

AGRICULTURE.

BOONING LABOR AND SPARE.—There are few people who are more generally economical than the Germans, and an instance of their ability to make much out of a little has recently come under my notice which seems worthy of attention.

One of my friends has her garden worked on shares by a German. Early in the spring he put out a quantity of cabbage plants, giving a little more space between the roots than is usually allowed. The cabbages were easily worked with a horse. Later, when the time for setting celery plants had come, he planted double rows of celery between the cabbages. The celery rows are not over eight inches apart, and in the same trench, so that when banked not more than half the work will be required to prepare them for bleaching that would be necessary if the plants were set in the usual way. The cabbages are nearly ready for use, and will soon leave the celery in full possession of the soil.

Every part of this garden is utilized. When the early potatoes were ripe they were dug and turned over on the land. Vacant spaces in other parts of the garden had been filled with superfluous plants from the best.

Where space is somewhat limited it richly repays the labor to fill the ground and keep something growing everywhere. The ground will need thorough fertilization when it is cropped so persistently; and when one does not keep a pig to eat up the refuse from vegetables, dishwater, etc., it is a good plan to have a compost heap where such articles may be turned to account. All the weeds (which should never be allowed to ripen seed) from the garden, the clippings of roots and stems and fine brush, leaves and clippings from the lawn should go into the compost heap. These, with an occasional sprinkling of dry earth to prevent unpleasant odors, will absorb the stings from the house, and prove a valuable fertilizer at slight expense. The compost heap should be turned over once or twice during the season to insure decomposition, and it should not be placed too near the house.

Bones, old boots and shoes broken utensils and the like should be burned, and their ashes spread around the peach trees. Should there be a clay spot in the garden, that is the place for the fire. Coal ashes seem to be of no use except for garden walks and carriage drives, but wood-ashes benefit almost any kind of vegetation.

HOUSE FLOORS.—An economical farmer writes: "This is what I do with I do with my house floors—I have most of it carried and thrown on to the stable manure, which is under cover. This makes the manure in better cover for use in three months than it otherwise would be in nine months. I also keep a box or barrel near the kitchen packed full of the short straw and dust such as comes from a mowing mill, etc. Into this barrel or box are thrown small quantities of wash and dish water. The water drains through, leaving the substance in the straw and dust. When it is fully charged I move it away and supply another box. You will be surprised to see what a valuable feeder you will acquire during the year. This substance is generally thrown on to the yard, which finds its way into the well, is drunk and followed by sickness in the family.

DR. J. H. HANFORD maintains that cancerous tendencies, catarrh, boils and similar inflammations are the direct result of excessive use of "the heaters"—notably animal fats and oils. Consequently sensible treatment lies in the direction of astringent regimen; discard pork, use as little "grease" as possible, live mainly on the grains (whole wheat instead of flour), fruits and vegetables. "The lower and more simple the diet the better," especially for sedentary persons who do not by exercise or constant labor in the open air consume the lubricants by actual combustion as a means of keeping up the natural warmth of the body.

The hog in a single generation changes in form and color and habit from the staid and quiet porker to the fleet and fierce wild boar. One imported boar is told of that changed immediately after escaping from a ranch, and became as wild and fleet as a deer, with a thin body and arched back, and legs that appeared much longer, while he more slowly assumed the sandy color of the wild boar. The tendency to reversion, too, is more immediate when the animal or breed has been more recently reclaimed from the wild state and where the change by domestication has been most marked and rapid.

The aggregate sum of money paid for imported stock by breeders in the United States, is \$7,000,000 starting. If the Patuxent Stock records statements are correct, it says that "the culley in this direction was \$7,475,518, or more than the exports of live cattle from the United States amounted to in the first half of the present year. There is a solid increase in the stock at this time as the breeders of the United States."

At a late meeting of the Kentucky Horticultural Society members were warned to be on their guard when purchasing wild goose plum trees, for hundreds of trees were sold as such that had no right to the name. The following description of the true Wild Goose was given: The fruit should be large, about one inch or over in diameter, more round than long, turns yellow three or four days before it becomes red and ripe, and when ripe is covered with light and beautiful golden specks about the size of a pin head.

In experimenting with cotton-seed meal at the Mississippi Agricultural college a steer fed for beef gained 200 pounds in fifty-six days, or an average of about 4.5 pounds per day, consuming an average of 14.5 pounds of seed and 11 pounds of hay and straw. The cost of food per day was not quite 10 cents, or about \$5.50 for 200 pounds of beef.

The most eminent of our agricultural scientists affirm that plants cannot assimilate free nitrogen, which exists in the atmosphere, and a German botanist says that "if a cell contains a nitrogenous body it can develop new chemical combinations and form new cells; if it contains none it is not capable of further development."

DOMESTIC.

Down pillows are a dainty appendage of a lady's bedroom or boudoir lounge, and they are generally a little more than a half a yard square, was covered with Indian silk in a crushed strawberry tint. (This fabric may be bought now in all the art shades of yellow, red and blue at \$2 a yard.) For light draperies it is not to be surpassed.) On the square forming the upper portion of the pillow were scattered a few interlaced designs, enclosing small geometrical shapes. The outline of these designs was followed by the needle in darning stitches, taken close together—a small stitch on the wrong side, a longer one upon the right—with old gold silk. Some of the disks were filled by parallel lines of darning stitches covering the ground; others were filled with a few touches of gold, "Japanese sky lines," to break the uniformity of the ground. By using flannel varying in hue from dull blue to deep red, old gold to brown, silver gray to dark blue gray, the designs were brought out charmingly and with little work. Pounce in the natural hue does very well for a similar experiment in color, and any of the deeper shades of yellow in soft silk are recommended, not only for decorative art, but because this hue is apt to be effective in whatever corner of the room you may elect to dispose of it, whether tete-a-tete with a blue couch, or an easy-chair of Indian red. Where the possibility of a down pillow aspires to the simplest method of covering it, without the additional tag of needle-work, I would suggest a width of one of the soft foulards or satins now sold for dress purposes in all the principal shops. One of these satins, cream-tinted and besprinkled with pompadour bouquets of pale pink and blue, was made to do duty for this purpose with success. When a present for an invalid is in question, or, indeed, in any case where the cushion is habitually used, the best plan is to make a movable cover of linen to use over the inner lining of rose-colored lavender or blue silk. For this purpose darning work in all its varieties comes into play, and the most attractive the result. Work a border upon darning threads of the lining, and add a few scattered sprays of flowers, worked in split flannel that has been previously set in color by dropping the skein into boiling water. Clover, purple and white, is full of fragrant suggestion and invitation to the head to incline toward it. The cover, when finished, should be edged with lace.

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It is never safe to trust the discretion of the average small boy. A London tradesman found this out the other day when it was too late. He tells the story himself. "I keep a shop," says he, "and sell fancy goods. A gentleman came in to buy something. It was early, and my little boy and I were alone in the house at the time. The gentleman gave me a sovereign, and I had to go up stairs to my cash-box. Before doing so I went into the little room next to the shop, and said to the boy: 'Watch the gentleman, that he don't steal anything, and I put him on the counter. As soon as I returned, he sang out to the top of his voice, 'Pa, he didn't steal anything, I watched him.' You may imagine what a position I was in."

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A FAMILY paper published a long article entitled "Housekeeping Hereafter." "Merciful heavens!" groaned a distracted mother of five children, and keeper of one husband and two servants, "if I thought there was going to be housekeeping hereafter, I declare I'd never die."

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"What part," asked a Sunday School teacher of a pupil of Sir John Moore do you like best? "The boy was thoughtful for a moment, and then replied, "Few and short were the prayers he said."

Hook once said of a bald man: He used to cut his hair, but now his hair cuts him."

John Kuhn, of Lafayette, Ind., had a very narrow escape from death. This is his own story: "One year ago I was in the last stages of consumption. Our best physicians gave me up. I finally got so low that our doctor said that I could not live twenty-four hours. My friends then purchased a bottle of Dr. Wm. Hall's Balm for the Lungs, which had been recommended to me by a friend. I took nine bottles. I am now in perfect health having used no other medicine."

HUMOROUS.

SAVED: "Isn't it delightful, Horace, to think of the awakening of nature, after her long sleep! A few weeks ago and all was buried beneath the cold, white blanket of winter, and the frost king held the life-giving rays of the trees and flowers in his mighty grip. Now all is changed. The sun, with its penetrating rays, revivifies the long dormant principles of growth, and in a short time—a few days at most—the earth will be clad in her spring suit of green, beautifully figured with dandelions and daisies." "Oh, Almiraz Ann," said she, he looked into her eyes a look of rapt admiration, "if I thought you would always sing English like that I'd—I'd—then you might turn your language batteries on me." A moment more he would have been lost, but his guardian angel did not forsake him.

O'Donovan Rossa's Opinion. O'Donovan Rossa, speaking of the Great G-R-M Remedy to a friend, said: "Mrs. Rossa has been cured of a very severe attack of neuralgia by St. Jacobs' Oil. As she will gladly tell you, if you call at my residence, 879 Baswick avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y."

"It's a terrible stroke," said a sympathetic friend to a bereaved mother, after the funeral, "but your poor boy will be happier in the bright world to which he has gone."

"I don't know about that," returned the mourner, "there ain't no birds cests to rob there."

Mean people take advantage of their neighbor's difficulties to annoy them. Mean diseases, such as piles, rheumatism, constipation, dyspepsia, malaria, lambs, lumbos, etc., take advantage of people's exposures and attack them. It is then that Kidney-Wort appears on the field and by its timely agency puts to rout this flock of evil ailments. It is a friend in need and therefore a friend indeed.

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A crocodile stole a baby once in the days when animals could talk and was about to make a dinner of it. The poor mother begged piteously for her child. "Tell me one truth," said the crocodile, "and you shall have your baby again." The grief-stricken mother thought for a moment and then said, between her sobs: "I shall buy a new bonnet next spring."

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MANY years ago when new sects in New England began to break the good old congregational barriers and make incursions into the sheepfold of the regular clergy a reverend divine, a man of good sense and good humor, encountered an irregular practitioner at the house of one of his flock. They had a pretty hot discussion on their points of difference, and at length the interloper wound up by saying, "Well, doctor, you'll at least allow that it was commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature?" "True," rejoined the doctor, "no enough. But then I never heard it was commanded to every 'critter' to preach the Gospel."

An effort existing without a cause is an impossibility; tickling in the throat, hoarseness of the voice, violent coughing, etc., are the effects of a severe cold. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures the cold at once and removes its serious effects.

"It wasn't that!" exclaimed Mr. Sanders, indignantly, "you see, I didn't say a word at all."

"How'd she find it out, then?" asked one of the party.

"Why, I went home and she asked if it was me. I told her it was. Took the chances on that. Then she asked me if I had been drinking. I told her no. And there I stopped. Never said another word."

"But you say she caught on somewhere. How was it?"

"Just a blunder I made. When I told her I hadn't drank anything, she was satisfied, but when I came to get to bed I put on my overcoat instead of my night shirt. And that excited suspicion."

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"Don't wear dingy or faded things when the tear-diamond dyes will make them good as new. They are perfect."

"I know," said a little boy to his elder sister's young man at the supper table, "that you join our society for the protection of the little birds, because mamma says you are very fond of larks." Then there was a silence, and the Lumbar cheese might have been heard scrambling around in its tin box on the cupboard shelf.

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