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KEEPING FOXES HEALTHY
IS SUBJECT OF LEAFLET

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Fox farmers, a group whose numbers are steadily increasing in the United States and Canada, are told how to keep their foxes in good health in a leaflet, "Hygiene in Fox Farming," just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In the leaflet, the author, Dr. Karl B. Hanson of the Bureau of Biological Survey, director of the U. S. Fur-Animal Experiment Station at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., says that control of contagious diseases is one of the great problems in fox farming, but that it is possible to prevent many diseases by maintaining conditions most conducive to the health of the animals. As sick foxes frequently show no apparent symptoms of disease until after their condition becomes serious, it is better to try to prevent diseases than to attempt to cure them, says the leaflet.

The leaflet discusses the relation of climate, shade, and soil, and other factors to the health of foxes raised on fur farms, and treats from the standpoint of hygiene the matter of the location of the farm, pens and kennels, feeds and feeding, and disinfection. No attempt is made to discuss the diseases of foxes or treatment of them, but attention is called to some simple measures of hygiene and sanitation that may be applied to advantage by any fox farmer.

The leaflet, No. 47-L, may be obtained free from the Office of Information, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as there is a supply available for free distribution. In sending request, give number and full title.

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