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ERADICATING SCABBIES.

Much progress was made by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, in the work of the eradication of scabbies in cattle and sheep during 1910, says the Live Stock World. During the fiscal year 390,000 square miles of territory under quarantine on account of sheep scab were released comprising the entire state of Washington and parts of Oregon, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

THE CORN SITUATION.

A little over a year ago a coterie of rich cotton speculators after having made large amounts of money in the white staple, entered the corn market on the bull side, and they bought everything within reach at a time when the conditions were bullish.

There are many in the trade who figure that money and muscle in corn are likely to prove a loss under conditions that may be called bearish. With favorable weather for shelling and movement, the country will increase its offerings of cash corn, and without a shipping or export demand as a relief stocks will accumulate and values are certain to decline unless support is given from the present bull long.

While the news from Argentina has been quite bullish, owing to the long-drawn-out dry spell in that country, the prices changes at Liverpool as well as Buenos Aires fail to reflect the abnormal condition claimed by some of the bulls on the southern hemisphere.

DRY FARMING METHODS.

It now appears that the dry farming methods of cultivation, which produce big crops in the semi-arid sections of the west, can be adopted with good results in the central part of the country, where there is usually enough moisture to raise a good crop without the more careful methods of the dry farmers, says the St. Joseph Gazette.

Dry farming in a way is a misnomer. Scientific farming is the correct term because the method of carefully treading the soil for the production of crops is based on scientific principles states have proved highly satisfactory.

In the Dry Farming Congress Bulletin, a Michigan peach grower gives some of his experiences. He declares that in his peach orchard he found the best results from the dry farming method of cultivation. One five-acre tract contained 500 trees and these trees netted \$5,000. It took just 67 of the best of the peaches to fill a basket. The grower's neighbors used the old system with indifferent success. One grower got only 250 baskets from 1,000 trees.

Although the year 1910 has been an unusually dry one, good crops were raised in some of the semi-arid regions. In others almost total failures were reported, but these were partly through lack of experience, it is thought.

Much study is necessary yet to produce crops in the dry country, without irrigation, but the time will probably come when millions of acres, now thought to be useless, will respond to the methods of the scientific farmer.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—Pussy, the Doggie And the Mouse



WILLIAMS. This is What the Pussy and the Doggie saw

"O H, daddy," said Evelyn one evening just as daddy was about to begin his bedtime story for her and her brother Jack, "what do you think our cat did today?" "I don't know, dear," said daddy, smiling at her, "but I should judge from your enthusiasm that she caught a mouse."

"You should have seen how foolish Peter and Snap looked when they got up. While the mouse was saying to himself, 'Isn't it lucky for me that those two great ugly, nasty, hungry-for-mice animals both wanted me at the same time? You lazy, good for nothing little dog! What do you mean by getting in my way just as I was about to catch that nice fat little mouse? My, what a good meal he would have made for me!'"

"And Snap said: 'If you had been awake and attending to business, instead of wasting your time sleeping on the rug, we might have caught that mouse and shared it between us. Next time don't you dare to bump into me.'" "And the two foolish animals really started a long quarrel about the mouse that got away. Very silly of them, wasn't it, children?"

This will mean bigger crops and more prosperity for the west and western cities and assures a future for the cities along the Missouri river, which supply the great western country with their needs in a manufacturing and commercial way.

and did not co-operate with the authorities, though the state paid salaries of inspectors, bought the dip to kill the ticks, and spent about \$10,000 in the work. A rigid quarantine, preventing the shipment of any cattle from the infected counties for any purpose will, he says, probably stir cattle owners to co-operate more enthusiastically.

FREE GOLD ORE STRIKE. Silverton, Colo.—The intersection Mine has encountered splendid free gold ore, which shows up well in 3 feet of quartz, and is improving in value. New pumps will be set at once and the work pushed as rapidly as possible. The find was in the No. 1 level. The new drift in the Iowa Tiger mine is rapidly approaching the ore shoot exposed in the upper levels. The lead ore, 5 inches in width, first encountered, is increasing gradually. In the upper levels the ore body exposed is 5 feet wide of solid galena.

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"It's only a little capful of wind," he said, "just enough to make a good craft swing along like a war horse.

"She had sent me a message from the Wandsworth infirmary, saying that she wanted to see me very, very soon, because she had something to tell me.

Tears rolled from the tired old eyes as Captain Jackson's thin, twisted fingers beat upon the window pane, and it was many minutes before another word escaped him.

"Well I remember my first day of command," he said—and for the first time the droop of his lips lifted.

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