

A Typographical Error

By Jane Ludlum Lee

"It's no use, Edna, the Lord never meant me to be very happy in this world. I'll have to take what I can get and be thankful."



"How can you judge?"

money will buy for me. I didn't deceive him. I said I couldn't love him; but he, still knowing this, wants to marry me and I accepted. Now judge me if you will."

buckled it at the back until the seams threatened to give way. "I say, old man," he yelled at the bathroom door, "do you believe in presentiments?"

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To improve a herd of dairy cows, it is necessary to pick out individual animals, for no two cows are alike. To a large extent the capacity to produce well is transmissible from a cow to her daughters. The calf of a good cow is more likely to be a high producer than the calf of a poor cow. But there is not a certain rule that works every time.

A striking test was made at the Missouri Experiment Station under supervision of Professor C. H. Eckels of the Dairy Department. Two cows,

is not nearly so important, according to Professor Eckels. The simplest and surest way to keep a milk record is to have a pair of spring scales to weigh each pail of milk as it comes from the cow.

At the dairy barn on the College Farm, at the University of Missouri, a complete record is kept of the milk of every cow. The spring balances in the milk room are set so that the empty pail just brings the pointer to the zero mark. Thus there is no trouble in subtracting the weight of

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109# butterfat

half sisters, were tested for three years. They were both of excellent breeding, and there seemed no reason why one should not be as good as the other, her close relative. The records showed a great difference between them. As is illustrated in the accompanying diagram, one cow averaged, during the three years, 483 pounds of butterfat a year. That was a paying quantity, and gave a neat profit to the owners. The other averaged, during three years, only 109 pounds of butterfat a year. That was not a paying quantity, and her owner would have been milking her for the fun of it.

There is only one sure way to know which cows are giving a profit, and that is to keep some kind of a milk record. The Babcock test, showing the per cent of fat in the milk,

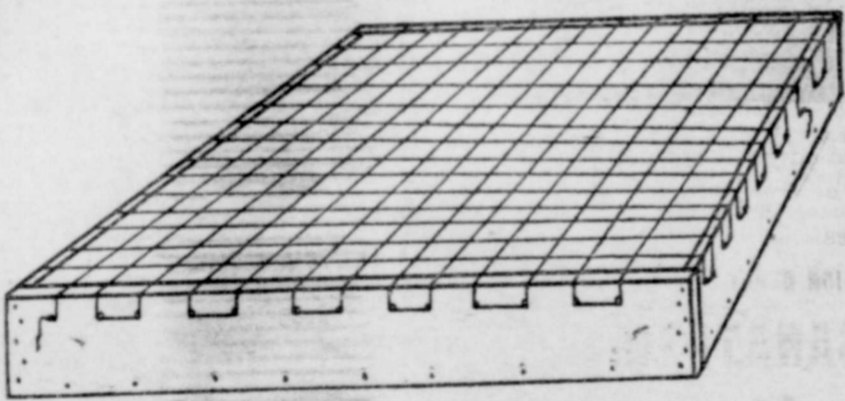
from various parts of the ear, and not mixing the different lots. Six kernels from an ear, pushed full length into the damp sand, will give a fair sample of what the whole ear will do in the field. A few days will show which are the strong growing ears and which are not fit for seed. Only the best ones should be used, for a little seed makes a large part of the crop.

The ears may be laid out in order, or set up in a rack so that it is easy

TO INCREASE CORN YIELD

College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Submits Plan for Simple Apparatus to Test Seed.

While the testing of seed corn is vitally important to the growing of the best yields, it is not so complicated as is often supposed. The College of Agriculture of the University



of Missouri shows the following plan for a corn testing box. It is simple and inexpensive, and will do the work well.

The diagram shows a shallow box—four or five inches deep—filled with moist sand. The top of the sand should be level with the top of the box. To divide the surface of the sand into squares, the simplest way is to drive tacks or small nails into the sides of the box at equal intervals, stretching cord across to form the lines. Each of these squares is to represent one ear of corn.

Any boy or girl can do the testing as well as an older person. The chief care should be in taking the kernels

to count and find which ear corresponds to which square.

If there is an incubator on the place, a box of this kind may be fitted to it, and germination will be rapid if the temperature is kept around 91 or 92 degrees F.

Where no incubator is available, the box should be set in the kitchen or in a south room where it will keep warm.

It is especially important this year that corn be tested, as much of the seed is poor. One farmer who said he had seed to sell mentioned that most of it was still standing in the shock. He will not have much success this time, and neither will those who use the seed.

Do not allow the stock to run on the pasture too early. The grass is washy and watery at first, and has little food value. The cattle get little out of it, and sometimes, by nibbling up a lot of last year's grass they get indigestion. And the pasture will do better if it is left awhile at the start.

Probably the first thing most farm cows need, on the average, is more feed. Next they need better feed. A cow works as hard as a horse, only in a different way. If she is to produce well she must have something to produce from.

If alfalfa is to be planted in spring, the ground should be heavily manured and thoroughly tilled. The Missouri Experiment Station has found that heavy manuring makes success with alfalfa where nothing else will.

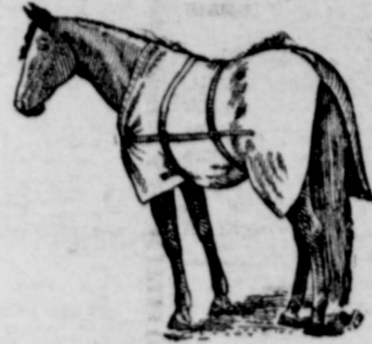
The man who waits until the day he needs an implement to get it ready, will lose his temper and a good deal of time and money. There are always loose bolts and braces, rusty bearings, weakened woodwork that needs replacing, all of which should be done before the rush season comes on. Then there will not be a rush season. Some paint will help the implements, too.

Land that is plowed very early may be plowed deeper than that which is broken late. It is necessary for the ground to be settled underneath so that the moisture may come up from below. At whatever time the plowing is done, the disk should be run first. Thorough tilling of the ground is a simple method of increasing yields.

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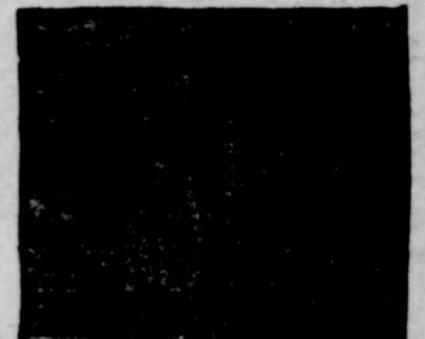
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