

## A catalogue of agricultural manuals and instruction guides: 'How To Be Rural: Agricultural Instruction in the MERL collections' UROP project

This catalogue was produced by Amy Thomas as part of the 'How To Be Rural: Agricultural Instruction in the MERL collections' project. This Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) project took place in 2018 under the supervision of Dr Paddy Bullard, Department of English Literature, University of Reading.

The project aimed to survey, record and analyse forgotten agricultural manuals and countryside 'how-to' books from the MERL Library collections. It was linked to the ACE-funded 'Museum of the Intangible' project at The Museum of English Rural Life.

Adeane, C. and Richardson Carr, Agricultural handbook and diary 1900. 1899.

MERL LIBRARY—3550-AGR

- Interesting cover. Blue hardback with paper stuck to front with title etc and back with an advert. Contents page. Majority of the pages are blank diary format, some writing in it but doesn't indicate frequent use.
- Adverts at back and one on the inside front cover. Tables and maps.

Ainsworth-Davis, J. R., The principles of agriculture. 1924.

MERL LIBRARY—3523-AIN

- Frontispiece: geological map of Britain and Ireland. Drawn illustrations.
- Blue hardback. Contents, list of illustrations. Bold lettering for key words. Index and glossary.

Allaby, Michael, The survival handbook: self-sufficiency for everyone. 1975.

MERL LIBRARY—3525-ALL

- Illustrated
- Blue hardback, bigger than average. Normal contents page at the front and contents of each chapter with page numbers under chapter heading. Double columned.

Allen, R. L., New American farm book. 1869.

MERL LIBRARY—3521-ALL

- Section of 'useful tables' at the end.
- Red hardback. Title written on spine, not on front. Sub-chapters and subheadings in places. Indexed. American.
- R. L. Allen - Formerly editor of the 'American Agriculturalist'. Lewis F. Allen - Editor of the 'American Short Horn Herd Book'

Arnold, J. H., Farm management. 1919.

MERL LIBRARY—3523-ARN

- Photograph as frontispiece. A few other photographs.
- Dark green, textured hardback, title embossed. Contents, list of illustration. Subheadings. Booklist at the end.
- J.H. Arnold, Agriculturalist in the Office of Farm Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ash, Edward C., Farming. 1928.

MERL LIBRARY—3524-ASH

- Illustrated with photographs. Some diagrams.
- Green hardback. Contents includes preface and introduction which came before the contents page. List of illustrations. Sub-chapters/subheadings listed under the chapter title, but no subheadings are used. Index followed by book adverts.
- Handwritten note on endpaper: son bought his father the book for Christmas 1929. Quote from George Washington. Preface by the Right Hon. Lord Bledisloe.

Ashton, E. D., Dairy farmers and self sufficiency. 1959.

MERL LIBRARY—PAMPH BOX 4370

- Illustrated with charts. Reprinted from the Journal of The British Dairy Farmers' Association, vol. 63.

Bailey, L. H, The principles of agriculture: a text-book for schools and rural societies. 1906.

MERL LIBRARY—3523-PRI

- Illustrated. Eleventh edition. Dark teal hardback. Contents page is titled analysis. Lists and gives page numbers to sub-chapters. Index.

Ball, W. V. Smallholdings for pleasure and profit: quarter acre part-time holding to smallholding and farm. 1948.

MERL LIBRARY—3524-BAL

- Frontispiece: portrait of the author. Photographs, graphs, map.
- Red hardback. Chapters in contents are all the sub-chapters. List of illustrations. BBC advert at the back.
- Foreword by J. Hunter-Smith. Chapters on farming in different countries e.g. Canadian Land Settlement Scheme.

Baxter, John, Baxter's library of practical agriculture, a work of reference to farming, breeding, grazing, dairy management, gardening, and rural affairs; comprising every modern improvement in husbandry sanctioned by experience. 1851.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE—630.942-BAX

- Frontispiece: portrait of John Ellman Esq. Small drawn illustrations embedded into the text. Tables where necessary. No illustration.
- Two volumes. Third edition. Marbled covers, title on spine. Memoir for the Duke of Richmond at the beginning of the first volume. Memoir of Mr Ellman at the beginning of second volume. He was a contributor. Advertisement says 'rapid sale'. A very extensive dictionary, alphabetical order and then very long explanations. Appendix has an agricultural calendar, a horticultural calendar and useful tables. Index.
- Another edition available with marble hardback covers and endpapers.

Baxter, John [?], The library of agricultural and horticultural knowledge; with a memoir of Mr. Ellman, late of Glynde: and an appendix, containing a farmer's and a gardener's calendar; and a collection of useful tables. 1834.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE—630.942-LIB

- Spine title: 'Baxter's library of agricultural and horticultural knowledge'.

Benson, O. H. and George Herbert Betts, Agriculture and the farming business. 1917.

MERL LIBRARY—3523-BEN

- Illustrated with photographs with captions, templates, diagrams.
- Green hardcover. Preface says that this book attempts something that hadn't been accomplished - bringing together a non-technical volume with practical scientific information. Claims that farmers want information on how to apply scientific investigations for success and prosperity. The rest of the preface shows an understanding for farmers, their work and their needs. Book aims to be useful to those living in towns and cities with dreams of a country home. Has specific chapters with sub-chapters, listed on contents page. Subheading written in bold. Has an index.
- DEFRA collection.

Black, J. J., Few-acre farms: their stocking, cropping and general management. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY—3524-BLA

- Photographs.
- Hardback with orange and black dust jacket, spine and back cover are white. Contents page. Index. Adverts.
- Written with 'new recruits' in mind.
- J.J. Black—Smallholding in Surrey. Enjoys taking over derelict holdings and making them profitable. Graduated from Peterhouse, Cambridge with honours in Economic Tripos. Worked in publishing for a short time and then turned to farming. Regular contributor to 'Smallholder' and other publications.

Bliss, George, The fruit grower's instructor; or, A practical treatise on the cultivation and treatment of fruit trees: to which is added, full instructions for forcing, with a list and descriptive account of all the best fruits cultivated in Great Britain; also directions for hothouse building, with the most approved modes of heating by fire and hot water. This will be found a successful guide to the cultivation and forcing of fruits in every department, from the pine downwards, as it comprehends the management of the pinery, vinery, peachery, and other fruit-tree forcing houses with sorts proper for forcing. Also directions for forcing choice plants, &c. therein. Together with full instructions for growing melons, early strawberries, &c. 1841

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE—634.0942-BLI

- Not illustrated. Second edition. Enlarged. Green hardback. Contents page called index but is ordered by page not alphabetical.
- Useful to gentlemen, gardeners, nurserymen, those wanting to cultivate their own gardens.

Boatfield, Graham (editor), The Cassel book of farm study. 1965.

MERL LIBRARY—4340-CAS

- Tables and images.
- Bright orange hardback, black and white writing. Like a textbook with questions at the end of the sections.
- Graham Boatfield agricultural organiser for East Suffolk.

Bond, J. R., Farm labour-saving machines implements & devices. 1916.

DAIRY PAMP—3630-BON 22262

- Diagrams. Pamphlet, blue cover, stapled binding. Paper quality is interesting. Adverts before table of contents. No page break for chapters. Adverts at the end as well, and on the back cover.
- Reprinted by the permission of the County War Agricultural Committee for Derbyshire.
- J.R. Bond, County Agricultural Organiser, County Education Office, Derby.

Bonham-Carter, Victor, Farming the land. 1959.

MERL LIBRARY—3525-BON

- Photos and some drawings.
- Green hardback. Contents, list of illustrations. Subheadings. List of books and index.

Boyd, John, Tools for agriculture: a buyer's guide to low cost agricultural implements. 1976.

MERL LIBRARY--OVERSIZE 3630-BOY

- Oversize, green paperback. Columns with vertical lines. Directory-like content at the back.

Brade-Birks, S. Graham, Modern farming: a practical illustrated guide. 1950.

MERL LIBRARY--3524-BRA

- Drawings embedded in the text. Photographs on separate pages.
- Three volumes. Green hardback, leather, embossed artwork. Foiled spine title. Chapters split into sections. Contents page, list of plates and list of line illustrations in each volume.
- Edited by S. G. B-B. Authors and illustrators for each section, worth revisiting.

Bradley, Edith and Bertha La Mothe, The lighter branches of agriculture. 1903.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-BRA

- Photographs and drawn illustrations.
- Light blue hardback with white title and decoration. Contents page, list of illustrations. Large margins, margin notes. Double columned index.
- Sixth volume of The Woman's Library. Introduction written by the Countess of Warwick. Written by women.
- Bradley - Warden of Lady Warwick College, Studley Castle, Warwick.

Bradley, Richard, Dictionarium botanicum : or, a botanical dictionary for the use of the curious in husbandry and gardening. 1728.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.3-BRA

- Fold out page is only illustration. Two volumes. Beautiful covers. Leather hardback with embossed details like broguing on shoes. Fold out page of labelled plant figures that are discussed in a key.
- Use of Latin in title. Newspaper clipping inside front cover. First ever work of its kind.
- Richard Bradley: Professor of Botany at the University of Cambridge.

Brown, E. T., Your few acres: how to manage them for profitable production. 1925.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-BRO

- Photographs, diagrams, tables.
- Green hardback, title and author embossed with embossed illustration of a farmer. Contents page, useful list of illustrations. Subheadings in bold. Index.
- DEFRA collection.

Brown, Robert, A treatise on agriculture and rural affairs. 1811.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE-- 630.2-BRO

- Pages of figures at the back.

Chapman, Derek H., A farm dictionary. 1953.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-CHA

- Illustrated by Evelyn Dunbar.
- Light green hardback. Definitely a dictionary and not an encyclopaedia.
- Published in association with the YFC.

Clarke, W. H., The farmers and fruit-growers guide. 1897

MERL LIBRARY-- 2376-FAR

- Maps of New South Wales on folded pages. Tables where necessary. Images both drawn and photographed. Diagrams.
- Blue hardcover with title embossed with gold foil, artfully designed. Subheadings, alternates between pictures, tables and text.
- Indexed.

Cobbett, William, Cottage economy: containing information relative to the brewing of beer, making of bread, keeping of cows, pigs, bees, ewes, goats, poultry and rabbits, and relative to other matters deemed useful in the conducting of the affairs of a labourer's family. 1823.

FUSSELL--FC 325

- Frontispiece
- Light brown hardcover, leather. Gold foil spine title. Not the best paper quality, pages aren't lined up at the edges.

Corrigan, Andrew, Theory and practice of modern agriculture; to which is added the breeding, management, & diseases of cattle, sheep, pigs, horses, and poultry. 1859.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-COR

- Illustrated with pictures of livestock.
- Third edition. No cover, titlepage is cover. Begins with opinions of the press. Usual contents page. Whole section of advertising sheets at the back.
- First published in 1853.
- Andrew Corrigan: Curator of the Royal Dublin Society's Agricultural Museum, member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, the Royal Agricultural Improvement Society of Ireland, the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland, the Chemical Society of Dublin.

Cox, Irwin E. B., The farm, garden, stable and aviary: Part 1 The farm. 1869.

MERL LIBRARY--3521-COX

- Not illustrated.
- Second edition. Teal hardback, embossed pattern, foiled title. Chapters and sub-chapters. Index and adverts at the back.

Crozier, William and Peter Henderson, How the farm pays: the experiences of forty years of successful farming and gardening by the authors, William Crozier and Peter Henderson. 1902.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-CRO

- Illustration set within text, drawings not photographs.
- Red hardback with gold foiled title and authorship, embossed pattern along the bottom, only on front. Contents page lists chapters, sub-chapters and has beginning and end page numbers (e.g. 9 to 25 rather than just 9). Glossy off-white pages. Index. Second edition.
- Crozier - preface claims that he has taken more prizes for livestock and farm products than any other working farmer in the country. Dairy farm at Northport, Long Island. Henderson - Senior member of publishing company Peter Henderson & Co. Not a farmer, authority on matters relating to garden work.

Dannatt, William, Practical hints from the notebook of an old farmer. 1914.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-DAN

- Image of Dannatt as frontispiece. Image in the 'Introductory' chapter. One image of Dannat's herd of cows on the page opposite the beginning of the chapter titled 'A farmer and his stock'. Advertisement of Dannat's other book 'Farm Account Book' (eighth edition) and the Home Counties' 'Sugar Beet'.
- Green hardback, small pocketbook size, title in black. Introduction by the Home Counties. Followed by 'Apology' by Dannat. Footnotes.
- Book derived from Dannat's notebooks.

Dexter, Keith and Derek Barber, Farming for profits. 1967.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-DEX

- Four pages of photos in the middle.
- Second edition. Green paperback with black and white photos on cover. Usual contents. Quotes at the start of each chapter. Appendices and index.

Donaldson, John and Robert Scott Burn, Suburban farming: a treatise on the laying out and cultivation of farms adapted to the produce of milk, butter and cheese, eggs, poultry and pigs. 1881.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-DON

- Illustrated.
- Second edition. Green hardback with an interesting texture, black embossed details and writing.

Doyle, Martin, The farmer's manual: a treasury of information on the horse, pony, mule, ass, cow-keeping, sheep, pigs, goat, honey-bee, poultry, etc. 1868 [?]

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE-- 3521-DOY

- Illustrated.
- Red hardback, pocket book size with coloured picture on the front. Chapters and sub-chapters.

Doyle, Martin, Agricultural class book; or, How best to cultivate a small farm and garden, together with hints on domestic economy. 1850.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-MAR

- Illustrated.
- Small black hardback. First section - introductory chapter - is questions and answers.
- H. M. Stationery Office.

Doyle, Martin, A cyclopaedia of practical husbandry and rural affairs in general. 1839.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.3-DOY

- Some small drawings embedded in text.
- Green hardback, embossed pattern on front and back. Spine title: 'Martin Doyle's practical husbandry'. Alphabetical order. No contents or index, already in alphabetical order.
- New edition of this was revised by Rev. Rham. This copy has handwriting on the first page.

Doyle, Martin, Small farms, and how they ought to be managed. 1859.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--3521-DOY

- Not illustrated.
- Orange softcover, title etc. and picture printed in black. Simple contents page.

Duhamel du Monceau, M., The element of agriculture. 1764.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-DUH

- Two volumes.
- Two different translations published within five years. French one - Leatherbound, with markings and gold filigree on spine with title.

Dunster, Henry P., How to make the land pay, or, Profitable industries: connected with the land and suitable to all occupations, large or small. 1885.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-DUN

- Not illustrated.
- Brown hardback. Contents with numbers for chapters only but showing sub-chapters. Index.
- Henry P. Dunster, Vicar of Wood-Bastwick, Norfolk.

Ede, Ronald, Farming: an introduction. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-EDE

- Photographs.
- Hardback with black writing and green for picture. Contents lists chapters with its sub-chapters underneath, list of illustrations.
- Written in 1945.
- Ronald Eade, General editor of Pitman Farming Books. Agricultural Attache to Copenhagen

Ede, Ronald, The principles of agriculture. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY--3524-EDE

- Maps, diagrams, photos.
- Green hardback. Contents lists chapters with its sub-chapters underneath, list of illustrations. Index.
- Reprint. Written for Farm Institute students. Ronald Ede, School of Agriculture, University of Cambridge.

Elkington, W. M., The small-holder's handbook: a guide to the management of small farms and allotments, with detailed advice on the practical side of breeding all kinds of stock, dairying, cultivating arable and grass land, bee-keeping, market gardening, etc. 1912.

MERL LIBRARY--3523-ELK

- Profusely illustrated.
- Burgundy hardback. Usual contents page. Subheadings. Index.

Fisher, John, Farming: practical and scientific. 1940.

MERL LIBRARY--2300-FIS

- Photographs.
- Second edition. Green hardback, title on spine. Contents page, list of illustrations. Index.
- Fisher, Steven scholar in Agriculture at Edinburgh University, late principal of the College of Agriculture, Cedara, Natal.

Fishwick, V. C., Dairy farming: theory and practice. 1962.

MERL LIBRARY--4370-FIS

- Photographs.
- Third edition. Green hardback. Original preface followed by preface for third edition. Two parts, second part is chapters of examples of farms. Appendices, glossary, index.
- Revised by Kenneth Russell.
- Fishwick - Director of the Animal Husbandry Research Station at Wye College, University of London. Russell - Principal at Shuttleworth College.

Fishwick, V. C., Good farming : being information for those who wish to be successful on the land and a review of modern farming practices displayed for all who intend to be good farmers, showing the characteristics of the different branches of the business so that each may choose what suits him best ; together with accounts of a number of farms described by experts, and with a glossary of the more difficult terms used in the book. 1944.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-FIS

- Illustrated by Keith Framlingham and Joan Winchester. All illustrations are drawings.
- Hardback, yellow and green dust jacket with patterned grey endpapers with Bible quote. Contents, list of illustrations. Subheadings are interesting, they have the format of a marginal note except they're on the left, cut into the paragraph like illuminated initial letters in old books. Glossary, index.

- 1947 reprint. Editorial preface by S. Graham Brade-Birks.
- Fishwick, Agricultural College of University of London.

Fishwick, V. C., Farming. 1955.  
MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-FIS

- Illustrated by Joan Winchester and Keith Framlingham.
- Second edition. Blue hardback, smaller than average. Editorial preface, author's preface, editorial note, contents, list of illustrations. Lists sub-chapters under the chapter title. Glossary, index.
- Edited by S. G. B-B.

Forbes, Francis, The extensive practice of the new husbandry, exemplified on different sorts of land, for a course of years; in which the various methods of ploughing, hoeing, harrowing, and manureing; and every other process in agriculture, recommended by Mr. Tull, Sir Digby Legard, Mr. Duff, Mr. Randall, of York; Arthur Young, Esq; and the Complete Farmer, etc. are considered and examined. To which is added an appendix, containing particular directions for practising husbandry in the best manner, and where the drill-plough may be had that is used in it. 1786.  
MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-FOR

- Not illustrated.
- Second edition. Brown hardback, spine title: 'Forbes's new husbandry'. No contents page but there is an Abstract of the Contents.
- Publication of the book was delayed because of Forbes' death.

Forsyth, Robert, The principles and practice of agriculture systematically explained; in two volumes: being a treatise compiled for the fourth edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica. 1804.  
MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-FOR

- Frontispieces in each volume are different, vol 1 is seed-time, vol 2 is harvest. All illustrations at the back of each volume.
- Two volumes. Brown hardback, with detailed spine. Section on theory and then a larger section on practice. Chapters split into sections with subsections within them. Useful marginal notes. Index.
- For the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Freeborn, A. S., Study course in dairying.  
DAIRY COLLECTION--3330-STU

- Ring bound pamphlets. Green card covers. An elaborate series of textbooks.
- Published by the Milk Marketing Board. Intended for students and those interested in dairying.
- Each section has different authors.

Fyfe, William Wallace, Agricultural science applied in practice: forming at once a text book and concise source of scientific and progressive instruction. 1859.  
MERL LIBRARY-- 3521-FYF

- Two fold-out circle tables.
- Green, small hardback, embossed cover, foiled title. Questions and index at the end.

Garrad, G. H., The principles of dairy-farming. 1926.  
MERL LIBRARY--4370-GAR

- Text with a few tables.
- Light green hardback. Bibliography and index.
- Garrad, Agricultural Organiser for Kent.

Garrett, S. D. et al., Farming handbook no. 2. 1943.  
MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-FAR

- Section of photos.



- Blue hardback. Contents, includes author of each chapter like an academic book. Adverts at the back.
- Contents gives job title of all contributors.

Genders, Roy, Profit from the land. 1950.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-GEN

- Some photos.
- Red hardback. Usual contents page, list of illustrations. Subheadings, index.

Gould, Jessica, Deer farming: a handbook for the 1990's. 1990.

MERL LIBRARY OVERSIZE--4530-DEE

- Coloured adverts, black and white photographs.
- Oversize, dark green paperback. Chapters by different authors like an edited academic book. Double columns. Adverts throughout the book.
- Published by the British Deer Farmers' Association.

Green, F. E., Everyman's land and allotment book. 1917.

MERL LIBRARY--3523-GRE

- Cover has full colour illustration. Photos and drawn diagrams. Full page adverts at the front and back.
- Pocketbook size, paperback, orange background with a picture of a farmer on the cover. Book in fair-poor condition, pages are going brown and splitting where they fold. Index at the beginning.
- DEFRA collection.

Green, F. E., First advice to would-be farmers. 1919.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-GRE

- Not illustrated.
- Red hardback, black title. Grainy paper. Contents page. Index.

Greenhill, Michael, A book of farmcraft. 1942.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-GRE

- Illustrations by Evelyn Dunbar who is named on the cover with the author. Heavily illustrated with step-by-step diagrams and comparisons of the right and wrong ways of doing things. Men and women featured in illustrations.
- Bound like a school textbook with two staples. Poor quality paper. Bright green with the title, authorship and diagram being white. Title is printed crookedly. Preface by A.G. Street. No contents page, section headings listed on the back of the book. Subtitled. Index and bibliography on last page.
- FR DX2118: Michael John Greenhill Collection - includes a diary; a notebook about dairy and cheese-making methods. MS 1393 3/6150: Agreement with Evelyn Dunbar and Michael Greenhill - correspondence in 1942. Published by Longmans. This is the Aug 1942 cheap edition, first published in Feb 1942.
- Greenhill - Instructor in Agriculture, Farm Institute, Sparsholt.

Grieve, John, The farmer's assistant and agriculturist's calculator. 1853.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--631.6-GRI

- Livestock on frontispiece. Diagrams. Large sections of tables.
- Not the first edition. Green hardback with plough embossed and foiled on front, patterns embossed on front and back. Title on spine. Yellow endpapers. Contents page. Includes a catalogue of instructive and amusing works for the young.
- Grieve, Engineer and land surveyor.

Gunston, James, The farmers' and farm students' handbook. 1955.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-GUN

- Labelled diagrams of horses' teeth.

- Bright green hardback, title foiled on spine. Chapters, sub-chapters, subheadings.
- Gunston, N.D.A, N.D.D. Wrote a lot of farming books. Formerly Farms Manager for the Earl of Leicester.

Gunston, James, Farming. 194[?].

MERL LIBRARY--3524-GUN

- Navy hardback, patterned blue and cream endpapers. Contents. Format is questions in italics with a paragraph in answer. Index.

Gunston, James, How to run a small farm. 1948.

MERL LIBRARY--3524-GUN

- Beige hardback, pocketbook size. Contents. Index.

Gunston, James, Farming month by month. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY--3524-GUN

- Some photos.
- Sixth edition. Green hardback. Preface, contents, illustrations. Chapters are months.

Gunston, James, Farming to-day and to-morrow. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY--3524-GUN

- Some photos.
- Green hardback. Contents, illustrations. Index.

Henderson, George, Farmer's progress: a guide to farming. 1950.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-HEN

- Some photos. Photographs by F. Henderson. Photo of the author on p 48.
- Green hardback. Contents, list of illustrations. Has some verses in italics. Index.
- Companion to 'The Farming Ladder'.

Henderson, Richard, Manual of agriculture: including the application thereto of chemistry, geology, botany, animal physiology, and meteorology. 1877.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-HEN

- No illustrations, just tables.
- Blue flexible hardcover. No contents page. Text interspersed with tables.
- Very scientific. Won best text-book on agriculture award by the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, 1875.
- Preface says: 'hope that it may be of assistance to young agriculturists'.
- Published with the sanction of the Directors of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.

Hennell, Thomas, Change in the farm. 1934.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3630-HEN

- Illustrations by the author. Diagrams and drawings of scenes on the farm.
- Light terracotta hardback with terracotta front cover illustration. Spine title. List of illustrations. Chapters, subchapters
- Reprinted at least once, second edition also in MERL.

Henry, David, The complete English farmer, or A practical system of husbandry founded upon natural, certain, and obvious principles : in which is comprized a general view of the whole art of agriculture, exhibiting the different effects of cultivating land according to the usage of the old and new husbandry ; the whole exemplified by a series of suitable management from the first apportionment of a farm from the waste; to the time of perfecting it by proper cultivation in every part. To which is added, particular directions for the culture of every species of grain in common use. And a new method of tillage recommended, partaking of the simplicity of the old husbandry, and of all the advantages of the new. Illustrated with plans of the necessary buildings belonging to the farm house; and an attempt to establish a rule for constructing the barns, which may be applied

to all dimensions; also accurate delineations of some newly-invented farming instruments / by a practical farmer, and a friend of the late Mr. Jethro Tull [David Henry]. 1771.

NUPTO--NH 116

- Fold out page with building plan. Page of figures at the back.
- Brown hardback, detailing on edges and spine. First word of next page on the page before.

Hillyard, C., Practical farming and grazing; with observations on the breeding and feeding of sheep and cattle; and tables to compute by measurement the weight of cattle: on the beneficial effects likely to arise to agriculture from railroads; on the working of the new poor laws, on rents, tithes, and corn laws; on the cultivation of waste land; on the rural population of this country, and on improvements commenced in the cultivation of land in Ireland. 1840.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-HIL

- Not illustrated except for frontispiece.
- Third edition. Green hardback. Index at the front, alphabetical order.
- Hillyard, President of the Northamptonshire Farming and Grazing Society.

Hine, H. J., Farm implements. 1940.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 3630-BOX 1/16

- Photographs of implements in use. One drawn diagram of a ploughed field.
- Bound with string, small booklet. Photograph on the cover. Back cover lists other YFC booklets. Contents and index at the front. Questions section at the end. Small bibliography.
- Written for the National Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs. Part of a series. Note on what is meant by implements and how machinery isn't included in the booklet.

Houghton, J. C. W., Rural studies. 1951-53.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-HOU

- Arnold Bond illustrated first and second. Bond and J. Yunge-Bateman illustrated third. C. F. Tunnicliffe and author illustrated fourth. Drawings and photos.
- Four books, all different colours but with the same cover design of a foiled tree and writing. Section of 'things to do' at the end of chapters. Contents but no index.
- Houghton, Lecturer at the City of Leeds Training College.

Hurst, J. W., The practical smallholder: vol. 1: a book of reference for the agriculturist, allotment and market gardener, poultry, dairy, fruit, general and livestock farmer. 1922[?].

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-PRA

- Coloured frontispiece. Drawings are coloured, photographs are black and white. Tables. Four volumes. Red hardback, bigger than average but not folio. Thick paper. Subheadings. Index in last volume only.

Jamieson, Thomas, Science and practice of agriculture: farmer's handbook. 1905.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3360-JAM

- Illustrated with two photographs before introduction. Photographs to show results of experiments. Includes tables and graphs as in scientific reports.
- Green hardcover. Spine title: 'Science and practice of agriculture'. Front title: 'Farmer's handbook'. Scientific - introduction says that the books is based on experiments by the Aberdeenshire Agricultural Research Association. Includes descriptions and explanations.
- DEFRA collection.
- Jamieson, Director of the Aberdeenshire Agricultural Research Association. Formerly lecturer on Agricultural Science and the University of Aberdeen.

Johnson, Cuthbert W., The farmer's encyclopædia, and dictionary of rural affairs; embracing all the most recent discoveries in agricultural chemistry. Adapted to the comprehension of unscientific readers. 1842.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.3-JOH

- Illustrated with wood engravings of the best modern agricultural implements.

- Green hardback, faint embossed image and patterns. Spine title: 'Johnson's farmer's encyclopaedia'.
- Johnson, barrister, editor of the Farmer's Almanac, member of the Agricultural Society of Koningsberg and the Horticultural Society of Maryland.

Johnson, Sherman E. et al., Managing a farm. 1946.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-JOH

- Photos and maps.
- Beige-green hardback. Contents with page numbers for sub-chapters. Index.
- Guide for full-time family farms.

Kains, M. G., Five acres and independence: a practical guide to the selection and management of the small farm. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-KAI

- Section of photos and frontispiece.
- Green hardback. Quotes from Abraham Lincoln and Henry Ford. Contents with sub-chapters listed under the chapter. Purpose of this book. No page breaks for chapters. Quotes at the beginning of each chapter. Index.
- Kains, Special crop culturalist, U.S Department of Agriculture. Head of Horticulture Department, Pennsylvania State College. Horticulture, Agriculture and Botany editor for the 'New International Encyclopedia'. Garden editor for the 'Pictorial Review' and other magazines. Lecturer on Horticulture at Columbia University.

King, Edward, The horse book: being simple rules for managing and keeping a horse kindly, effectively, and advantageously, in the stable and on the road; to which are added, a few words on the horse's eye, foot, and stomach, with hints on draught. 1858.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE-- 4572-KIN

- Diagrams in the end section.
- Lacks covers. Rules are numbered. Bad outcomes of not following rules are written in italics after the rule itself. Sections on the foot, the eye and the stomach after the rules.

Lawson, A., The farmer's practical instructor; shewing all the latest and most approved methods of cultivating the vegetable & animal productions of agriculture. Embracing every subject of information necessary to constitute the complete farmer. 1827.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-LAW

- Portrait of author as frontispiece. Some diagrams.
- Hardback. No page numbers on contents page, centred text.

Layton, C. J., Smallholdings for all. 1942.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-LAY

- Illustrated.
- Green hardback. Normal contents page. Calendar at the back which is a monthly timeline with historical dates, occasions and what you should do that month, followed by a general calendar which tells you what to do that month.

Lloyd, Walford E., Hints to farm pupils. 1919

MERL LIBRARY--3523-LLO

- Not illustrated.
- Brown paperback, black writing. Poor quality paper. Contents page. Index.
- Lloyd, lieutenant.

Long, James, The small farm and its management. 1920.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-LON

- Not illustrated.
- Second edition. Sky blue hardback. Usual contents page. Index.

- Member of the Small Holdings Committee. Member of the Executive Committee of the Central Chamber of Agriculture. Chairman of the London Dairy Show. Professor in the Royal Agricultural College. Danish and Dutch medallist.

Long, James and John Watson, A handbook for farmers and small holders. 1892.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-LON

- Not illustrated.
- Green hardback, foiled title. Contents shows two parts, no index.

Low, David, Elements of practical agriculture; comprehending the cultivation of plants, the husbandry of the domestic animals, and the economy of the farm. 1834.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-LOW

- Occasional diagram.
- Green hardback, spine title: 'Low's elements of practical agriculture'. Sections, chapters, sub-chapters on the contents page. Index.
- Low, Professor of Agriculture at the University of Edinburgh.

Lowe, L.T., The students handbook to farming. 1946[?]

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-LOW

- Some photos.
- Red hardback, thin. Glossy pages. Set out like an exercise book with subheadings and bulletpoints. Index followed by BBC advert.
- Edited by G. H. Purvis.
- Purvis - M.B.E, F.C.S, principal of the Monmouthshire Institute of Agriculture and Agricultural Organiser for the County of Monmouthshire.
- Lowe - B.Sc, F.R.I.C, N.D.A, senior lecturer in Agricultural Science. His work had been used by the Ministry of Agriculture before.

Lowe, L.T., The students handbook to foundations of animal feeding. 1948.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4340-LOW

- Graphs, tables, diagrams.
- Red hardback, thin. Chapters set into parts. Glossary, index.
- Edited by G. H. Purvis.
- Lowe - Vice-principal and senior lecturer in Agricultural Science at the Monmouthshire Institute of Agriculture.
- Purvis - Principal of the Monmouthshire Institute of Agriculture and Agricultural Organiser for the County of Monmouthshire.

Lund, H. Blair, Questions answered on how to start a farm. 1948.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-LUN

- Some photos.
- Very small hardback. Contents with page range. Questions in bold, answers normal font. Advertises for other 'Questions answered' books in series.

Lyth, Philip, Farm crafts today. 1962.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3660-LYT

- Many photographs, instructional.
- Red hardback, thin. Glossy pages. Further reading section.
- Lyth, Principal at the Nottinghamshire Farm Institute.

Mackintosh, James, The feeding of dairy cows. 1955.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPH BOX—4370

- Corporate author: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Mackintosh, James, Cows and milk. 1949.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 4370-BOX 1/05

- Photographs.
- Bright yellow cover with black writing and a black and white photograph of cows. Contents and bibliography at the end. Index at the back.
- Written for the YFC. Part of the same series as 'Farm Implements'.

Malden, W. J., Actual farming: its processes and practice. 1925.

MERL LIBRARY--3523-MAL

- A few tables. A diagram in vol. 2 to show the terms for turning a horse-drawn plough and the degrees of turning. Illustrations of plants at the end of vol. 3.
- Green hardback, thick paper. Three volumes: 1. The farm: its nature & treatment, 2. Croppings, pastures & weeds, 3. Livestock, labour & marketing. References McConnell's 'Agricultural Note Book' in the preface of vol. 1. Chapters have ample sub-chapters listed on the contents page. Preface and index in each volume.
- Ex-principal at Uckfield and Hollesley Agricultural Colleges, Judge for R.A.S.E (Royal Agricultural Society of England) and other leading societies.

Mansfield, W. S., Farming talks. 1944.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-MAN

- Some photos.
- Green hardback. Contents. Adverts at the back.
- Foreword by the Right Hon. the Earl De La Warr.
- Mansfield - Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, director of the Cambridge University Farm. De La Warr - Chairman of the Agricultural Research Council.

Massingham, H. J., Country relics: An account of some old tools and properties once belonging to English craftsmen and husbandmen saved from destruction and now described with their users and their stories. 1939.

MERL LIBRARY-- 5630-MAS

- Illustrations by Thomas Hennell.
- Publisher's original brown cloth with dust jacket.

Mathews, Miss A., Simple guide to buttermaking. 1905.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET--4390-BOX 1/07

- Diagrams and drawn illustrations.
- Stapled little booklet. Adverts on inside of covers.
- Published by the Dairy Supply Co. Ltd. Suitable amount of science for a beginner.

Mattick, A. T. R., The handling of milk and milk products. 1937.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4370-MAT

- Graphs, tables.
- Fifth edition. Coloured paperback, bound but it has come apart. Adverts at the front and back. Chapters, sub-chapters, sub-sub-chapters. References.
- Corporate author: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

Maycock, S. A., Livings from the land: a review of the countryside's openings and opportunities. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-MAY

- Frontispiece is a photo of a Land Girl. Photos have long captions.
- Green hardback. Contents, list of illustrations. Footnote. Index. Adverts at the back.
- Maycock, Editor of 'The Smallholder'.

Maycock, S. A., The smallholder's guide. 1950.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-SMA

- Some adverts. Not illustrated.

- Burgundy hardback. Bound in landscape format with spine along shorter edge. Contents. Pages alternate between portrait and landscape as works best for the tables. Index.

McConnell, Primrose, *The agricultural notebook: facts and figures for farmers, students and all engaged or interested in farming.* 1953.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3525-MAC

- Illustrated with maps for weather patterns. Tables. Twelfth edition. Teal hardcover, pocketbook size, thick.
- Contents then list of tables. Subheadings in a variety of fonts. One folded in page for a table. Index and then blank pages with the heading 'notes'.
- Foreword by Sir Richard Haddon.

McConnell, Primrose, *The complete farmer.* 1911.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-MCC

- Illustrated with photographs and diagrams.
- Khaki hardback. Contents page with sub-chapters listed. List of illustrations. Index.
- Fellow of the Geological Society, fellow of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, examination member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, farmer.

McLennan, John, *A manual of practical farming.* 1910.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-MCL

- Illustrated with drawings of plants and crops, photographs of livestock and tables.
- Green hardback with writing printed in white and crops printed in dark green on front cover and spine. Contents page and list of illustrations.
- Defra Collection. American.
- McLennan, Ph. M (Masters of Philosophy) Superintendent of farms at the New York State School of Agriculture.

Mechi, J. J., *How to farm profitably: or, The sayings & doings of Mr. Alderman Mechi.* 1859.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3521-MEC

- Some illustration.
- Orange hardback, writing in black. No contents page. Index.
- Signed by Mechi[?] Two other editions after this.

Miller, Philip, *The gardeners dictionary: containing the best and newest methods of cultivating and improving the kitchen, fruit, flower garden and nursery; as also for performing the practical parts of agriculture: including the management of vineyards, with the methods of making and preserving the wine, according to the present practice of the most skilful vigneron in the several wine countries of Europe. Together with directions for propagating and improving from real practice and experience, all sorts of timber trees.* 1759.

RESERVE LARGE FOLIO—125

- Illustrated with copper plates. Classical scene for frontispiece.
- Seventh edition, copper plates not in former editions. Printed in double columns. Very large. Title on spine. Pages of numbered plant illustrations with a key saying what they are.
- Index of Latin names and colloquial (?) names.

Mills, James and Thomas Shaw, *The first principles of agriculture.* 1890.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-MIL

- Illustrated.
- Dark green hardback, slightly smaller than average. Title and pictures embossed and printed in black, covers have an interesting texture. Contents page. Subheadings.
- Canadian. Printed for use in public schools in Ontario.
- Mills - President of Ontario Agricultural College
- Shaw - Professor of Agriculture at Ontario Agricultural College.

*The farmers' handbook.* 1922.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-NEW

- Frontispiece photograph. Folded up, coloured maps. Diagrams stuck to pages and folded, not bound. Tables and photographs.
- Fourth edition. Red hardback with gold foiling for title on front and spine, 'Department of Agriculture New South Wales' printed on the front also. Farmer's Calendar at the back, what to do in each month. Followed by a Planting Table. Index.
- Issued by direction of the Minister of Agriculture, The Hon. F.A. Chaffey. Compiled by W.H. Brown.

The standard cyclopedia of modern agriculture and rural economy. 1912.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-STA

- Illustrated
- Double columns.
- Enterprise binding note: 'Publisher's original blue cloth, cover design in the style of Talwin Morris, certainly by Morris's assistant Archie A. Campbell. Title in light blue at top within double border of light blue. Scene of a figure with horse-drawn plough on the brow of a hill, field below with half sun and array of sun rays in gilt above set within a frame of double thin and thick lines in light blue. Two square dots on each side above title in light blue, matched with two elongated square dots below above a long oblong all in light blue; two small squares of light blue set below title; spine in the same style.'
- Twelve volumes.
- No contents or list of plates, contents arranged in alphabetical order.
- Authorship listed as: by the most distinguished authorities and specialists under the editorship of Professor Sir Robert Patrick Wright.

Farm management: manual on the preparation of national and regional handbooks for use in farm management advisory work. 1958.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3530-FAR

- Tables and diagrams.
- Red hardcover bound like a file.
- Corporate author: European Productivity Agency. Looks to be for accomplished farmers rather than an introductory manual.

Handbook of agriculture: facts and figures for farmers, students and all engaged, or interested in farming. 1961.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3550-HAN

- Tables.
- Black hardback, small pocketbook size, very thick. Chapters, sub-chapters, subheadings. Appendix, index.
- Corporate author: Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Animal management 1933.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4340-GRE

- Drawings, photographs, embedded in the text.
- Red hardback. Pages for notes. Index.
- Prepared in the Veterinary Department of the War Office. 1908 edition also available.

Collected leaflets on dairying and cheese making. 1927.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4390-MIN

- One page of photographs showing the findings of an experiment.
- Third edition. Paperback, stapled. Adverts at front and back, including back cover. Chapters, heading and subheadings.
- Corporate author: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Printed by His Majesty's Stationery Office Press.

Manual of horsemastership, equitation and animal transport. 1937.



MERL LIBRARY-- 4572-MAN

- Photographs and drawings.
- Red hardback, cardboard.
- Corporate author: War Office.

An outline of book-keeping for manufacturers of dairy products. 1939.

MERL LIBRARY DAIRY PAMPHLET--3530-OUT 22751

- Includes tables as guides on how to book-keep correctly.
- Index at start with page and paragraph numbers. Paper booklet, not for selling.
- Corporate author: Milk Marketing Board. Written for dairy farmers.

The compleat farmer: a compendium of do-it-yourself, tried and true practices for the farm, garden & household. 1975.

MERL LIBRARY OVERSIZE 2262-COM

- Black and white images embedded in the text.
- Oversize, red paperback. Triple columns. Index.
- Compiled by the Main Street Press ; introduction by Charles van Ravenswaay.

Low cost dairying. 1964.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4370 LOW

- Corporate author: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Growing food for health and profit: a guide for all who dig for plenty in their gardens and allotments. 1947.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPH BOX 4752

- Prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

How to get the best out of farm machinery. 1958.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 3630-BOX 3/06

- Cartoonish illustrations.
- Small booklet, orange with black drawing that continues from front to back cover. No contents page or introduction, goes straight into the text.
- Corporate authors: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Central Office of Information. Published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

Making the dairy herd pay. 195-[?].

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 4370-BOX 1/16

- Drawn illustrations.
- Series of booklets, not complete. Green covers.
- A series issued by the Silcock Advisory Service.

Let's look at dairying. 1994.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 4370-BOX 2/01

- Photographs and drawn illustrations. Illustration of children asking a farmer questions.
- Bright yellow cover with red writing and a drawing on the front cover. Question and answers section at the back.
- Corporate author: National Dairy Council. Reads like a children's book – simple style.

Horse owner's guide [3 parts]. 193-[?].

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 4572-BOX 1/13

- Illustrated with adverts.
- Blue cover, black writing, portrait of a horse. Thin pages. Contents, bibliography. Adverts throughout, chapters written by different people. Member application form at the back.
- DEFRA collection. Corporate author: National Horse Association of Great Britain.

The farm implement shed. 1980.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 3592-BOX 2/34

- Diagrams of building plans.
- Small, double columned leaflet. Folded over, not bound.
- Reprinted in 1981. Published by the Ministry of Agriculture.

A cyclopedia of agriculture, practical and scientific; on which the theory, the art and the business of farming, are thoroughly and practically treated. 1856.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE-- 630.3-CYC

- Illustrated, steel engravings. Sometimes small surrounded by text, sometimes full pages.
- Two volumes. Not marbled but a similar effect on covers, hardback, green spine. Calendar before introduction.
- Authorship listed as: by upwards of fifty of the most eminent practical and scientific men of the day, edited by John C. Morton.

A general dictionary of husbandry, planting, gardening, and the vegetable part of the materia medica; with the description, use and medicinal virtues of the several herbs, flowers, roots, &c. / selected from the best authorities by the editors of the Farmer's magazine. 1779.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE 630.3-GEN

- Not illustrated.
- Two volumes. Hardback, very thick covers, squared edges. Marble pattern endpapers. Criss-cross pattern embossed on the cover. Spine has embossed filigree. Spine title: 'Dictionary of husbandry'. Printed in double column.
- Selected from the best authorities, by the Editors of the Farmer's Magazine.

Introduction to practical farming: an elementary text book for use in Irish national schools. 1896.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-INT

- Illustrated.
- Green hardback. Contents with chapters and sub-chapters, index.
- For the use of teaching in Irish schools.

Agricultural pamphlets, 1918-19. 1918.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-AGR

- Illustrated.
- Brown hardback. No contents or index. Pamphlets bound together. Questions at the end of each section/pamphlet.
- Corporate author: Khaki University of Canada.

Market-day lectures, 1904-5: being abstracts of addresses to farmers, delivered in the County Technical Laboratories, Chelmsford, on Friday afternoons during the winter months. 1905 [?].

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-ESS

- Not illustrated.
- Small booklet of plain typed pages bound with a slide binder. Contents page.
- Transcript. Preface suggests a plan to have further editions.
- Corporate author: Essex Education Committee.

Farming to-day broadcasts: a series of agricultural education and technical development broadcast talks. 1942 [?]

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-FAR

- Some photos.
- Chapters for each broadcast/interview.
- BBC broadcast talks. Vols. 1,2,3,6,7 in MERL. (1942,43,45,48,50).

Five to one on the land: broadcast talks on agriculture. 1942.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-FIV

- No illustrations.
- Contents/chapters are named for the speaker.

- BBC broadcast talks. Foreword by the Minister of Agriculture.

Newman, L. F., The rural craftsman and his tools. 1940.

MERL LIBRARY PAMPHLET 3630-BOX 2/14

Newsham, J. C., Farming made easy: a handbook for farmers and smallholders. 1919.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-NEW

- Advertises at the front and back. Some drawings.
- Second edition. Green hardback with title and author printed in black. Paper quality is worth noting but I don't know how to describe it. Contents page and list of illustrations. Subchapters. Index.
- Newsham, F.L.S (Fellow of the Linnean Society of London?). Principal of the Monmouthshire Agricultural and Horticultural Institution. Author of a lot of books.

Norris, William J. Caton, Life and work on the land: practical notes on agriculture, livestock, pastures, estate repairs, bungalow building, etc. 1926.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-NOR

- No illustrations.
- Bright green thin hardback, title and author printed in black. Notes in brief section at the end.
- DEFRA collection.

Phillips, T. A., An agricultural notebook: (with special reference to Nigeria). 1964.

MERL LIBRARY-- 2296-PHI

- Includes tables when useful and necessary as well as mathematical formulas. One diagram on page 169.
- Pocketbook size, paperback, green and brown horizontal stripes. Second edition. First edition published in 1954. Preface: Begins with the preface to the second edition -parts have been "substantially revised" from the first edition because of new information. Followed by the preface of the first edition. Chapters are split into subheadings for each type of crop or animal. This is then organised in a dictionary-like manner with a word in bold and a description. Not in alphabetical order, order of importance assumed. Has references and an index.
- Has a stamp on the front suggesting that the book was part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's library in Jan 1965, the year after the publication of the book. Published by Longman's of Nigeria.
- Phillips, O.B.E, B.Sc. Formerly Director of Agriculture, Eastern Region, Nigeria.

Porter, Valerie, Enterprises for the smallholder. 1988.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3526-POR

- Illustrated with photographs.
- Orangey-beige hardback. Contents page lists sub-chapters. Has textboxes with grey backgrounds among the normal writing. Index.
- Female author.

Rankine, W. Francis, Farm and field: a country reader for senior scholars. 1909.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-RAN

- Frontispiece is photograph. Illustrated. Chapter titles are illustrated. Photographs.
- Green hardback. Contents.

Ransome, James Allen, The implements of agriculture. 1843.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--3630-RAN

- Extensively illustrated.
- Brown hardback, title on spine. Has note written in the front from the author. Contents page lists all of the implements he talks about with a page number, but in the text he doesn't use

subheadings for them, it's just continuous writing, page numbers correspond to the illustrations. Index.

- Says in preface 'implements of past and present use'. Appendix is interesting, timeline showing patents.

Rham, Rev. W. L., The dictionary of the farm. 1844.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3519-RHA

- Some illustration, tables, building plans.
- Hardcover, embossed with swirly patterns. Spine missing (part of it tucked inside book) reveals reused paper underneath. Second edition, supplement to the first edition at the end. Double column.
- Book is part of a series called 'Knight's books of reference'. Knight was the publisher. Newspaper cutout stuck to inside cover (mention of Professor Jamieson). Paper stuck to the first page with a Shrewsbury address on it, corner shows that it was cut from an envelope (part of a stamp). Book 'Outlines of Flemish Husbandry' also in the MERL collection.
- Rham, Vicar in Winkfield, Berkshire. Introduction is about his life. Died within a month of completing the book. Born in Utrecht in 1778, came to England in early life, studied medicine at Edinburgh but decided on a profession in the church so went to Trinity College, Cambridge. He died unmarried in Winkfield in 1843. Founded a school in Winkfield where the boys kept the garden and the produce was sold. The school had a field for agricultural use so the boys could learn husbandry under the guidance of Rham who was 'well known as an accomplished agriculturalist. Rham was a scientific agriculturist and his understanding of various languages gave him access to foreign agricultural practices. Active member of the council and committees of the Royal Society of Agriculture.

Russell, Sir E. J. et al., Farming handbook. 1942.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-FAR

- Section of photos.
- Blue hardback. Contents, includes author of each chapter like an academic book. List of illustrations. Advertises at the back.
- Contents gives job title of all contributors.

Seymore, D. J., Handbook for farmers in South Africa. 1937.

MERL LIBRARY-- 2300-HAN

- Diagrams, maps, photographs.
- Third edition. Large hardback, title printed in black. Double columned contents page.
- Issued in English and Afrikaans by the direction of the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.
- Printed by the South African government.

Sheldon, J. P., British dairying: a handy volume on the work of the dairy farm for the use of students in agricultural colleges, dairy colleges and dairy schools and for farmers and dairymen elsewhere. 1908.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4370-SHE

- Photographs and drawn diagrams.
- Green hardback with navy writing. Pink endpapers. Centred contents page. Index.
- Professor of Agriculture at The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester and professor of Dairying at the College of Agriculture, Dominion and special commissioner of the Canadian Government.

Sheldon, J. P., Practical dairy farming. 1893.

MERL LIBRARY-- 4730-SHE

- Reprint of the first 9 chapters of 'The farm and the dairy'.

Sherer, John, Rural life described and illustrated, in the management of horses, dogs, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, etc., etc.: their treatment in health and disease, with authentic information on

all that relates to modern farming, gardening, shooting, angling, etc., etc.: and a complete system of modern veterinary practice. 1868.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE—3521-SHE

- Illustrated with steel engravings, over 100. Word illustrated in the title.
- Leather bound, spine title: 'Rural life'. Very large book. No contents page. Index.
- Covers ancient history to modern times. Chapters for each animal.

Skirving, William, The husbandmans' assistant; containing the employments and instructions to which a judicious and practical farmer would urge the attention of a son, whom he wishes to make a complete husbandman; and the objects of attention in entering upon leases of ground, and in managing them to the best advantage. 1792.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-SKI

- Not illustrated.
- Brown hardback, spine title: 'Skirving's husbandry'. Blue book edge. First word from next page printed at the bottom of the previous page. Contents doesn't include page numbers.

Slee, Bill, Alternative farm enterprises: a guide to alternative sources of income for the farmer. 1989.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3526-SLE

- Photograph on front cover, drawings on the back. Illustrated with photographs.
- Second edition. Hardback with photo of landscape and title. Content with chapters and sub-chapters numbered. List of figures, list of tables. Appendix II is list of organisations followed by index.
- Senior lecturer in the Agricultural and Rural Economics Department of the School of Agriculture at Aberdeen University.

Smith, Frederick D. and Barbara Wilcox., Living in the country. 1940.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3524-SMI

- Illustrated by Norman J. Dakers (he also wrote chapter XV). Drawn frontispiece.
- Turquoise green hardback. Red spine title. Index.
- Always the two authors together.

Smith, Guy N., Practical country living. 1988.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3526-SMI

- Photograph of author and his wife, after contents page (frontispiece?). Photos.
- Blue hardback. Contents/chapters split into parts. Subheadings. Appendix of useful addresses and index.

Spencer A. J. and J. B. Passmore, Handbook of the collections illustrating agricultural implements and machinery: a brief survey of the machines and implements which are available to the farmer with notes on their development. 1930.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3630-SPE

- Photographs on full pages, not within text because of the different paper used.
- Thin paperback, bigger than an average book. Light green with dark green illustration and black title. Contents and list of illustrations.
- Subheadings for definitions but not as a format. Almost like a book of reviews or explanations of the various machinery in the collection of the Science Museum.
- Corporate author: Science Musuem and Board of Education. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.
- Passmore - connection to University of Reading.

Sproule, John, A treatise on agriculture, comprehending the nature, properties, and improvement of soils; the structure, functions, and cultivation of plants; and the husbandry of the domestic animals of the farm. 1842.

MERL LIBRARY RESERVE--630.2-SPR

- Illustrated with diagrams, building plans.

- Second edition. Green hardback, deeply embossed vertical lines and pattern, spine title: 'Sproule's treatise on agriculture'. Chapters, sub-chapters.

Stephens, Henry, Stephen's Book of the farm: dealing exhaustively with every branch of agriculture. 1909.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-STE

- Large section of photographs of livestock in the third volume, probably because of the different paper used.
- Three volumes. Fifth edition, largely rewritten by James Macdonald. Dark green big hardback, gold foil spine title. Contents page and index per volume. Double columns.

Stephens, Henry, The book of the farm. Division 1: detailing the labours of the farmer, farm-steward, ploughman, shepherd, hedger, farm-labourer, field-worker and cattle-man. 1889.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-STE

- Illustrated.
- Fourth edition. Green hardback with red spine and foiled cart. Virgil quote at the beginning, followed by frontispiece portrait of Stephens with signature. Double columned. Subheadings. Six 'divisions'.
- Stephens - corresponding member of the National and Central Society of Agriculture of France, the Agricultural Society of Galicia, the Agricultural Institute of Goregoretzk in Russia, the Royal Agricultural Society of Sweden, the Royal Improvement Society of Norway. Macdonald - editor (?) of the 'Farming World'.

Stephens, Henry, Stephens' Catechism of practical agriculture. 1895.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-STE

- Illustrated
- Green paperback with embossed pattern and texture. Double columned contents page, split into seasons.
- Edited by Macdonald.

Tanner, Henry, Jack's education, or, How he learnt farming. 1879.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-TAN

- Not illustrated.
- Black hardback, interesting texture, foiled title. Contents page.
- Interesting style of writing. For education but uses characters. Children's book.
- Professor. Senior member of the Royal Agricultural College, Examiner in the Principles of Agriculture under the government Department of Science.

Tanner, Henry, Elementary lessons in the science of agricultural practice. 1893.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-TAN

- Not illustrated.
- Green hardback, textured, pocketbook size. No contents page but there are chapters. Bold lettering for key words. Index.

Tanner, Henry, First principles of agriculture. 1887.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3522-TAN

- Not illustrated
- Sixth edition. Discoloured light blue hardback, very small. Prefaces to first and sixth edition. Contents with page numbers and paragraph numbers. Bold lettering for key words.

Taylor, Henry C. and H. R. Tolley and J. W. Tapp, Practical farm economics. 1924.

MERL LIBRARY-- 3523-TAY

- Photographs.
- Dark green hardback. Contents. Use of italics. No index.
- Taylor - Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Tolley - Agricultural Economist. Tapp - Associate Agricultural Economist.

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- Taylor - Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, expert of the British Bee-keepers' Association, headmaster of Higher Rural School, Lincolnshire, instructor to the Lindsey Handicraft Classes for Teachers. Rayner - Headmaster of Hibaldstow School, Brigg, instructor to the Lindsey Handicraft Classes for Teachers.

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Webb, Henry J., Elementary agriculture: a text-book specially adapted to the requirements of the science and art department the junior examination of the Royal Agricultural Society and other elementary examinations. 1891.

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- Webb, PhD, BSc. Principal of the Agricultural College at Aspatria. First in the first class at the National Competition of Teachers of Agricultural Science 1887. First class honours at London University. Gold medallist. Honours in Agriculture Science and Art Department and lecturer on Agriculture to the county councils of Cumberland and Lancashire.

Whitlock, Ralph, Farming as a career. 1959.

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Wilkinson, John W., Practical agriculture: a brief treatise on agriculture, horticulture, forestry, stock feeding, animal husbandry and road building. 1909.

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Williams, Ann, Backyard farming. 1978.

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Williams, D. D., Agriculture for Welsh farmers. 1904.

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Wilson, Archibald, The small landholders' guide. 1913.

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- Red hardback with orange title. Contents in parts.

Wilson, Rev. John M., The rural cyclopedia, or a general dictionary of agriculture, and of the arts, sciences, instruments, and practice necessary to the farmer, stockfarmer, gardener, forester, landsteward, farrier. 1850.

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Woll, F. W., A handbook for farmers and dairymen. 1914.

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Worldidge, John, Dictionarium rusticum & urbanicum, or a dictionary of all sorts of country affairs, handicraft, trading and merchandizing. 1704.

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- Wright, Professor of Agriculture at Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.

Wrightson, John, The principles of agricultural practice as an instructional subject. 1888.

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- Wrightson, examiner in Agriculture to the Science and Art Department. Professor of Agriculture in the Normal School of Science and Royal School of Mines. President of the College of Agriculture, Downton nr. Salisbury. Commissioner for the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Wrightson, John, Agricultural text-book, embracing soils, manures, rotations of crops and live stock: adapted to the requirements of the syllabus of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. 1897[?].

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