

AGRICULTURE.

YOUNG CHICKENS AND INSECTS.—The practice of excluding chickens from the garden, especially in mid-summer, is bad both for the chickens and for the vegetables.

Distorting Vegetable Growth.—The practice of distorting trees, shrubs and climbers into various stiff and grotesque forms, instead of allowing them to grow in their natural and graceful beauty, cannot well be regarded as much of an improvement.

The Cultivation of the Cranberry.—Wherever the cranberry has been successfully introduced it has proved itself one of the most valuable of our small fruits, having the advantage over all others in its adaptability of being kept for so much greater length of time.

How to Test Dairy Cows.—There is no difficulty in establishing the character and value of each cow in a dairy. The method usually followed is to weigh each cow's milk upon a spring scale as soon as it is drawn and before it is poured out of the pail into the general receptacle.

Flowing.—There are two kinds of soil on every man's farm—the agricultural soil and the subsoil. The agricultural soil may be of a deep or shallow nature, but it is not too deep or shallow if it is not too hard.

A Little Girl Being Asked on the first day of school, how she liked her new teacher, replied: "I do not like her; she is just as ugly to me as my mother."

JMOROUS.

He had a mournful look about him, and he advanced with measured steps to the table. "I'm a useful member of society," said he in a sepulchral voice.

"Indeed, no one would suspect it. A face like yours—" "Is a blessing to its owner. I can manufacture more melancholy in ten minutes than any other man can in a week."

"There are seventeen and a half men to every female in the territory of Dakota." "Well, said Miss Jones, spinstress, when she read the above item, 'gives me a headache, but I don't care for it, it's a good thing to have a headache, it's a sign of civilization.'"

"A young woman recently went to an English fancy ball as a powder puff." "It must have been a puff-bail. And this reminds us that a young man once went to an American ball as a rifle. No one guessed what character he represented until he went off 'half-cooked' and staggered against a man who called him a 'son of a gun.'"

"Two ladies meet. Says No. 1: 'Why do you know what I heard about you?' 'I've no idea.' 'I heard that when your husband was sick and not expected to live you went to a picnic.' 'It's a vile slander; it was only an excursion.'"

"We'll bet a cent that not a man who has blown out the gas and been suffocated during the past ten years, ever took and read his country paper. Now is the time to subscribe."

"The angel of midnight: The woman who opened the door for her husband when he is trying to unlock the bell-knob, and then lets him sleep on the hall floor."

DOMESTIC.

ABOUT BREAK-MORNING.—To make bread, pare and wash very clean five or six large potatoes, or what will make a quart; boil until tender; pour off the water in which they are boiled and save it; mash them very fine and put them into the potato water, and to this, while hot, add a pint of flour, or enough to make a very thin batter—and thinner the better the bread and add enough cold water to make about three quarts of the whole.

"The celebrated Comstock vein or lode is situated in Storey County, in the State of Nevada, on a chain of mountains called the Washoe Range, east of the Sierra Nevada, having a mean elevation of 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, Mount Davidson, the highest peak, reaching an elevation of 7,960 feet."

"For ten years my wife was confined to her bed with such a complication of ailments that no doctor could tell what was the matter or how to cure it. I used a small fortune in 'humbug' stuff. Six months ago I saw a U. S. flag with Hop Bitters on it, and I thought I would be a fool once more. I tried it, but my folly proved to be wisdom. Two bottles cured her, she is now as well and strong as any man's wife, and it cost me only two dollars. Such free press.—H. W., Detroit, Mich.—Free Press."

LIME IN THE TEA KETTLE.—Every good housewife knows that an iron kettle used for heating water that holds lime in solution, will in a short time become coated with that substance. This being a poor conductor of heat, it will of course take a longer time to heat the water than when the kettle is new. Copper or tin vessels do not become coated with lime. The reason is that iron has an affinity for lime which the other metals have not. But this affinity can be overcome by coating the inner surface of the vessel with a compound of tannic acid and iron, which is soluble in water and will not precipitate lime. This is easily done. Take a new tea kettle and put a handful of oak bark into it, fill with water, and keep it boiling for three or four hours, and the iron will get a coating of tannic acid and iron, and will be proof against lime. Care must be taken that the kettle does not boil dry, and become heated to redness. A heat a little below that point will destroy the coating. If the lime can be fully removed from an old tea kettle, it can be coated in the same manner as a new one, but will require a longer time, and perhaps it will be necessary to repeat the boiling two or three times.

OATMEAL.—Give the children oatmeal at least once a day. It is genuine bone and muscle food, and they must have it. Cook your oatmeal in the morning and night meals on real nourishment—not pastry—take more to nourish the brain and nerves, we should have less of the 'neuralgia' among our women. Indeed, this oatmeal mush would afford ample food for the last meal, which should ordinarily be the lightest, simple, and easy of digestion, consisting of a slice of toast, a well formed part of the morning meal. Its extensive use would do much to promote health among us.

Broiled Shad.—One shad, two ounces of butter, one half teaspoonful of pepper, one half teaspoonful of salt, one half cup of oil, cleaned, directly through the backbone with a strong sharp knife. Grease the broiler slightly, place the fish between its leaves, and broil over a quick fire for ten minutes. When done, remove quickly from the broiler dress with the butter, pepper and salt, and send to the table as hot as possible. The dish may be garnished with lemon quarters and a sprig of parsley at either end.

The only natural hair renewer is Carboline, a deodorized extract of petroleum, prepared by distillation or rectification with acids or alkalis, containing no mineral or other poisons, delightfully perfumed and as clear and pure as spring water.

Fleeting Prospects Respecting the "Dollars of our Daddies."

A Boston journal contains the following, taken from one of the New York dailies: "In noting the departure for Europe of Mr. John W. Mackay, the California millionaire, New York contemporary pressmen are following interesting particulars relating to the famous Comstock lode, the camping ground, as it were, of more than one of the Pacific coast millionaires. There has been, no doubt, considerable of the 'wild cat' business in mining in one way or another, but with the following results and experience. Samples of 'Anakosis' are sent free to all sufferers by Neustadter & Co., box 3946, New York. Sold by druggists everywhere. Price \$1.00 per box."

Vegetine will eradicate from the system every trace of Scrofula and Scrofulous Humor. It has permanently cured thousands in Boston and vicinity who had been long and painful sufferers.

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RECEIPTS. Premium receipts, \$1,020,973.07 Interest received, 2,299,855.14 Total receipts, \$3,320,828.21

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