

# Of Interest to Farmers

## EXPLODE FALLACY ABOUT DYING RATS

Poison Won't Drive the Rodents Outdoors There to Expire and Dry Up Without Entering

Requests for help against rats and mice as cold weather drives them indoors leads the State Agricultural College at Ithaca to warn farmers that no poisons, such as are now being widely advertised, can be expected to drive the rodents out of buildings to die, or to make them dry up without putrefying.

As a matter of fact, there is no panacea for these pests. Rats are not only the most destructive animals in the world, but also among the most wary and show remarkable cunning in avoiding the lure of trap or poison. Nevertheless it is a public duty to take every possible measure to kill off these rodents. In a neighborhood infested with rats individual efforts have only a slight effect, for the animals quickly spread from heavily infested areas to those which have been temporarily cleaned out. If any campaign against the rat is to succeed, it must be the result of co-operation throughout the community.

**Spring Trap Good**  
Strong spring traps set in the runways of the rats may always be depended upon to account for a certain number of them. The traps should be numerous, their location should be shifted frequently, and a variety of baits should be tried.

Poisons are often effective, but precautions should be taken to place them out of the reach of children and domestic animals. Barium carbonate is specially recommended, for it is not only cheap, but is much less dangerous to human beings and livestock than other rodent poisons. It may be spread upon bread and butter, or it may be added to eight parts of oatmeal, and the two substitutes mixed with water into a stiff dough. The poisoned bait is then placed about the holes and runways of the rats.

Much damage by rats may be prevented by screening them out of buildings with the use of wire, tin or cement. Foodstuffs should be kept strictly out of their reach, and all possible hiding-places for them should be cleared out.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington distributes a free circular regarding these pests and methods of controlling them.

## LOW PRODUCING COW IS A MONEY-LOSER

Some Methods Suggested Which Will Weed Out the Poor Cows From New York Herds

The low-producing cow is a money-loser all around. So say authorities at the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca who cite one herd as an example where the average production for each cow for a year was only 6585 pounds of milk. After all costs were charged, including all feed, interest on investment, depreciation, and service fees, the owner had left for his labor 45 cents an hour. The three poorest cows averaged 4201 pounds of milk, giving the owner 12 cents an hour for his labor, while the best cow produced 11,601 pounds of milk, giving the owner \$1.16 an hour.

Here are some suggestions from the college which will help in turning losses to profits:

First, keep a herd of healthy animals. Second, keep a herd that has the inherent ability to produce milk at a low cost.

Third, supply the herd with a proper ration.

Fourth, obtain the ration at the lowest possible cost; use legumes.

Fifth, supply the ration in the proportion to obtain best results.

Sixth, furnish individual drinking buckets so that the cows can have water when desired.

Seventh, provide a well ventilated and lighted stable.

Eighth, never forget that the herd must be kept comfortable and contented.

Ninth, aim to produce a quality product.

Tenth, know your business by keeping records.

## NOTICE TO DAIRYMEN LEAGUE MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the Andover Dairymen's League Co-operative Association Inc. will be held at Macabee Hall, at 1 p. m. Monday, January 29th, 1923, for the purpose of electing directors to succeed those whose terms will expire and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

HARRY SMITH, Secretary.

Read the Classified Ads.

## DO THEY HAVE DEBATES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

They Form an Interesting and Pleasant Way of Keeping Posted on Current Problems

Almost any topic may be subject of debate, according to the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, which suggests that the long evenings between now and spring may be profitably used in neighborhood discussions on a great variety of topics.

All that is necessary, say the Cornell folks, is two teams on opposite sides of the question, and judges to decide the winners; or the winners may be decided on vote of the audience. Or, better still, the debate may be an open one, with no decision, and everybody taking part in an enlightening discussion, under the guidance of a presiding officer.

Some suggested topics, given merely as indications of the wide range of subjects available, are here listed:

Should a co-operative buying and selling group be organized in the neighborhood?

Should the United States Government adopt a ship-subsidy?

Can a farmer get along better without a truck or without a tractor?

Should the Farm Bureau engage in co-operative buying?

Should the farmer kill and cure his own meat?

Has a young man on the farm today as good a chance as the young man of twenty years ago?

Does a college education greatly increase earning capacity?

The college has a bulletin on principles of debate which will be sent, as long as the supply lasts, to those who ask for F 149 from the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca.

The American Legion hopes to awaken the public conscience to a realization of the shameful manner in which our diseased and disabled soldiers have been treated — or mistreated. The Legion's object is laudable, but, how, pray, is something to be awakened which does not exist?

Never mind what the world owes you. It is your ability to collect that counts.

Misery loves company, even if it increases the misery.

Our Classified Ads get results.

## Homespun Yarn

A good potato-masher rings the knell on lumpy mashed potatoes.

The use of a double-boiler saves many a pudding from becoming a burnt offering.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: "Smiles constitute the best treatment to assure a pretty mouth."

A small flannel bag for the odd pieces of soap saves the remainders and keeps the bathroom neat.

Forget about iron in patent medicines, but eat food that contains it, such as vegetables, fruit and whole grains.

Gravy stains won't go thru the table cloth if a sheet of white oil-cloth is put under the carving mat.

Do you know how to keep a cash account? Bulletin H 126, which the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca will send you, tells how.

The strength of a nation, especially of a republican nation, is in the intelligent and well-ordered homes of the people. — Sigourney.

The mother who lets her boys sit around and grouch because dinner isn't ready, instead of letting them set the table and help her with her work, is going out of her way to raise selfish men.

## Agrigraphs

Had any scrub bull funerals in your community lately?

Uncle Ab says: "Government by conference will never be as satisfactory as government by work."

Some farmers say that San Jose scale is coming back strong; yet it can't come back unless the dormant spray is neglected.

Farmers with livestock or other commodities to sell should use the papers during the winter when folks are reading them more closely.

Good to read in the winter, "Spring in the Flower Garden." It's a free bulletin the State College at Ithaca will send if you ask for F 106.

In building and repairing roofs don't use sapwood shingles. Sap shingles of even the most durable

woods, such as cedar and cypress, soon decay.

Electric light is nice and bright, but if a water system and paint, are also lacking, let the lights have third place in the program of improvement.

When a new house is built among trees, none should be cut except those where the house actually stands. After the home is occupied, one can tell better which tree to retain for shade where it is most needed.

"A handkerchief is one symptom of a cold in the head," says an exchange. But even that dire necessity will hardly induce some people to use them.

Cheer up! We may have another European war after all.

Want advertising will be useful to you in your campaign to find the buyer who ought to own that property you want to sell — the man who will know that it ought to belong to him as soon as he sees. Yes, there is such a man.

## OUT OF THE GLOOM

Many a Gloomy Countenance in Andover Now Lightens With Happiness

A bad back makes you gloomy. Can't be happy with continual backache.

The aches and pains of a bad back are frequently due to weak kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills are recommended for weak kidneys.

So Andover citizens testify. Ask your neighbor.

Mrs. M. F. Wyckoff, Chestnut St., Andover, says: "I used to suffer an awful lot with my kidneys. My back ached so badly I would have to press my hands upon the small of it to ease the pain. I would get so weak I could hardly move — when I stooped, awful dizzy spells would come over me and spots would float before my eyes, blurring my sight. Doan's Kidney Pills completely cured me of every sign of the trouble and the cure has lasted."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy — get Doan's Kidney Pills — the same that Mrs. Wyckoff had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

The dollar-saving fact is still the interesting fact — to the average humans. That's why the ads are "good reading matter."



## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Bernard B. Ackerman, Surrogate of Allegany County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Roxana B. Burrows, late of Andover, in the County of Allegany, deceased, that they are required to present the same with the vouchers thereof, to Frank W. Burrows, the executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, at the Burrows National Bank in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the fifteenth day of July, 1923.

FRANK W. BURROWS, Executor.

Robbins, Phillips & Robbins, Attorneys for Executor, Hornell, N. Y.

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Pursuant to an order of Hon. Bernard B. Ackerman, the Surrogate of the County of Allegany, in Surrogate's Court, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against Charles S. Davis, late of the Town of Andover, in said County of Allegany, deceased, are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, the Administratrix of said deceased, at the office of James T. Foody, Opera House Block, in the City of Hornell, County of Steuben, on or before the 1st day of July, 1923.

Dated, December 16, 1922.

ANGIE A. DAVIS, Administratrix.

JAMES T. FOODY, Attorney for Administratrix, Hornell, N. Y.

Our Classified Ads get results.

# Our Semi-Annual Sale Ends Saturday, January 20th

## SUITS AND OVERCOATS \$15, \$22, \$30

To belated buyers who have been backward about coming to our Semi-Annual Sale, we want to say that it will be necessary to act soon in order to reap any benefits from our offerings. Thousands have been here and have gone away delighted with the splendid and unusual measure of value they have received for their money. If you have not been getting your share of the good things

## YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

This Sale will end Saturday, January 20th. There are plenty of bargains left. Note the offerings below.

- SHIRTS**—Embracing a selection of the finest Madras. Shirts shown by this store in several years; values to \$3.50 ..... **\$1.65**
- HOSIERY**—Comprising an assortment of better grade Hosiery; some wool, some silk; \$1.00 ..... **65c**
- A good every-day Sox; values to 50c ..... **19c**
- SWEATERS**—All Wool Sport Coat, green and brown heather; values to \$5.00 ..... **\$3.00**
- A Sweater Coat, cotton mixed; colors: blue, black brown and gray; values to \$3.00 ..... **\$1.65**
- Sweaters values to \$2.00 ..... **\$1.00**
- Boy's Pull-Over; values to \$5 ..... **\$3.50**
- UNDERWEAR**—Fleece-lined and ribbed Garments, \$1.00 value ..... **60c**
- BEACH VESTS** ..... **\$2.35**
- BEACH COATS** ..... **\$4.25**

Reduced!  
All  
Furnishings

- BOYS' SUITS**—Featuring our Suits made with two pair Trousers, insuring double wear; **\$7.75** values to \$15.00
- BOYS' OVERCOATS**—If your boy needs an Overcoat for the remainder of this winter and next, here's your opportunity; values to **\$8.75** \$16.50
- TROUSERS**—These Trousers were made from mill ends of suitings; values up to **\$3.50** \$6.75
- WORK TROUSERS**, value \$2 ..... **\$1.29**
- OVERALLS AND JACKETS**—A good Overall or Jacket, pure indigo dye; value \$1.50 ..... **89c**
- BOYS' WAISTS**—Boys' fancy percales and madras waists; values to **65c** \$1.00
- Outing Flannel Waists in khaki and gray, \$1.00 value, **58c**

**STAR CLOTHING HOUSE**  
MAIN AT CHURCH ST.  
HORNELL, N. Y.