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A partnership has been formed between A. Toplitz and S. Goldman, both of their stocks of goods being combined, thus making the largest stock in Lufkin.

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IF PAW COULD HAVE HIS WAY.

If paw could have his way, I bet that purty sudden there
Would be some changes that wo'd make the people stop and stare;
They wouldn't be no heroes then, exceptin' only paw,
And this would be the greatest world a-buddy ever saw;
They wouldn't be no bills fer gas, nar tax fer folks to pay,
And cars would jest be fun fer fun, if paw could have his way.

If paw could have his way I guess the grass would grow so quick
I'd have to mow it every day to keep things looking slick;
And every time my shoes wore out they'd be another pair
Begin to sprout right off to keep my feet from gittin' bare,
And maw, she'd set around and smile, without a word to say,
But only listen all the while, if paw could have his way.

If paw could have his way, the men that's holdin' office now
Would never start to do a thing till paw had told them how;
They's never go to war unless he said they ought to go,
And they'd depend on him to show them how to beat the foe;
The millionaires would every one be workin' by the day,
And purty glad to have the chance, if paw could have his way.

If paw could only have his way, the winters would be hot,
And in the summer time the snow would fly, I tell you what!
The dry spells always would be wet, the wet spells they'd by dry,
And when the sun was shinin' clouds would spread acrost the sky;
Then March would be October and December would be May,
And they'd be more Sunday mornin's too, if paw cud have his way.

If paw could have his way, the crowds would cheer for him, I bet,
And all the fashunable folks would want him in their set;
The people that we know would all have less than we had then,
And wouldn't leave us out when they got parties up agen!
We'd have the best house on the street and all the folks would say
That they'd be glad if they was us—if paw could have his way.

—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Herald.

Peach Culture.

Years ago one could see about Houston and along the banks of Buffalo bayou splendid peach orchards, where now-a-days there might be but very few trees found, and the general verdict is, that peaches will not succeed in this vicinity, writes G. M. to the Farmers' Exchange. Now, what is the cause of it? First, along the bayou, where the deep, sandy soil and abundant drainage were specially favorable to successful peach culture, the leaf-eating ant made such an inroad, denuding the trees of their foliage and eventually killing them, that orchardists, generally discouraged by the ravages of this rapacious pest, gave up the attempt of peach growing entirely.

Further from the bayou, where the depradations of these ants don't reach, there exists, however, another serious drawback to peach culture. This is the root-knot disease, caused by the microscopic Eelworm (Nematoid), which infests the roots, causing little knots and swellings on the root fibers, ranging from the size of a pin head to that of a pea. The trees seem to grow off well for a time, but soon get stunted, die back, and sicken from the stumps, and eventually give up the struggle. Especially is this the case on cultivated and highly fertilized soils. Now, for a remedy let us simply do what the French and California vineyardists do to circumvent the ravages of the so much dreaded grape root louse (Phylloxera) in their vineyards: graft the trees on resisting roots. The closely allied plum seems not to be affected by this ailment, and it had been suggested to graft the peach on the Mariana plum, so much used as a stock to work plums on. But it was soon found that this stock was unsuitable for the peach, the grafts first took well, but the trees soon died. Years ago the writer of this experimented grafting the peach on our common wild wood plum (Prunus Americana), and had the satisfaction to see them grow and bear well, hardly ever missing a crop for fifteen years. It dwarfs the trees but it enhances their fruitfulness. The grafts, however, should be put down as low as possible to the ground since the scion overgrows the stock to a great extent, causing an ungainly knot at the junction.

Goats and Sheep.

Indications are in favor of a good wool clip this year. It is expected that the increase in the country's production of wool will reach 30 per ct.

The growing popularity of Shropshire sheep is remarkable and prices manifest an upward tendency. During recent public sales held in Britain nine rams of this breed sold at $500 and upward, making an average of $610. A number of others have brought prices ranging from $250 to $475. An examination of the prices of these public sales shows that with only one exception they have averaged higher than for several years past. The foreign demand, increasing in strength each year, is responsible for this stiffening in values.

There are fewer reports of scab among western flocks this year than [illegible] to stay [illegible] farm journal. It is not possible to fully determine whether this is from the decreased number of sheep on feed, or from the weather, which seems to be unfavorable to scab in most states. The claim is also made that the decreased trouble in this direction is due to the use of good dips, and the experience of sheep men with this once dreaded disease.

It is stated that the proceeds from all the wool shipped from Phoenix, Arizona, during the fall and winter will be paid out to the alfalfa farmers of the Salt river valley for pasturage. The value of the shipments is placed at $100,000. The alfalfa pastures will be utilized for sheep during the lambing season, thirty to fifty days. The demand for these pastures has increased as the dry season has progressed, and exhorbitant rates are being charged by the farmers, and it is by no means certain that the sheepmen will be able to hold their own until spring.

Prepare the Way.

During the next few weeks the majority of this season's chicks will we hatched, and it is imperative that we prepare suitable coops and roosting boxes for them.

A brood of chicks which have no special protection offered during the many cold days and nights which are sure to come during March and April will undoubtedly show the effects of such neglect.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of keeping young chickens in dry warm sheds or houses.

Any old outhouse, if dry and light, will be suitable for the purpose, and there the hen and chicks should remain for at least ten days, except perhaps in pleasant weather, when they may be allowed to run outside. Of course, when night comes they should be returned to the shed.

The food for young chicks is another most important factor in their success or failare later on. Do not give them soft food or food that is too rich.

Rolled oats, slightly moistened with sweet milk, makes an economical and wholesome food, and this, practically, should form the basis of the first two weeks' diet.

Stale crackers, not sweet crackers, crumbled and dampened with milk has also been found to be good.

A little lean meat chopped fine and some green food, either rye or vegetables, should also be given every few days.

When the chicks are taken from the nest the hen should be dusted with Dalmatian Insect Powders, as lice will soon kill off or stunt the chicks.

After the chicks are two weeks old they should be given a good dry place in a sunny grass plot, leaving the hens confined in a slat coop.

At night close up the front of the roosting box so that cats and wild animals may not prey upon them.

As soon as they are able to eat cracked wheat and corn it should be given to the chicks, and from then on till maturity their food should not differ materially from that given the old fowls.

Plant Trees Early.

Most of a tree-planter's risk comes with late planting, says Vick's for March. There is almost no risk in early planting. That is why the wise tree planter is eager to get his order so early with the nurseryman that it may be among the very first reached. The percentage of loss from late planting is so large that he can well afford to be at a good deal of extra pains in the matter of earliness.

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