

FARM GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Thoughts of the Farmer.

I want to tell you something about farmers. Unlike village people from the nature of their calling, they are more or less isolated, so if one would enjoy it, he must go where it is.

And just now comes in the name of conversation without becoming cramped in the everyday struggle for life.

It is a return to some feeling a little better than when I went away, for one instinctively catches the spirit of the company he is in.

Yes, rich in purse, rich in outfit, rich in gold, rich in his family, rich in himself, and this is mainly to be ascribed to his habits of thought and conversation, and from such men comes all the agricultural progress of the day.

One who knows says that the only secret about baked beans is "to have them just right." You want to cook them over night, or parboil them in two or three waters until they are at the cracking point.

If farmers would keep a slate hanging up in barn or workshop, with a pencil attached by a string, so as to note down work to be done on stormy days, it would be found to be of great advantage.

For PARKING ICE—New sawdust should be procured, if possible, but old sawdust will do very well if it is dry and not rotted. If it is rotted it should not be used, as it will soon be saturated with water and lose its non-conductivity.

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IRON IN RAILWAY STRUCTURES.

Deep Rooted Popular Belief.

During the first few days after the disaster to the Ashabula bridge, there appeared frequent and very positive statements in many newspapers to the effect that extreme cold always made iron brittle.

From these it seems evident that had iron may become brittle in cold weather, while there is little if any danger of the kind with the best of iron. The testimony that is obtained at the inquest, and before the legislative committee, furnishes already a variety of explanations respecting the disaster.

It rarely happens, says the New York Tribune, that a deep rooted popular belief is wholly mistaken. It is more than likely to be founded in a half truth.

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Scottish Water Fleas.

Water fleas are of two kinds—the daphnia and the cyclops—and are to be found in every reservoir, impounded water and natural loch in Scotland.

A single cyclops can reproduce in a year no fewer than 4,422,120 of its species, and the difficulty of providing for these large families would no doubt tax the energies of the parental cyclopes to the utmost but that fortunately they and their children are the favorite and principal food of the ordinary trout and water loach.

From experiments made by Mr. Macdonald he finds that they cannot live three and one-half or four per cent. of alcohol is fatal to them. Water fleas are, moreover, harmless to man, as they cannot live in the stomach.

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The Prodigal.

Inheritors of vast wealth are proverbially spendthrifts.

Spent the morning and evening of the day in the hands and the sweat of other brows. Like children playing with an expensive toy, they can find no pleasure in the possession of it.

There can be no mistake about it, "Matchless" plug tobacco takes the lead. Old time cut choppers say it gives better satisfaction and is more economical.

This infallible remedy is composed of the HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR FOR THE CURE OF Coughs, Colds, Indigestion, etc.

The only first-class hotel in New York where the traveler can stop for \$2.50 and \$3.00 a day is the Grand Central Hotel.

Each year finds "Brown's Bronchial Trochocin" in new localities in various parts of the world. For relieving coughs, colds and throat diseases, the trochocin has been proved reliable.

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