

Life on a Farm



THE FARMER'S WIFE
OF
THE COMPLETE
COUNTRY HOUSEWIFE.

CONTAINING

Full and ample DIRECTIONS for the Breeding and Management of TURKIES, FOWLS, GESE, DUCKS, PIGEONS, &c.
INSTRUCTIONS for fattening HOGS, pickling of PORK, and curing of BACON.
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The METHOD of making CYDER, PERRY, MEAD, MUM, CHERRY-BRANDY, &c.
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To which is added

The Art of Breeding and Managing SONG BIRDS:
Likewise a Variety of RECEIPTS in COOKRY,
And other Particulars, well worthy the Attention of Women of all Ranks residing in the COUNTRY.

*Instructions, full and plain, we give,
To teach the Farmer's Wife,
With Satisfaction, how to live
The happy Country Life.*

L O N D O N,
Printed for ALEX. HOGG, in Pater-noster Row.
(Price One Shilling and Six-pence.)

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What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the book's table of contents? What do they tell you about life on colonial farms?

Key Question: Based on this information, how accurate do you think the head-line "Study Shows Farmers Spend Several Hours Playing Cards Each Day" is?

Life in Cities

Philadelphia . . . [now has] three hundred and fifty-seven houses, diverse [many] of them large, well built, with good cellars, three stories, and some with balconies . . .

There inhabits most sorts of useful tradesmen as carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, masons, plasterers, plumbers, smiths, glaziers [glass cutters], tailors. Shoemakers, butchers, bakers, brewers, glovers, tanners, fellmongers [people who sell animal skins], wheelwrights, millwrights, shipwrights, boatwrights, ropemakers, sailmakers, blockmakers, turners, etc.

There are two markets every week and two fairs every year. In other places markets also, as at Chester and Newcastle.

—Excerpts from the writings of William Penn, 1683, 1685



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Key Question: Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Unemployment Rises in Cities—Colonists Return to Mother Country” is?

Rights of Colonists

And that for redress of all grievances, and for the amending, strengthening, and preserving of the laws, Parliaments ought to be held frequently.

That the pretended power of dispensing [doing away] with laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of Parliament, is illegal.

That election of members of Parliament ought to be free.

That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached, or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament.

—Excerpts from the English Bill of Rights, 1689



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Life for African Americans

Just imported.

In the schooner *Isabella*, Isaac Martin master, from St. Christopher's,
GOOD ST. KITTS RUM by the hoghead, and MUSCOVADO SUGAR in small casks; and JAMAICA RUM lately imported: All which will be sold on reasonable terms, for cash or short credit, by
DAVID MONTAIGUT.

To be sold on Thursday next, at publick vendue,
TEN LIKELY
GOLD COAST NEW NEGROES,
 Just imported from the West-Indies, Consisting of eight stout men and two women. To prevent their receiving the infection of the smallpox, they have been kept constantly on board the vessel since they arrived, where they will be sold.—Any person inclining to purchase them at private sale may apply to Messrs. Johnson and Wyllly.



To be sold, by order of the Court of Vice Admiralty, on Saturday the 27th of this instant, at 12 o'clock mid-day, at the Watch-house in Savannah, for ready money,
The BRIGANTINE CHARLOTTE,
 With her Boat, Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel.
THOMAS VINCENT, M. C. A.
 19th Oct. 1764.



SUPERFINE LIVERY LACE for gentlemen and ladies waiting men, and for lining chairs in the best manner, to be sold by
FREDERICK HOLZENDORFF.
 Stolen or strayed about ten days ago, A Bright Bay Horse, 13 hands and a half high, branded on the off buttock 77.—Whoever delivers said fray to the above Frederick Holzendorff shall have a dollar reward. Oct. 25, 1764.

Run away from the subscriber,

A NEGROE FELLOW named **BILLY**, well known in and about Savannah. Whoever will deliver him to the warden of the work-house shall receive 20s. reward, and whoever harbours him may depend on being prosecuted.
JOHN SIMPSON.

On Thursday the 1st November will be sold at vendue, for ready money only,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 150 acres, on Witnash Island, situate on the point of land opposite to Thunderbolt, belonging to the estate of the late Joseph Camuse deceased. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Watch-house.
WILLIAM EWEN, Vendue-master.

LOST or STOLEN, A SILVER TEA SPOON, marked F. M. Whoever brings it to the subscriber shall be rewarded; and if offered to be pawned or sold it's desired it may be stopt.
FRANÇIS BLAKE.

TO BE SOLD, on Wednesday the 7th November, at three o'clock in the afternoon precisely, at the house of the late Dr. Mayer,
ALL the MEDICINES, MEDICAL BOOKS, and CHYRURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, of the said deceased. The conditions of the sale to be ready money. The medicines may be viewed before the sale.
BARBARA MAYER Executrix.
J. ZUBLY Executor.

Those that have any demands on the estate of Dr. Mayer may send them to Mr. Zubly, and the favour is requested of those indebted to the same to make speedy payment.

WHEREAS the subscriber, on the 28th day of April last, bought at publick vendue, at the Watch-house in Savannah, a NEGROE WENCH named **SALLY**, and her TWO MULATTO CHILDREN, lately the property of Capt. Edward Somerville deceased, seized on execution by the provost-marshal of this province, and sold by him by virtue thereof: And whereas the said wench and her children are said to be run away into the woods, the subscriber doth hereby offer a Reward of Forty Shillings Sterling to any person who shall take up the said negroe and her children, and deliver them to him: But whereas the subscriber hath reason to believe the said wench and children are harboured and concealed from him, he doth hereby promise a Reward of Five Pounds Sterling to any white person who shall give due proof of their being so harboured or concealed; and any person harbouring or concealing them may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost severity of the law.
ALEXANDER WYLLY.

RUN AWAY from the subscriber, a NEGROE MAN named **FRANK**, who carried off a gun and shot pouch with him. He is a likely well made stout fellow, speaks broken English, with the Spanish accent, having been several years at the Havana.—Whoever will deliver him to Mr. George Baillie in Savannah, or to me in Augusta, shall receive 20s. reward, besides all charges.
JAMES GRAY.



To be sold for six months credit, giving security if required,

A VERY VALUABLE ISLAND, containing 500 acres of land, commonly called Green Island, good for indico and corn, with a large quantity of hard feeding marsh; has on it a good dwelling house with two brick chimnies, a kitchen with a brick chimney and an oven, and convenient out-houses, a good pasture fenced, a large quantity of orange and pomgranate trees, &c. the whole as pleasantly situate as any in the province. Also on the said island, a flock of good tame cattle, between 30 and 40 head, hogs and poultry, and some breeding mares.—Any person inclinable to purchase may apply to the subscriber at his plantation at Little Ogechee, or Mr. Joseph Clay merchant in Savannah.
PHILIP DELEGAL.

Detail of the Georgia Gazette, October 25, 1764

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in this newspaper excerpt? What do they tell you about colonial life for African Americans?

Key Question: Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline "African Merchants Make Fortunes Trading Cloth for Rum" is?

Religion

And before ye sermon was done there was a great moaning and crying out throughout the whole house . . . “What shall I do to be saved?”. . . The cries were piercing and amazing so that the minister was obliged to desist . . . and after that we descended from the pulpit and discoursed with the people . . . We sang an hymn and prayed and dismissed the assembly.

—Excerpt from the diary of Reverend Stephen Williams,
1841



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What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpt? What do they tell you about religion in the colonies?

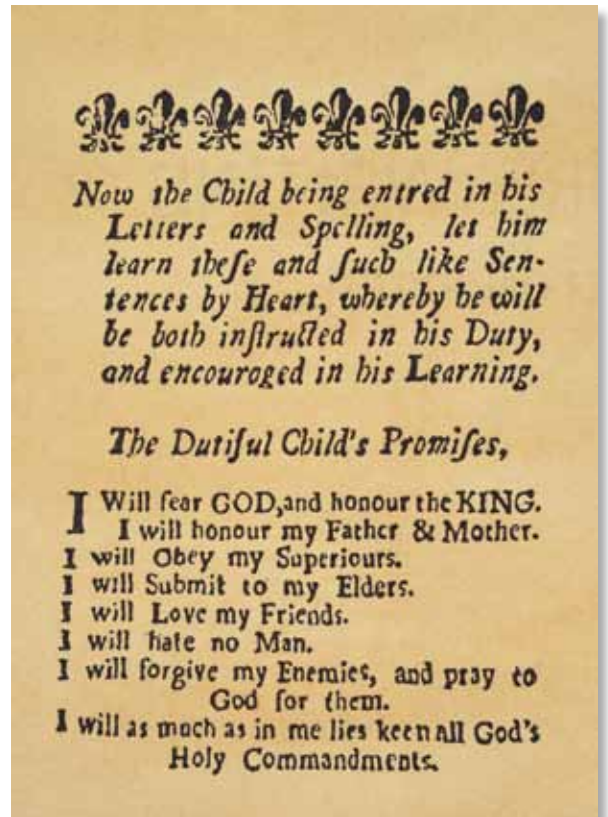
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Education



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Key Question: Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Shocking Investigation: New England Schools Lack Spelling, Reading, and Arithmetic” is?

Colonial Families

July the 1, 1769, Saterdag. A fine clear day. Very hot. I have been unwell all the weeke, dirty and tired all most to death.

Tuesday. Clear and very hot. O, I am very unwell, tiered almost to death cooking for so many peopel.

July the 13, 1769, Thirsday. This day is forty years sinc I left my Father's house and come here, and here have I seene littel els but harde labour and sorrow, crosses [suffering] of every kind. I think in every repect the state of my affairs is more then forty times worse then when I came here first, except that I am nearer the desierered haven [desired heaven]. A fine clear cool day. I am un well.

—Excerpts from the diary of Mary Cooper, 1769



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Leisure

Clear. my Girls had Some Neighbours to help [them] quilt a Bed quilt. [Fifteen] ladies, they began to quilte at [3] pm, finisht & took it out [in the evening]. there were 12 Gentlemen took Tea. they Danced a little while after Supper, behavd Exceeding Cleverly; were all returnd home before [the 11th hour].

—Excerpt from the diary of Martha Ballard, 1790



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