are scores of variously colored marble columns, each one a monolith and all possessing an eventful history. Some are from Ephesus, others from Smyrna, others from Constantinople and more than one from Jerusalem.

St. Mark's is the treasure house of Venice, a place of pride as well as prayer. The work of beautifying this old church was carried on for five centuries, and each generation tried to outdo all that had preceded it. The walls and roof are so profusely covered with mosaics and precious marbles that it is easy to understand why St. Mark's has been called the "Church of God."

The Scrap Book

BLUFF THAT MANY PUT OVER

Just a Sample of What "Parlor Patriot" Has Really Been Getting Away With.

Walk on your rubber heels, get in the corner and eat up this bird's prelude. He's got a swell line, it rambles as follows: without a stunner or a blush. Scene—A parlor. Time, eight till midnight. The lights are low. A youth and a maid are seated on the overstuffed—

He—Well, Agnes, guess you won't see me after next week.

She—Why, Arnold, why?

He (replying nonchalantly)—I got my commission this morning; got a wire from Washington to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

She—Why, you never said anything about this before!

He (swallowing)—Oh, I didn't think it would interest you any; it's nothing much.

She (excited like)—What is it?

He—Oh, I'm to leave for France to go in the aviation corps as a first lieutenant!

She—All agog, eyes ready to pop out of her head, looks at him marvelling—Why, Arnold, how wonderful, you an aviator? It's so risky, but I can't get over it!

He (looking the room over in a blase way)—It's nothing much, fellows don't think of that sort of thing. I'm built for that kind of work. I'm just crazy to start, etc., etc.

Act 2—A month later. Scene, interior of an office. Young man named Arnold is seen filing letters. Curtain.—Washington Herald.

Draft Boards at Work

Maj. Robert C. Baltzell, state conscription agent, told in an instance that shows how the medical advisory board of the local draft boards throughout the country, and particularly in Indiana, are doing much to correct physical defects in young men of draft age. A drafted man from southern Indiana was transferred to the jurisdiction of an Indianapolis board and was forced to appear before an advisory medical board. It was discovered that he was suffering from a condition of the kidneys that would have made him totally unfit for war service in a few more weeks and that eventually would have led to his death. A more or less slight operation not only saved his life but will make him fit for army duty. Major Baltzell said.—Indianapolis News.

His Demand

"Nowadays we do not get the sort of weather we had when I was a boy," grumbled the Old Coder. "The snow never drifts so high that we can hobble right over the tops of the houses, and we do not hear the glad news that a loaded log wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen crossed the river on the ice. Starving panthers no longer devour innocent schoolchildren, and few returned prodigals are found frozen on doorsteps. Instead of the genuine weather we used to have we get only a poor imitation, or else the liars are not as prolific as they once were. I demand that the weather bureau be investigated forthwith and that the public mind take up the subject of the decay of mendacity."—Kansas City Star.

Dressing for Wound Put on Hot

At a recent meeting of the French Academy of Medicine in Paris Dr. Bout-Henry commended the use of a very hot dressing on certain kinds of wounds. To make the patient able to bear the heat without pain and to prevent the dressing from cooling too rapidly gutta percha is blended with paraffin or liquid petrolatum. The best results are obtained by mixing 1,000 parts of the paraffin or petrolatum with 50 parts of the gutta percha and applying it at a temperature between 158 and 164 degrees Fahrenheit. This takes ten times as long to cool as water at the same temperature, and the dressing remains soft and elastic.

Run Down

Cullen had just bought a new dog and took Casey to have a look at it. They hung over the stable door and peeped at the puppy, who was twisting round and round in a frenzied effort to catch its own tail.

"What sort o' dog do you call that?" asked Casey.

"Oh," replied Cullen, "I bought him for a watch dog."

"Oh, I see!" remarked Casey. "I suppose he's winding himself up now?"

A Mistaken Estimate

Do not belittle yourself by the supposition that you must be handsomely dressed in order to be popular. A girl should have too much faith in her own powers of charm to imagine that her quick wit and faculty for entertaining conversation amounts to nothing, if her costume is not strictly up to date.

A girl who sets so high an estimate on dress, and so low a one on personal charm underestimates the world's common sense.

Peeling it Off

Patience—Why is your dog making such a noise running round that tree?
Patrice—Oh, he's just trying to peel off some bark.

BACK YARD POULTRY

Uncle Sam expects you to keep hens and raise chickens, even though you do reside in a town or city.
Two hens in the back yard for each person in the house will keep a family in fresh eggs.

The smallest back yard has room for a flock large enough to supply the house with eggs. The cost of maintaining such a flock is small.

Table and kitchen waste provides much of the feed for the hens and they require but little attention.

An interested child old enough to take a little responsibility can care for a few fowls as well as a grown person.

Every back yard should contribute its share to a bumper crop of poultry and eggs in 1918. Perhaps not all will find it profitable to raise chickens in town but nearly everyone can well keep a few hens. The objection to the "crowing of the cock" can be overcome by keeping no cock. This will not affect egg production in the least.

The house for the back-yard flock should be inexpensive. A piano box or other large box may readily be converted into a suitable residence for the hens, and the runs may be very small.

Good hens, well cared for, will produce from ten to fifteen dozen eggs annually.

In time of peace the back yard flock may be regarded as a profitable recreation; in time of war, a patriotic duty.

Buy a few hens and start in at once. All hens are laying now or will be soon.

Layout for Vegetable Garden Provides for Family of Five

Here is an estimate for the layout of a vegetable garden to feed a family of five, requiring a piece of ground between one-third and one-half an acre:
Tomatoes, 24 plants; peppers and eggplants 12 each; summer squashes 5 hills; winter squashes, cucumbers, muskmelons—6 hills each; watermelons 3 hills; pole beans 12 hills.
Other vegetables in final feet: Radishes, 10; lettuce 20; peas 100; string beans, 100; sweet corn, 50; sweet corn, 40; chard and kale for family use, 50 each; early potatoes, 100; late potatoes, 600; cabbage, 150; cauliflower, 50; onions, beets and carrots, 200 each; celery, 100; parsnips 125; rutabagas, 75; salsify, 100.

For chicken feed—Sunflower, 100; chard and kale, 150 each; mangi-wazel, 200; field corn in rest of available space.—Country Gentleman.

Dogs Have Dreamland

That the primitive man dreamed we have no doubt. Even animals do that. All of us have seen sleeping dogs go through the incipient movements of a chase, accompanied by faint yelpings, and the unmistakable muscular action which would carry them in pursuit of their quarry if exaggerated by the greater vitality of wakefulness.

Term That is Misapplied

The name daisy is said to have been given to the plant by the poet Chaucer in the fourteenth century. He noticed that the petals folded at sunset and expanded at sunrise, and therefore called it day's-eye. Therefore, our best girl, who appears brightest in the evening cannot truthfully be called "a daisy."

Mother's Cook Book

Wait till the laurel bursts its buds, And creeping ivy flings its graces About the lichen rocks, and floods Of sunshine fill the shady places.

Potato Muffins.
Take one cupful of mashed potato, packing the cup firmly, add a cupful of warm milk, a half a yeast cake, two eggs, a tablespoonful of lard, a tablespoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, and flour to make a stiff dough. Let rise shape into biscuits. Bake in greasin and bake 15 minutes. Set the muffins at eleven and bake at six.

Potato Stuffing.
Mix two cupfuls of mashed potato, one cupful of soft bread crumbs, one-third of a cupful of melted shortening, half a teaspoonful each of salt and poultry dressing, a few dashes of cayenne pepper, mix thoroughly and use as stuffing for fish or poultry.

Swiss Potato Soup.
Take four large potatoes, one large white turnip, three quarts of boiling water, a quart of scalded milk, one-half an onion, four tablespoonfuls of fat, one-third of a cupful of barley flour, and a half teaspoonful of salt, and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper. Wash the potatoes and turnip, cut in small pieces and cook ten minutes, drain and add the onion cut in slices, add three cupfuls of water, cook until the vegetables are soft, press them through a sieve, return to the water; add milk, reheat and thicken with the flour and fat cooked together, add seasoning.

Potato Puree.
Pour boiling water over a fourth of a pound of salt pork, scrape and rinse in cold water. To the pork add three potatoes, pared and cut in quarters, one onion, peeled and sliced, four branches of parsley, half a cupful of chopped celery, all cooked until tender in just enough water to cover. Remove the pork, press the vegetables through the sieve, adding the water. Add a quart of hot milk, a teaspoonful and a half of salt, a half-teaspoonful of pepper, and when boiling stir in an egg beaten with a little cold milk. Serve at once without further cooking or the egg will curdle the mixture.

Potatoes, to be palatable boiled, should be drained as soon as they are tender, then shaken over the heat to remove all steam and make them mealy.

Wise and Otherwise

There's some excuse for a man being almost anything, but what excuse can any man offer for being pro-German?

It's vain to try to tell a woman how much you think of her if you forget to phone her that you're going to be late for dinner.

Misery may love company, but what it needs most is help.

If you were in the other fellow's place you might be making a worse mess of things than he is.

Cards for the Blind

Cards that have recently been devised for the blind have raised letters in the top and bottom corners that reveal their identity. By placing his thumb over the letters, the blind man can tell what cards he holds nearly as quickly as the ordinary person. Dots form the letters. "Two D." means that the card is the Two of Diamonds; "J. H." means the Jack of Hearts, and so on. At first the blind experience a little difficulty in reading the cards readily, but they soon become proficient.—Popular Science Monthly.

Short and Snappy

Jealousy at best is but a chronic case of self-love.

A shady character doesn't always keep a man cool.

During the courtship love shows up in the dark.

Men of genius often make a fortune for a man of talent.

Singers who pursue the even tenor of their way never get off their base.

Sometimes the man who is afraid to take a chance is beaten at his own game.

Nellie Maxwell