

Rural Economy.

LABOR.

Labor, labor, honest labor. Labor keeps me well and strong; Labor gives me food and raiment; Labor, too, inspires my song.

MEDICINAL PLANTS.

I suspect, says Elinu Marvin, writing from Erie, Pa., that it will be found, on inquiry, that just in proportion as faras are neatly kept, free from all that spontaneous growth of medicinal plants...

it, but in a few seconds it becomes loosened and juicy. Every half minute I turn the steak; but am careful to keep it as much as possible under cover.

The same method may be applied to mutton chops, only they require a little longer cooking to prevent them from being rare.

SELECTING A COW.

It is sometimes the case that the best judges will be deceived. A cow of very unpromising appearance, coarse in the neck, large boned, and second or third rate milk marks generally, will now and then turn out to be first rate, while another with these marks largely developed, fine in the head and neck, and promising every way, will prove unsatisfactory.

WHEN TO SOW GYPSUM.

A given amount of gypsum will produce a much better yield of clover when applied after the leaves are fully developed. The reason is obvious: the plaster sticks to the leaves of the plant, which, as before stated, are giving off carbonic acid.

DEPTH AND DISTANCE OF DRAINS.

Experience has determined that twenty-five to thirty feet apart, for compact or clayey soils, and thirty-five to forty for light and porous soils, are proper distances for accomplishing speedy and effectual drainage.

ONIONS AND POULTRY.

Scarcely too much can be said in praise of onions for fowls. They seem to be a preventative and remedy for various diseases to which domestic fowls are liable.

Scientific.

ICEBERGS AND THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. Hayes, the eminent Arctic explorer, at the Cooper Institute.

JERSEY OR ALDERNEY COW.

A correspondent of The Country Gentleman writes: "I have a Jersey, which I imported when a calf of four months old, seven years since, and although I am unable to give the weight of milk for any single month, yet I can give the exact result of milk and butter for one year, from March 1, 1864, to March 1, 1865.

HOW TO COOK A BEEF STEAK.

If there is anything in the way of cooking that we abominate, it is a fried beef-steak; and yet some folks know nothing but fry, and they fry, fry, all the time.

upon us out of a dense mist, and was mistaken by the "lookout" for land when he first caught the sound of breakers beating upon it.

Our immediate destination was the Danish Esquimaux settlement of Upernivik, in latitude 72° 41', the most northerly outpost of Christian settlement on the globe.

Dr. Hayes then proceeded to state his theory of the origin and formation of icebergs. He said the icebergs have their origin in the glacier. The glacier is a branch of the great Mer de Glace, or sea of ice, which apparently covers the whole interior of Greenland.

Dr. Hayes then referred to the various theories of the formation of glaciers, and described the manner in which they move forward to the shore, where fragments of them breaking off fall into the water and are submerged to the extent of seven-eighths of their bulk.

Miscellaneous.

"SEVEN-THIRTY AT PAR."

If Gen. Banks had waited a day or two, he might have found an illustration for his glorification speech more suggestive than any, perhaps, in the marvelous array of facts about national progress, with which he startled Congress.

Poor man—begrimed and dirty—take out your green seven-thirty, smooth its creases, and gladden your eyes! No mercenary mining-stock, that representing the cupidity and avarice of some scapegrace speculator, who lives in Paris on your good hundred dollars, and leaves you—well, so much silk or linen paper, value ten cents a pound.

For knowing a good thing when he has it, commended us to this same Squire Ezekiel, who bends over his plow to-day and wishes that he had the other thousand into Seven-Thirties and never listened to the people who insisted upon his buying into the Eldorado Mining Gold and Silver Company, which was to pay him fifty per cent.

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