



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



Many of the hardy annuals should go into the ground as soon as it is workable. Zinnias, petunias, salvia and marigolds are a few for early seeding.

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SUNGLO VIXEN AND PUPPY STARTER should be fed to Vixens after pups are 10 days old and until weaned. Increase red meats after weaning date is 1 week past, and use: SUNGLO VIXEN AND PUPPY STARTER— 1/3 by weight RED MEATS 1/3 by weight OFFAL 1/3 by weight SOAK THE CEREAL IN WHOLE MILK, and 1 EGG per 3 PUPS should be fed daily in addition to above, breaking them over the pans of feed. FEED SHOULD BE INCREASED TO ALL VIXEN WILL EAT TWICE A DAY, TO INSURE WELL STARTED PUPS. International Fox & Animal Foods Ltd.

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NEWSY NOTES BY AGRICOLA

AN OLD SCHOOL SONG BOOK

Last fall, during a period of enforced idleness, I read an article entitled "The New Education" which had appeared in a British Magazine. The old school, said the author, endeavored to impart a certain amount of information, and a certain number of "frills," while the New Education (proceeding rather in the direction of reform than by a series of particular changes) treats the school as a miniature world in which the child finds opportunities of developing all the sides of his nature.

I honor every nation's name. Respect their fortune and their fame. But I love the land that bore me.

Another, with music of greater technical finish, had a more devotional character: "Now pray we for our country, That Britain long may be The holy and the happy, And the gloriously free! Who blesteth her is blest; And peace be in her walls, So joy in all her palaces, Her cottages and halls!"

Dr. Ronald G. Law, B. V. S. C.

Dr. Ronald G. Law, B. V. S. C., D. V. S. C., has a splendid article in the last issue of Canadian Silver Fox and Fur, which I take the liberty of selecting a few extracts from. "Once the mating and whelping season is over we arrive at one of the most important periods of the entire year, namely, the care of pups. One of the first considerations in handling the pups is pilling. Due to the prevalence of the round worm it has become customary to pill pups at three weeks of age with a reliable worm capsule. A satisfactory method is to gather the pups in a box or basket and take them away from the vixen to some building where the pill is administered.

Whatever be our earthly lot, Wherever we may roam, Still to our hearts, the brightest spot

Is round the hearth at home; The home of our so lowly birth. The hearth by which we sat, No other spot on all the earth Will ever be like that.

After these details have been taken care of the next item is the all important one of feeding and at once we move onto debatable ground but regardless of individual likes and dislikes there are several fundamental facts that no one has been able to question. One of the most important of these is to give the young pup all he can eat of an easily digested ration, for if he is to develop into a real fox in the fall he must be kept growing through the summer and fall without any setbacks. Among the feeds which stand at the head of the list for digestibility in fox pups is fresh meat. A mixture of fresh meats including hearts, tripe, muscle meat and liver should be included in the daily ration from the time the pup commences to feed.

"To all the world I give my hand, My heart I give my native land; I seek her good, her glory, her part fur buyer desires.

It is no longer a hobby; it has tied many a farmer over the past few lean years, giving him money to buy his seed and ready ways to maintain his family while his agricultural products went begging for a market. Here we have an industry capable of enormous development supplementary to the tilling of the soil. We must keep the strain pure, we must eradicate disease and we must prevent our farmers and breeders from being trimmed by unscrupulous buyers.

With the Scandinavian countries making wonderful strides in production and quality of pelts it behooves the Canadian breeders to use every effort to retain the high quality that has always been produced in this country.

It may interest our readers to know that the Greenland blue fox pelts bring high prices, some of the first quality realizing upwards of \$148. per pelt. The average price of all blue pelts from that country was slightly less than \$28. The highest price realized for white fox first quality was around \$56, and the average for the entire offering \$14.

There are seventy two exercises in the book and the e include rounds, time-studies such as army bugle-calls, etc., action and other songs, and some modulator exercises. The melodies are simple but in good taste; and if the words are not in the highest plane of poetry, we excuse them, for the sub-title reminds us that the collection is but "A Song Book for Junior Schools."

HISTORY OF THE GLADIOLUS

The cult of the Gladiolus has assumed such proportions now-a-days that a history of its discovery and progress of the plant will interest multitudes of readers. A few species of Gladiolus are found growing wild in Europe, and although these are nothing like the gorgeous plants we have today, they were sufficiently esteemed to be important garden subjects, even in 1597, as we learn from the herbal of Gerard.

G. floribundus. All these species are hardy, and as they are early flowering, they must be planted in the Autumn. The South African species of Gladiolus, the parents of our large-flowering strains, were not introduced into England till about 1750. The most noteworthy were G. cardinalis and G. psittacinus, the first two species to be used for cross-breeding. At Colville's nursery, Chelsea, England, the well-known Gladiolus Colvillei was produced in 1823; it was a cross between G. concolor and G. cardinalis. Between that date and 1850, at least three other species, blandus, oppositifolius, and ramosus, were used by continental hybridists of that time. Louis van Houtte, the famous Ghent nurseryman, acquired all the European hybrids, and continued the work of cross-breeding and selection. This was the origin of the Gandavensis (or Ghent) section of G. adolus. The first varieties of this section are described as rich crimson, marked with yellow, but it was not long before considerable differentiation of color obtained. The variety Brencchleyensis aroused great interest and was much grown in its day; like the other Gandavensis hybrids, the flower spike was not so robust as compared with present day varieties, and the blooms were smaller, closely set on the spikes, and often eight or ten were expanded at one time. Brencchleyensis was the finest scarlet I had then seen in the Gladiolus.

In 1872 another species, G. purpureo-saratus, was brought from South Africa. It was golden yellow in color, with large purplish-black blotches on the lower segments. Lemoine, of Nancy, France, got hold of this species, and crossed the best of the Gandavensis with it. As early as 1875 he catalogued the first of the Lemoinei strain or type, one of which is still grown—the magnificent indigo-blue "Baron J. Hulot."

Mr. John Lewis Child secured the entire stock of hybrids between G. saundersii and the Gandavensis strain, originating at Baden Baden, Germany, and they were sent to America. In 1882 the first of the Childsii hybrids was placed on the market. Since then Gladiolus are so mixed that they are no longer listed as Lemoinei types. There is a very distinct type called G. primulinus, with hooded flowers, which was found in 1887, growing almost under the spray of the Victoria Falls in Africa. "Primulinus" commemorates the fact that the original color was primrose-yellow, but the hybridist has changed the color to various shades of scarlet as well. The flowers of the primulinus type of Gladiolus are smaller and neater, and lend themselves well to table decoration.

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(Continued from Page 12) also the little individual Acorn or Table Queen squash which is a big improvement over its rather watery ancestors. Leaks add variety to the onion family and tender white radish lengthens the season for this vegetable. In the regular lines the season can be greatly extended by using very early as well as very late types. In garden peas for example the time of maturity will vary from about 50 days to 75. Instead of planting only one variety it is advisable to include at least three. Early sowing is essential but in certain parts of the country a fall crop with a quick growing variety is also possible. In corn the very early Bantam types mature weeks ahead of the regular season and some of the late both white and yellow kinds are on until frost or even after.

LOOSE KNIFE HANDLES

A good way to mend loose knife handles—first fill the opening in the handle with a mixture made from resin and brickdust and then heat the tang on the end of the knife and press it very firmly indeed into the handles.

COOKING HINT

Put a few slices of raw potato into the soup that is too salty. They will absorb the surplus salt.

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Congratulations to Benjamin Cairns of Summerside East, who counted 54 pups in the first nine litters he looked at. One was a litter of ten and they were hale and hearty at the age of eight days. The only other litters of ten that I remember of were one whelped at the General Fur Farm ranch, Mount Edward Road some eight years ago, and another litter of ten at Lt.-Col. Fred Andrews ranch East Royston a year ago. Both these litters of ten were raised to maturity. F. H. Copp, M. P. P., President of the New Brunswick Fox Breeders' Association, thanking the New Brunswick Legislature on behalf of his Association for a grant made to assist the silver fox industry, said among other things: "No where else in the world can better foxes be raised in captivity. New Brunswick pelts have on many occasions topped both the Montreal and London sales. There is something in our soil and in our climate which gives the fur its glorious lustre and that something which the ex-

