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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

For Maple Syrup Produced in 1925. Experts Say It's Finest Made in Empire State.

Messrs. Campbell and Forsythe were in charge of the loading of the several carloads of maple syrup of 1925 make, on the Whitesville, Andover and Genesee farms the past season, last week. Whitesville produced 101 drums of 50 gallons capacity, Andover 51 and Genesee and vicinity, 57, making a total of 209 drums for 1925. This is a 100 per cent. increase in production over 1923.

The splendid sum of \$12,237.70 was paid out to the producers of this section, which is no small revenue to help local farmers over an otherwise between hay and grass period. Mr. Campbell informed Supervisor Forsythe that the syrup he secured in Whitesville and vicinity was the finest in quality and the greatest in quantity of any shipping point he had in the great Empire state. Isn't that something to be proud of?

Linford Potter, who has a splendid steam plant for evaporating the maple sap and who makes a most superior quality of syrup, secured the largest check for same of any in this section. It was for \$541.66. Gerald Hallett and Hamilton McAlister, who both have new plants were mentioned for the fine quality of their product.

The receipts for the towns producing syrup this year were: Whitesville, \$5,831.19; Andover, 2,778.85; Genesee, 3,627.66. —Whitesville News.

Around Our House

BLEACH OUT THE STAIN

When a stain on white material will not yield to soap and water, the housewife can turn to no better chemical bleach than Javelle water. It may be used successfully for removing stains from uncolored cotton or linen materials by stretching the stained part over a bowl filled with water and applying the bleach with a medicine dropper. Javelle water should not be left on the fabric for more than a minute and should be neutralized at the end of that time by a solution of oxalic acid, and then rinsed by dipping in the bowl of water. This may be repeated if the stain does not disappear on one application. Garments may be bleached by putting them in a mixture of equal parts of Javelle water and cold water for not more than half an hour. They should be then rinsed in several waters and lastly in dilute ammonia water. Javelle water should be applied only to uncolored cotton or linen materials as it bleaches colors and rots silk or wool. Javelle water may be prepared by putting one pound of washing soda in a granite pan and stirring in one quart of boiling water until it is dissolved. While this is cooling, dissolve half a pound of chloride of lime in two quarts of cold water and let settle again. Pour off the clear liquid into the soda and let settle again. Pour off the clear liquid, bottle it, and put it away in a dark place. Complete directions for preparing and using these bleaches and for removing fruit, grass, tar and other summer stains are to be found in the free bulletin on the removal of stains from clothing, obtainable from the state college of home economics at Ithaca, N. Y.

BY BOB ADAMS

WAR ON WEEDS

My garden rows are long and mazy, I hate to work because I'm lazy; The sweat flies almost drive me crazy. But yet I labor soon and late. I let no ragweeds propagate.

Our fight against weeds should be a well-planned campaign, not a series of unrelated battles. To continue the figure we should be on the offensive rather than the defensive. Some rules of warfare follow: Let no weeds ripen seeds. "One year's seeding means seven years weeding." Kill weeds while they are yet seedlings, if possible. Never plow under weeds that have matured seeds. Some of them live for twenty, thirty or even fifty years. Stable manure is safer when well rotted unless the fodder eaten by the animals is free from weeds. Weed control is at least nine points of good cultivation.

Homespun Yarn

Fresh strawberries and fresh pineapple are a delightful combination for a fruit cocktail or dessert.

Low heels and high principles are all right for anyone, but low tables should be only for short women.

Left-over cauliflower, cabbage or potatoes make a fine supper dish when scalloped with a thick white sauce and a little cheese.

NEW YORK FARM CO-OPS. MAKE BIG STRIDE

Fully 55 Per Cent. of the Farms in New York State do Business Through Co-Operative Organizations.

Ten years ago the membership of the 124 farmer co-operative organizations then in existence in the state was 11,000. Today the figure has jumped over the hundred thousand mark while the number of organizations has increased to 324.

Fruit and vegetable co-operatives head the list of farmers' co-operative efforts in the state with 89 distinct organizations. Dairy products come next with 78, and wool follows with 31. In addition there are many miscellaneous groups embracing activities in grain, livestock, poultry, tobacco and other lines.

More than nine tenths of the farmers' organizations in the state are incorporated, but only about one fourth report paying stock dividends. Seventy-nine per cent. of the organizations limit membership to members-producers.

Co-operatives have become an important factor in American agriculture. Two and one-half million farmers out of 5,500,000 in the United States now belong to more than 10,000 co-operatives bodies which do an annual business in excess of \$2,500,000,000. This is an increase of nearly 200 per cent. in the number of organizations since 1915 and an increase in membership in the same period of nearly 300 per cent.

Agrigraphs

Acid soil eats away profits.

Uncle Ab says that every time you show dislike of a man you show fear of him.

An oil-can, wrench, or hammer at hand is worth two or three in the bush—or fence corner.

Poison gets woodchucks ten times as fast as you can shoot them. Ask your county agent for information about poisons and methods.

In one year New York City uses, at the estimated wholesale value, more than a hundred and eighty-four million dollars worth of milk and dairy products.

Time may mean nothing to a hog, but fly-time means a lot to horses, and the considerate owner takes care of his horses accordingly. Fly nets are a big help.

For the ten past years the horse industry has been more than neglected in New York State—it has hardly existed. Horses will soon be high, and now is the time to raise colts; the state college at Ithaca will send you bulletin P 403, "Raising Colts," on request.



Sallie Reaches the Divines Alone and Disheveled.

"But, I'll tell them who I am," I argued. "That would only make it worse with your reputation." I loathed him with a consuming hatred. "What do you mean, reputation?" I cried fiercely. "Just because your father is president of a railroad and you belong to the debutante set, don't think you haven't been discussed all over this part of the country. Why I supposed you knew it. I didn't think you minded. You girls expect your 'position' to save you but it doesn't. The majority of people make up the second or middle class," he continued, "and they are the ones who revel in gossip about the girls in 'society,' it's meat and drink for them. But then, the time is fitting. And, oh, Sallie, I do love you," his voice sank to a whisper.

I flew to the door. I had forgotten to lock it. I fled the length of the hall and down the stairs, looking backward to see if he had followed. All was quiet.

I aroused the man at the desk, who was nodding. "May I get a car for Miami?" I was all confusion.

"Why, yes, Miss," lows as how my boy could take yer but you aren't going alone, are you, at this hour?" The significance of his words made me reel slightly. I had never dreamed of being placed in such an embarrassing situation.

"But I've had a message," I stammered weakly, "anyway please I must go. Will you or will you not get a car for me? The boy can get my bags, they have not been opened."

"Yes, Miss," the old man answered, looking me over, "and your coat and hat, ma'am, you'll need 'em, the early mornin's right smart chilly."

I summoned as much dignity as possible and an instinct of self preservation gave me a sense of composure.

"Get everything out of my room," I threw over my shoulder, "I'll be waiting."

As I passed thru the big room that was an improvised lobby, I noticed a very thin man with a cap pulled over eyes and a cigarette dangling from his lips. He had evidently been aroused from his sleep by our voices. I walked outside while I waited and then something prompted me to look inside the lobby. The man in the cap had shuffled over to the desk and was bending over the register. There was an eager absorption in his manner.

It seemed hours before we reach-

expect any aberration on the part of another. "And the hour!" she ignored my explanation. "We looked for you about dinner time this evening. Indeed there has been enough time for almost anything to happen," she sighed in exasperation at what she evidently thought my perverse silence and continued saying: "Well, my dear, I'm sorry you will not let me do anything for you and so the only suggestion I can make under the circumstances, is that you let me take you to your room and perhaps by morning you will feel better and more in a mood for conversation."

We ascended the long marble stairway together. As I turned from her at the door of my boudoir, I noticed in the mirror that she stood perfectly still and regarded me for a moment. Over her face, there swept a questioning look of suspicion. (To be continued.)

Rude Rural Rhymes

Ownership

A little piece of ground we own, improve and love sincerely, is better far than wide estates which we have rented merely. An instinct from our fathers' time, far back before our birth, is planted deep within our hearts to own a bit of earth. It makes me love my country more, it stirs my blood like wine, it elevates my soul and sends the thrills along my spine, to stand around on rubber heels and say, "This land is mine." I love to train and fertilize the vines that I have planted; altho it costs three fifty per, manure is never scanted. I pile up weeds and leaves and trash—my thoughtless neighbors burns them—but Nature, sending sun and rain, to good black humus turns them. I feed the land, the land feeds me with many garden messes till Hannah says, "Too many beans," she'll can a few she guesses.

The man who drives his furrows straight two hundred rods or three, when I can grab my good wheel hoe has not a thing on me. My land, two lots, is less than his, but what is that to sigh on; it runs to China down below and upward to Orion. So I, within my soul, may still this consolation keep, that tho my farm is not so wide it's just as high and deep. —BOB ADAMS

Aunt Ada's Axioms: Because faith in human nature is such a delicate and beautiful plant is just one of the reasons we should cherish and foster it.

Kidneys, liver, and sweetbreads, considered great delicacies by some, are valuable mineral and vitamin sources. They are likely to be cheap, are you using them?

A bouillon cube or a teaspoonful of meat extract will give a delicious flavor to the cream sauce used for vegetables. It can be used frequently when meat stock is not at hand.

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