FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Butter and Butter Making

In packing butter it is essential that it be well tamped together, leaving no fissures or air cells. This can be well done only when in a mellow condition, and by putting in small quantities at once and stroking it lightly a number of times with the ladle; never rub it, but give it a direct, positive impression at each stroke. The butter should never be placed against the edge of the package, but always in the center, and be kept there all the time a little the highest. In this way there will always be both a perpendicular and a lateral pressure on it which will exclude the air and close up all fissures. By so doing, the brine or excess moisture will also get to the edge of the package, where it will be finally taken into and keep filled the pores of the wood, thus rendering it constantly air-tight, and preventing the butter from getting into the wood, and so causing it to adhere to the package. If this is allowed to be done there will be a loss of a number of pounds to whoever undertakes to use it, by a little that adheres and by far more that gets affected. On the other hand, when the pores of the wood are entirely closed with the salt from this brine, not one particle of butter will be either wasted or damaged; it will cleave from the package perfectly clean and sweet. Two pounds of butter wasted is equivalent to one cent a pound on the whole package. Retailers and consumers generally understand this; and when they find a package that really costs them two or three cents a pound more than they expected, by reason of wastage, they are very apt to try another dairyman's butter, or if they are compelled to buy more of the same kind to do so at a reduced price.

A poor churning of butter sandwiched in between two good ones will condemn a package of butter on almost any market, and the whole package of butter will bring very little, if any, more than if all was equally as poor as the poorest in it; or a churning of good white butter between two of fine yellow, will detract from the price fully as much as would be equivalent to throwing the white away altogether. It is therefore far better to pack such churnings separately or to use them up at the dairy, while they are new and in their best condition. Such butter is useful if consumed after it is made, while if kept a short time it will become nearly worthless, and so detract from the good, which had it been packed by itself would have commanded a good price. I have known a dairy of butter to bring more money after throwing out a whole package that had a poor churning in it than was offered for the entire dairy. If a churning of butter does not fill a package it should be covered with a damp clean white cloth with salt on, to protect it from dust and air, until another churning shall fill it, when a damp cloth and salt may again be put on and the package sealed and set away ready for the market. The best time to market butter is when in its best condition, and butter seldom improves with age.

Regrafting Dwarf Pears.

There is no kind of fruit tree that may have its fruit changed by regrafting so advantageously as the pear. The facility with which grafts may be set well, and the certainly of their growing if the work is fairly performed, added to the value of a strong stock, render the operation desirable when an improvement may be made in the fruit. These remarks will apply to both standards and dwarfs, but the low form of the dwarf renders the work more easy and convenient. We have seen bearing dwarfs changed by three years' growth to full bearing trees of other and more desirable varieties.

It has often happened that the owners of orchards have found themselves in the possession of worthless sorts, either by the mistake of the vender or too high recommendation of unknown varieties, or by the deterioration of old pears by black mildew and cracking. Sometimes the owner would prefer to have moderately good pears changed to the very best, but he is not always aware how easily it is done. It costs no more to grow Bartletts than Summer Bells, nor Anjous than choke pears.

The older and larger the tree to be changed, the greater is the number of grafts to be inserted in it and the corresponding labor required. At the same time, the larger will be the crop of fruit produced when it comes into fruiting. The process is very simple. First cut off branches of a suitable size for the insertion of grafts all over the tree, and at as nearly equal distances from each other as practicable; then remove the other limbs and shoots, and insert grafts into the stumps made by cutting the first mentioned branches, and the work is done. It is true some taste and judgment should be exercised so as to give the tree handsome form and to distribute the new roots evenly through the new head.

For trees which have reached a good bearing condition the insertion of two or three dozen grafts into the head of each will afford a speedy change from a poor to an excellent pear. Even a dozen grafts will answer. One man will graft twenty-five trees and more in a day. In some instances three years have thus given a heavy crop of Bartletts on trees that before produced worthless fruit.—*Country Gentleman.*

Domestic Recipes.

POP OVERS.—Two cups of sweet milk, two cups of flour a little heaped, a bit of butter as large as a walnut, two eggs, one large spoonful of sugar, nutmeg and salt. Melt the butter, add the milk slowly to the flour to avoid lumps. Bake in cups or gem pans, all heated, twenty minutes in a hot oven.

BROILING MEATS.—When meats are broiling on a gridiron over hot coals, the sudden heat applied sears the outside, which shuts in the juices, and the rapid application of heat soon cooks the meat through, if in moderately thin slices. It is then tender, juicy and palatable. Those who never broil their fresh meat, fish or poultry, do not know the excellence of a properly cooked dish of animal food.

BALLOONS.—One pint of sweet milk, three eggs, one pint of flour. Separate the eggs, beat the yolks until light, and mix with the milk and stir into the flour gradually. Beat it well with one salt spoon of salt; then whisk the whites until stiff, and stir through the milk, flour and yolks lightly. Butter small cups, fill them half full of the mixture, and bake in a quick oven. When done, turn them out of the cups on to a heated dish and send to the table hot. Eat with sauce, or butter and sugar worked to a cream.

A bill has been passed by the Legislature of Tennessee to reduce the salary of the governor from $4,000 to $3,000; supreme court judges from $4,000 to $3,000; judges of inferior courts and all special judges from $2,500 to $2,000. The bill, after it receives the promised signature of the governor, goes into effect after the next general county election.

A DEAD DICTATOR.

His excellency Gen. Juan Manuel de Rosas, ex-governor and dictator of the Argentine confederation, died lately at his farmhouse at Swathling, about three miles from Southampton, England. He was born on the 30th of March, 1793, and was consequently within a fortnight of eighty-four years of age. The deceased, who has resided at and near Southampton for the last twenty-five years, was seized with inflammation of the lungs on the eighth of March, after having imprudently exposed himself to the inclemency of the weather, and, despite the careful and unremitting attention of Dr. John Wiblin, F. R. C. S., who has been his medical adviser and confidential friend throughout the whole period of his residence in England, succumbed to the attack at the hour named. La Dona Manuela de Rosas de Terrero, the devoted daughter and companion of the ex-dictator, arrived from London the day previous to his death, and was in attendance upon her father during his last hours. Her husband, Don Maximo Terrero, left Southampton so lately as the 24th of February, in the Royal Mail company's steamship, Minho, for Buenos Ayres, with all the necessary authentic documents to recover his wife's and the general's property, which they inherited, apart from that acquired from the state. Manuela was the deceased general's only child, but she has two sons, aged respectively twenty-one and nineteen years, the eldest of whom completed his examination recently at the School of Mines in London. Gen. Rosas arrived in England, after his overthrow in Buenos Ayres, in 1852, being brought over in an English man-of-war, under the command of Capt. Day, a member of a Southampton family, and at once adopted Southampton as his place of residence. He occupied a large house in Rockstone-place, Carlton-crescent, for several years, and then removed to the farm, where he remained till his death. This place, called Burgess-street farm, of the extent of about four hundred acres, he rented under the late Mr. John Fleming, of Stoneham Park, and on it he has expended immense sums of money, finding his amusement and pleasure in its daily personal superintendence.

The general has been quite infirm from gout for some years, but he might be seen constantly riding about the grounds, and his greatest happiness seemed to be to sit on his horse and give orders to those employed. His love of what may be termed despotic command was so great that no one was allowed to speak a word except by way of acknowledgment of commands or in answer to questions. General Rosas always paid his farm attendants and laborers about one-third more than the current wages in the district, but he had the peculiarity of only engaging them day by day. Each man was paid daily, and told whether he would be required on the morrow or not. This singular feature of his character sprang from a determination never to be bound by any permanent engagement, but in the result the men found themselves generally in regular employment, and very few changes were made. So strictly disciplinarian were his habits that each man's time was calculated hour by hour he worked, and fully to carry this out, particularly in the summer months, he had always a night watchman specially employed, both winter and summer, to ring a large bell under his bed-chamber window every half hour throughout the night. It was always a characteristic of the deceased that he paid well for labor, but he was rigid in seeing that the labor was performed. General Rosas fled from his country without anything in the shape of property, but a short time after his flight General Urquiza himself successfully besieged the city of Buenos Ayres, and then disembargoed Rosas' property, which enabled the refugee to realize by the sale of his cattle about £100,000.

Widows who Burned.

Jung Bahadoor, the prime minister of Nepaul, went to bathe at Bagonuttee; he entered the river before sunrise for that purpose in the highest spirits, and after performing his ablutions he sat on the bank to say his prayers. Soon after he was noticed to be motionless. On his followers approaching him they found that life was extinct. An express was sent to the capital, and orders arrived to postpone the funeral rites to the first of March. The three principal ranees (widows), his brother and son arrived, and the ranees expressed their desire to sacrifice themselves. The brother tried to dissuade them, but he failed, and the funeral pyre was prepared with sandal wood, resin and a large quantity of ghee. When the arrangements had been made the ladies bathed, performed poojah (an East India sacred rite), and made presents to the Brahmins. The next step was they took measures for the government of the country and to maintain peace; then general directions were given to the brother-in-law. Their last act was to release some prisoners. They then entered the funeral pyre quite unconcernedly, muttering prayers. The corpse was then laid on its back, and the eldest ranee took its head in her lap and the two others took the feet. They were then surrounded by odorous combustibles, and the ranees gazed upon the features of their husband as if forgetful of every other consideration. The fire was then applied by his son, and all was over in a few minutes.

Men Who Live Long.

Hufeland, public lecturer at Jena, who published a work on longevity in the last century, thus describes the sort of man who has the best prospect of long life: He has a well proportioned stature, without, however, being too tall. He is rather of the middle size, and somewhat thick set. His complexion is not too florid—at any rate, too much ruddiness in youth is seldom a sign of longevity. Hair approaches rather to the fair than to the black; his skin is strong, but not rough. His head is not too big. He has large veins at the extremities, and his shoulders are rather round than flat; his neck is not too long; his belly does not project, and his hands are large but not too deeply cleft. His foot is rather thick than long, and his legs are firm and round. He has a broad chest and strong voice, and the faculty of retaining his breath for a long time without difficulty. In general there is complete harmony in all his parts. His senses are good, but not too delicate; his pulse is slow and regular. His appetite is good, and his digestion easy. He has not too much thirst, which is always a sign of rapid self-consumption. His passions never become too violent or destructive. If he gives way to anger he experiences a glow of warmth without an overflowing of the gall. He likes employment, particularly calm meditation and agreeable speculation—is an optimist, a friend to nature and domestic felicity—has no thirst after either honors or riches, and banishes all thought of to-morrow.

Gunpowder for Europe.

While a state of sluggishness prevails among our manufacturers of gunpowder such as has rarely if ever before been known, they are buoyed up with expectations of large orders from the belligerents in Europe, should a conflict actually commence. England holds the only natural deposits of saltpeter in the world, the entire receipts coming from Calcutta, but here in the United States we have liberal supplies on hand, and though, in case of hostilities, an order in council prohibiting the export of saltpeter from the East Indies will follow immediately, our manufacturers are not in the least concerned lest the supply fall short. A similar order was issued during our late war; nevertheless the country was abundantly provided with ammunition, and the ability of manufacturers in that crisis to meet every demand is the only criterion from which to judge of their capacity in the future. That the United States will be heavily called upon for gunpowder, in case of war in Europe, is already shown by numerous inquiries from abroad.

Russia has already made a contract for powder, which is in course of shipment to Cronstadt, and as well known the Turkish government have been quietly receiving large quantities of arms and ammunition from this country for the last eighteen months. Their wants apparently have only been restricted by the available quantity of piasters. Russia is not likely to buy much in England, and the relations of the British government to either of the probable combatants are such that she cannot afford to hazard her neutral position. Therefore, it is reasoned, purchases of war materia will be made largely of a neutral power far removed from the conflict, and on upon whom there can be entire reliance.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

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