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IS CATTLE SUPPLY SHORT?

Within a comparatively short time the country in general and the ultimate consumer will have a chance to see whether there has been anything in all of this assertion that there is a shortage of beef cattle in the country. According to the prophets in the vicinity of the big cattle and beef markets a cattle shortage has been imminent for several years but is always failed to appear about the time the prophets had it scheduled for a position in the spotlight.

During the summer and fall season there has been an enormous run of cattle from the ranges of the west. But the supply of native stock has been very short. It is now close to time for the ranger to disappear from the market and the packer must depend upon the native for his supplies of beef. That is, when the range cattle drop out, as they will as soon as there is any stormy weather in the west—the farms and feed lots in the east will just furnish the beef supplies of the country.

If the farmers have not been holding out to give the ranger a chance at the market, then it is likely that the prophets may make good and that beef may be a scarce article before the robins nest again.

FORTUNE IN A SMALL FARM.

Speaking of farming on an industrial and specialized basis, there is an instance up in Nebraska, not far from Lincoln, where a little strip of forty acres a few years ago was shunned by the American homeseeker as absolutely worthless. Today that little forty-acre is on the lists in the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C., as a model farm and is cited far and wide as a sample of what studious application can make land do.

This uninviting tract was bought some years ago by a young Swiss who had come over to this country and had worked as a laborer on a farm near this ugly tract. In a year or two the young Swiss man and his wife had saved up a couple of hundred dollars and he bought this tract because it was cheap. The whole neighborhood felt sorry for the ignorant and susceptible foreigner and thought it was only a matter of time until he would become an object of charity. But this man and his wife went to work, clearing out the brush, fanning and constructing dams across seasons to create ponds that could be used for irrigation.

The young Swiss did not starve and become an object of charity as per schedule. He tilled every acre of his land and within a short time he had a bank account; later it was noted by the neighbors that this man had windmills that pumped water from his ponds to his fields when the rain failed to come on time; he had running water in his house and barns and at night his rooms were lighted with electricity. The fame of this man's farm spread and government men were sent to investigate his methods with the result that this little forty-acre is now quoted in bulletins as a model for intensified farming on small tracts.

Investigations prove that this man is making more money on his little forty-acre than are half the farms of three and four times the acreage. His system of farming is worth the attention of northwestern Missouri where there is much rolling land. Some start has been made in the line of intensified and specialized farming. Tobacco culture is one line of specialized farming that does not call for large acreage. Fruit is another. They both pay and there are other crops that do not call for great farms of a half-section or more.

The soil and the climate are admirably adapted to the production of paying crops that do not call for large acreages and if this section of country

Daddy's Bedtime Story



THE evening daddy began his bedtime story by asking Evelyn and Jack: "Children, did you ever hear of Jumbo?" "I did not," said Jack, and Evelyn said, "Nor I." That made daddy smile. "Well, if you had been living when I was a boy," he said, "you would not need to be told about Jumbo. He was the most famous elephant that ever lived and probably the biggest. For many years he was the pet of the children of England, and for three years he made the children of America happy. They liked Jumbo, and he seemed to like them, and it was a great shock to them when Jumbo was killed. What made it particularly sad was the way in which the big animal lost his life. He might have been living to this day if he had not tried to save the life of a baby elephant.

"Jumbo and the baby elephant, with about a dozen others, belonged to the biggest circus in America. He went traveling around the country with the circus, and the very first thing the children wanted to see when they went to the show was Jumbo. He was so big that the littlest children and even some of the older ones were just a bit afraid to stand in front of him, but Jumbo never tried to harm any of them. He was a good elephant, and he was eleven feet six inches tall and weighed 12,000 pounds.

"One day the circus was traveling in Canada. It was necessary to remove the elephants from the circus camp to a railroad train in order to take them to another town. Jumbo was very, very fond of the little baby elephant, and the keepers always kept them together. This time the two were being led on the railroad track toward their train. All the other elephants but Jumbo, the baby elephant and one other had been loaded on the train, when by some mistake a freight train was sent along the track on which the three elephants were standing. The men heard the whistle and tried hard to get the animals out of the way, but it was no use. Jumbo just had time to see the danger of the little fellow up in his trunk and threw him to one side of the track, clear of the rails. Then he tried to get off the track himself, but it was too late. The train struck him and killed him instantly."

"And was the little baby elephant saved, daddy?" asked Evelyn. "I am sorry to tell you that it was not," answered daddy. "When Jumbo picked him up and threw him out of the way of the train it was with such force that the little animal's leg was broken. He had to be shot."

is to keep pace with other sections that are not so favorably situated as to soil, climate and proximity to markets it is time to discourage the big farm poorly tilled in favor of the small tract of a few acres cultivated in the latest and most approved manner. Get more small farms with a family on each one of them and there will not be the trouble about getting laborers for the farm that is heard of so much at present.

It may not have occurred to the average citizen of St. Joseph; in fact, it is likely that the average Missourian is not prepared for it, but this city and every other city in the state would be a better city if there were an industrious, up to date, systematic farmer on every forty-acre instead of so many quarter, half and whole section farms that are not half farmed.

NATURAL LINES APRONS. Fascinating indeed, are the aprons shown in the shops for the smaller daughter. The aprons of natural linen are in special favor. Some of these are embellished by handwork of plain or of a solid bright color, or with the Russian cross stitch. Some fasten down the back, while others are provided with straps which cross in back and button at the shoulders.

TO PRESERVE TINWARE. If new tinware is rubbed over with fresh lard and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used it will never rust, no matter how much it is put in the water. For stained tinware borax produces the best results. If a teaspoon of a coffee has become discolored on the inside, boil it in a strong solution of borax.

CHICKEN HAS TIN BEAK. Born With Lower Half of Bill Too Short. Anderson, Ind., Oct. 19.—A chicken with a half tin beak is picking up corn in the henery of Eli Delawater, in this city, and John Snellson, blacksmith, is credited with the surgery. The hen was hatched with the lower part of the beak less than the length of the upper part. While it was fed on soft food the chicken developed, but after it began to try to pick up its food like other chickens the half beak was not sufficient.

NEW TUNIC EFFECT. The pelisse and tunic effects are very definite just now, but they end sooner than has been the case, being usually about as long as a half-length coat. They nearly always open in front, and are edged with embroidery. A charming example of this is in an evening dress of navy-purple soft satin, with an overgrown, or pelisse, of gray chiffon, one thickness, lined with a single film of pale-pink tulle. The pelisse is bordered with an embroidery in gray and purple pearls with a touch of pink or silver introduced in winding threads of these colors. The pelisse turns back on the shoulder to a little collar of purple and silver shot tissue, embroidered in gray, black and pink pearls, and the little vest of old lace is confined at the top by a trail of black velvet sewn with white pearls, tied in a bow at one side and ending in fringes of small white pearls.

SPOTLESS GLOVES AND SHOES. "Two things without which I never move," declared a girl who goes a great deal for over-Sunday visits, "are white cleaning stuff for any canvas shoes and a piece of soap for my chemise gloves. I like white in summer, but it must be spotless. It won't be if it isn't loosely watched, and I can't always rely upon the maids of my friends to keep my things so. I don't have a maid myself. "I always begin my journey with two pairs of white gloves, those I wear being fresh then, and the other pair being in my bag. As I reach the end of my trip, the gloves I have worn being black, I put on the fresh pair, and arrive looking well. That usually is all right for the return journey, but

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