Farm, Garden and Household.

Domestic Recipes.

MOUNTAIN CAKE.—One cup sugar, two eggs, half cup butter, half cup milk or water, two of flour, teaspoonful cream tartar, half teaspoonful soda, nutmeg.

SPICED FRUITS.—To seven pounds of fruit add three pounds of sugar, one pint of vinegar, and a tablespoonful of every kind of spice—cloves, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

SILVERING AND GILDING WHEAT EARS.—Gold and silver shells may be purchased at artists' furnishing stores. A solution of gum arabic and a camel's hair brush are used in applying silver or gilt.

PUDDING SAUCE.—Four tablespoons of sugar, two tablespoons of butter, one tablespoon of flour beaten to a cream. Add the white of an egg beaten to a froth, and pour into the whole a gill of boiling water, stirring it very fast. Flavor with lemon, rose water, nutmeg or wine.

TO PRESERVE CLOTHING PINS.—They should be boiled a few moments and quickly dried once or twice a month, when they become more flexible and durable. Cloth lines will last longer and keep in better order for wash-day service, if occasionally treated in the same manner.

CORN FRITTERS.—Young, sweet corn, pepper, salt, nutmeg, butter hot in the pan. Grate the corn from the cobs into a basin, season and drop by spoonfuls into the pan, and fry until brown. This is a delicious breakfast relish, but requires a considerable time to prepare.

TEA CAKE.—One cup white sugar, half a cup butter, one cup sweet milk, one egg, one-half teaspoonful soda, one of cream tartar, and flour enough to make it like soft gingerbread. Flavor with the juice of a small lemon. This makes a good-sized loaf.

GINGER COOKIES.—One cup of molasses, one-half cup of sugar, two-thirds up of butter, one-half cup of water, one egg, two teaspoonfuls of saleratus, one-half teaspoonful of alum, one teaspoonful of ginger, flour enough to roll out soft. Bake quick.

FILTER FOR CISTERN WATER.—Perforate the bottom of a wooden box with a number of small holes; place inside a piece of flannel covered with coarsely-powdered charcoal, over this coarse river sand, and on this small pieces of sandstone.

Stacking Corn Fodder.

Considerable care is required to stack corn fodder in such a manner as to prevent waste. It requires not only to be put up so that it is safe from the weather and the ravages of vermin, but that a part may be taken down for use without exposing the remainder to damage. In the ordinary stack the fodder is taken from the top, and when a part is removed for use the rest of the stack is left without covering. A stack built upon the ground immediately becomes the prey of innumerable rats and mice, by which it is not only cut up and destroyed to a large extent, but what is not directly destroyed is so soiled as to become almost unfit for use. Now that the value of the corn fodder is becoming more widely recognized, means are to be taken to preserve it more effectually. In very rare cases is there room beneath the barn roof for it, and it is necessarily stacked out.

A long stack built in sections, which will contain the whole supply, is preferable to any other plan. It may be built along the north side of the barn yard, or any other exposed side, and may be made to serve as a valuable shelter.

By setting posts in the ground and placing beams or poles upon them with a loose flooring of rails as a foundation, the double purpose may be served. The open bottom giving free access for air will tend to ventilate the stack, and if an opening be made, either by placing a few rails fastened together in the centre, or by placing the bundles a few inches apart in the centre, there will be no danger of the corn becoming mouldy. The posts should be dressed smoothly, so that vermin cannot mount them, and if they do succeed in gaining a temporary occupation, it will soon be terminated if a cat is allowed to range around the premises.

The stack is to be built so that the bundles of fodder do not bind lengthways, and that it may be opened at one end and taken down piecemeal, as, indeed, it is put up. Each day's supply may be thrown down, and no part of the stack can be exposed long enough to become injured.

Thoughts on Thrashing.

If there are 500 bushels of grain to be thrashed, it will pay a farmer to own a machine. But if the farmer cannot possess a machine and must hire the thrashing done, there are a few things which he should consider. If this job is to be done, it were well that it were done quickly. The sooner it is out of the way now the better. The straw should be carefully stacked that it may be used with economy as litter. When thoroughly soaked and intermingled with the droppings of the cattle it soon rots and becomes available as manure. Otherwise it will resist decomposition for many months or years. The refuse grain from the screens should be carefully gathered, boiled, and fed to hogs or poultry, that the weed seeds among it may be destroyed. Many pestiferous weeds are spread over a farm by neglect of this precaution.

Before the grain is stored in the granary the bins should be carefully swept out and all the rubbish burned. There will probably be many weevil among it. The walls should then be washed in boiling hot lime wash, especially the cracks and crevices, which should receive extra attention. Finally, it should be remembered that as soon as grain is thrashed it begins to shrink in weight and substance, and if withheld from market for higher prices, an advance of 25 per cent. would not be more than an equivalent for the shrinkage and waste. If this advance is gained things are simply even, but if not, the holder gains just so great a loss.

Strange Cattle Disease.

A cattle disease, of so disagreeable a nature that it causes the animals affected by it to commit suicide, has broken out on the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorous, and has been officially reported at Constantinople. It is characterized by frothing at the mouth, running from the eyes and nose, a total loss of appetite, great heat, and a thirst so insupportable that some of the beasts attacked by the illness cast themselves headlong into adjacent rivers and streams, and are drowned. The disease has been in existence for upwards of a month in several villages of the upper Bosphorus and Scutaril. It attacks bullocks and cows exclusively.

Christmas 1873.

Another twelvemonth has rolled around and again Christmas comes burdened with its holiday goods, exchanging the compliments of the season with its thousands of friends. It seems but yesterday that, under the holly, we clasped hands in the evening of '72 '73. What was then the unknown future is now the known past. Like a panorama it has slowly, yet how swiftly, beed unfolded to us, and, though now hidden from sight, our good and bad deeds alike are indelibly engraven upon it and visible ever when memory calls. To how many is the canvas bright? and to how many is it darkened by pictures they would give half their lives to efface? But as it is it must stand, and, bright or dark, the lessons it teaches are those set by ourselves, and for their result we are solely responsible. We shall soon begin another work. The surface to-day is clear and white as snow. Let us determine what we shall put upon it. To all of us, whatever our condition, the Christmas season must bring some joy. It is difficult to conceive of a spirit so clouded that none of the Christmas sunshine reaches it. The bright rays make their way into the obscurest alleys. It may be that they are warmer in the mansions of the rich, but are not the remembrances they awaken fraught with joy even in the hovels of the poor? The duty of those to whom fortune has been kind toward those it has passed by unnoticed is more than ever pressing now. There is no place for the uncharitable in the Christmas season. If the morning breaks upon us blessed with happy homes, we know that it breaks upon thousands who have not where to lay their heads. If we remember Him whose birth these hours commemorate we shall not forget our duty or mistake the path it points out. If we are just to those in our immediate employ, kind to suffering we already know of, we shall not fail to make our Christmas an hundred fold more joyous than, if wrapping our mantles around us, we shut our doors, our hearts, our purses, against all.

Will Not Give Her Up.

Captain-General Jovellar, of Cuba, telegraphed to the Madrid Government a dispatch showing the state of feeling on the island relative to the surrender of the Virginius:

The Madrid Government peremptorily orders the Captain-General to deliver up the Virginius. Gen. Jovellar resigns his position, and demands that another person be sent to take his place who can carry out the orders of the Government, considering the exalted state of public opinion, and the impossibility of overcoming the difficulties. Gen. Jovellar submits that a manifest was prepared for delay, during which opportunity would be given for reflection, and time given to allay the fiery patriotic spirit of the great national party in Cuba. But the strong orders from Madrid, immediately to be executed, deprive him of this resource, through which he hoped to save the upholding of the authority and the interests of the country.

In order that the Madrid Government may comprehend the difficulties of the situation, and do justice to the ardor and perseverance with which he began his labors, which had already begun to produce fruit, the Captain-General describes the situation in the island. He declares that the impression produced by the news of the arrangement which has been completed between Spain anh the United States can be compared witd that produced in Spain by the treaty of Bayonne, which led to the war of independence against Napoleon. He begs to assure the Government that the immediate delivery of the Virginius will instantaneously cause a frightful commotion throughout the island, which would be sure to result in successive catastrophes, even if a man of the highest ability should be in command here.

Sheep in Australia.

Sheep are seldom kept in inclosed fields in Northern California, but run at large in the mountain ranges, winter and summer, guarded by a shepherd, to protect them from the coyotes. Every night they are driven in and placed within a strong wattled or brushwood corral, situated hard by the shepherd's hut for security. A man receives twenty-five or thirty dollars a month, in coin, for herding, and he can manage a flock of two thousand alone, except in the lambing season, when he requires an assistant. Lambs are generally shorn in the fall, then again in the spring; after that only once a year. The wool is sold unwashed; and this fact, together with the outrageous frauds practiced by some growers, who pack stones and dung in the fleece, keeps California wool at a lower figure in the Boston market than any other; lower even than Texas or Colorado wool. Growers who can command wheat-fields generally put their yearling wethers into them after harvest, "stubble" them until fall, then drive them to the shambles, when they have been eighteen months on the hoof, in which time a sheep will do about the best that is in him.

Female Clerks.

In the "Prudential" insurance office, London, the experiment of employing female clerks has been tried with complete success. Beginning with ten, the number has increased to thirty-six, and more are to be added. The apartments in which they are occupied are apart from those of the male clerks. They are ladies of education and good families, being exclusively the daughters of professional men, and their ages vary from eighteen to thirty-five. They reach the office at 10 A. M., stop work for an hour at 1 P. M., and leave at 5 P. M. Several holidays in the year are allowed. The work is chiefly a simple kind of copying, requiring attention, good handwriting, and intelligence. The salaries are not very large, beginning at $150 per annum, and raised $50 each year up to $300. A lady superintendent has exclusive supervision of the department, and their work is as well done as that of the male clerks.

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HEART DISEASE.—Many persons suffer with heart disease without knowing it—suddenly they drop off, and their friends are astonished, on a post mortem examination, to learn that they died of heart disease. The heart, like the brain, is the seat of life—its diseases are of several characters. The most common are valvular diseases, fatty degeneration, and functional derangement. If the liver becomes deranged, and digestion is impaired, the heart, through sympathy and juxtaposition, becomes abnormal. The following symptoms indicate approaching disease: palpitation, giddiness, faintness, nervous prostration, deranged digestion, vertigo, cold extremities, etc., etc., for which the old school will administer iron, opium, antimony, mercury, and many other mineral poisons. Heart disease is a blood disease—purify the blood; remove obstructions to a limpid circulation by taking that *Vegetable Alterative*, VINEGAR BITTERS, and you will be a sound person in two or three months.—*Com.*

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