

## AGRICULTURE.

**MILK SETTING.**—"Why," asks one of our subscribers, "does it take so much greater bulk of cream to make a pound of butter, when raised from milk, set in a cellar, where the temperature is uniformly at 60 degrees or less, than from milk set in an upper room, where, in summer the mercury stands much of the time at about 70 degrees?"

He also finds that he gets less butter from a like quantity of milk, kept in the cellar, than in the warmer upper room. A result that accords fully with our own experience in setting milk for butter making. It may, on many farms, seem a necessity to set the milk in the cellar of a dwelling house. This happens during the hottest weather, on farms where there is no good, cool dairy room, above the cellar. It is a basement could be built partly below and partly above ground, so as to secure good ventilation, and a comparatively dry atmosphere, very good results might be looked for.

The objection to a cellar for milk setting, is the usual dampness and want of ventilation. The air is not easily changed and after a room has been used for some weeks for carrying in warm milk twice a day, it becomes much warmer than one that is kept constantly closed.

Nearly all basement air in summer is damp and damp air inclines to increase the relative bulk of cream, simply because the water that is still mingled with nearly all cream has not had the opportunity to be dried out of it. Cream raised in a warm dry air is of the nature of condensed cream a very small quantity only being required for a pound of butter. There is another difficulty with cream raised in cellars. It is so thin and watery that ordinary skimmers will not hold it, but let it pass through the holes and mix in again with the milk.

The cream from deep cans set in cold water is uniformly thin and watery, and cannot be skimmed, but is dipped off with dippers made expressly for the purpose.

Scalded milk, if set in shallow pans in the open air, throws up cream that represents the opposite extreme, being almost pure butter before it is churned.

**WHY NOT MAKE A LADDER?**—There are two principles to be kept in view in making ladders—lightness and durability. The material should be thoroughly seasoned; basswood makes the best side pieces, although pine that is free from knots will do. For a ladder 15 feet long, the side pieces should be 1 1/2 inches at the top, and one and one-half inches thick; the top round 14 inches long, the bottom round 28 inches. The rounds should be of tough oak or ash. For a ladder 29 feet in length, the side pieces should be 2 1/4 x 1 1/2 inches thick; top round 16 inches long, bottom round 30 inches round 18 inches apart from center to center; the holes in the sides for the rounds to center should be one inch. Every farmer needs a set of ladders, say 10, 15, 20, and perches 25 feet in length, and then paint them well and house them if possible, and you will have something useful through a lifetime.

In treating cows for horn brittleness a stock raiser in Austria found no good result from feeding bone-meal when the water used from a spring was perfectly soft—that is, without mineral matter. But upon changing them to the water of an other spring, containing carbonate, sulphate and phosphate of lime and chloride of magnesium in small quantities, the effects were as follows: First. The animals drank half as much as before. Second. The cows gave more and better milk than before. Third. The worst diseased cows at once began to get better, and this was the first case in which a cow recovered without removal. Fourth. The oxen showed far better condition than could be previously obtained on the best of food and with the most careful attention. Fifth. No fresh cases occurred as soon as the change of water was introduced.

By means of the drainage of land the various chemical actions which take place through the action of the atmosphere on the surface soil are carried down to a greater or less extent into the subsoil, for as the water-level is lowered the air enters from above to fill the cavities in the soil. By drainage, also, the depth to which roots will penetrate is increased, and roots do not grow in the absence of oxygen, and rot as soon as they reach a permanent water level.

The Shropshire downs possess beautiful symmetry of form, fine quality and early maturity of all their parts, a vigorous constitution and grand muscular proportions. They are first-class shearers, carrying a fine, compact coat, valuable at once for wool and protection from chilling sleet storms. They stand close herding in large numbers remarkably well, the ewes are good mothers, and twin lambs are not unusual.

**PROFESSOR S. T. MAYNARD**, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College says: "I know of no other reason why the potato fails to produce its true fruit, the potato balls, than that the potato tubers have been weakened by the forcing process they have been subjected to for the past ten years by the propagation from single eyes, cuttings, etc. Other plants, the verbenas, for instance, after having been propagated several years from cuttings, produce very few, if any, seeds."

Among all the field crops which the farmer grows there are few, if any, that afford a more certain profit than winter rye, whether it is sown for grain and straw or for a green crop to feed stock in May. In fact it is a good crop to grow for an early spring pasture.

Every farmer or teamster should examine his team harness often to see that no part of it chafes or rubs the skin of his horse—it is a good idea to keep it well oiled, so that it will be pliable and soft. Take good care of the dumb animals.

**ESTIMATING NITROGEN** at 2 1/2 cents per pound, potash at 7 cents and phosphoric acid at 9 cents, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station states the commercial worth of night soil at 30 cents per 100 pounds, or \$6 per ton, as the most favorable reckoning.

The prices which were paid by the National Shorthorn Association for the various herd books were as follows: American Shorthorn Herd Book, \$25,000; American Shorthorn Record, \$13,000; Ohio Shorthorn Record, \$1,000.

A cleaning average of about 87 pounds to the 100 was reached for five Victoria swine slaughtered at the Chicago Fat Stock Show, which is quite a phenomenal figure. Anything above 80 pounds may be considered excellent.

Much of the new Minnesota wheat weighs out sixty-two pounds to the bushel. Its excellence is the reason why fifty-eight pounds to the bushel is the standard No. 1.

## DOMESTIC.

**FASHIONS IN BEDSTEADS.**—The introduction of the brass bedstead into modern homes is, the greatest revolution that has been attempted. A few years ago these bedsteads were entirely unknown in America, now one house alone exhibits twenty different styles, and there is little doubt that they will meet with increasing favor. They are so very handsome in appearance, are so light and so easily moved from one side of the room to the other, and, above all, they are so free from all impurities, as no dust collects upon them, that probably in time they will entirely supersede those of wood. It has taken time to prove that they do not lead to increase of work in the need of constant polish, but a wash has recently been invented which renders the metal impervious to the influence of moisture, and so does away with the principal objection to their universal adoption. It is not necessary to speak of the marvels of decoration and carving which are introduced into the modern bedstead by the fashionable decorator. Unlimited command of money can secure any amount of it, but it is not altogether to be deplored that very few persons after all are in this blissful position. Beds, like other matters, are often the better for being simple, and the housekeeper who sighs with envy for the ebony bedstead inlaid with ivory or silver may be comforted with the reflection that a handsome brass bedstead, which fulfills the intention of its construction, is more appropriate in homes where dollars are not counted by thousands than the magnificence of carving and silver would be.

**SHAWL STRAPS.**—Two pretty fancy shawl straps are thus described: Take two strips of French canvas thirty-eight inches long and thirty-eight inches wide; embroider them with bright colored Berlin wool, sew them down on two strips of leather of corresponding length and width, line with silk, and finish the edges all around with a crocheted border. For the handle, take one strip of canvas twenty-five inches long and three inches wide. Embroider, etc., to correspond with the strap. Sew the ends of the handle over the straps so it (the handle) can be slipped backward or forward. Have the ends of straps furnished with silver clasps. In fastening around the shawl have the straps close enough together to make the handle bow-shaped. A less expensive and very pretty strap can be made of strips of stout brown Holland, embroidered with a crocheted border, and lined with silk. The ends of the shawl, which are bound with steel clasps, or buckles and eyelets holes.

HERE is a recipe for a "hard-times pudding": Half a pint of molasses, half a pint of water, two teaspoonsful of salt, one teaspoonful of soda, thickened with flour enough to make a batter about like that for a cup cake. Put this in a pudding-bag, or a pudding-boiler; allow room to rise. It would be safe to have the pudding-bag about half full of the batter. Let this boil steadily for three hours. Sauce to serve with it is made thus: Mix two teaspoonfuls of either white or brown sugar with a lump of butter the size of a butternut; a little salt and one large spoonful of oil should be mixed with the butter and sugar. When free from lumps pour boiling water slowly over it, stirring all the time. Let it boil up once or twice to make it of the desired thickness.

**SALMON** croquettes are asked for, so the recipe is repeated:—One pound of salted chopped fine, and add to it one teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, piece of half a lemon and a dust of cayenne. Mix thoroughly. Put a cup of cream on to boil. Rub one tablespoonful of butter and two tablespoonfuls of flour together till smooth, and stir them into the boiling cream. Stir and cook two minutes. Stir it into the salmon; mix well, turn out on a dish to cool. Form into croquette shapes with a wingless, roll in beaten egg and bread-crumbs, and fry in olive butter; drain a piece of brown paper until not a particle of fat adheres. Serve on a napkin with parsley garnish.

Now that sausage time is here, the French receipt for baked mushrooms can be tried. The mushrooms should be nicely prepared, and part of their gills scraped away so as to make them somewhat hollow; this mushroom material is mixed either with some sausage meat or with a concoction of minced tongue or ham, and a few bread-crumbs and butter. Each mushroom is filled with this stuffing and gently cooked in the oven in a covered dish with a little piece of butter. Whist cooking, small circles of toast, well buttered, are prepared, and a mushroom neatly placed on each. They are served on a hot dish and are excellent.

**SCOTCH** cakes are economical so far as eggs are concerned, and, if made with care, will melt in the mouths of children. To one pound of flour allow half a pound of butter and a quarter of a pound of sugar; let the butter stand in a net until near the fire to soften, but not melt; when soft, rub it and the flour together, then knead in the sugar. Roll out in a sheet half an inch thick; cut out cakes about two inches square; bake until they are a light brown. Put them away in a stone jar, and they will in a day or two gather moisture enough to be soft.

**COLD SLAW.**—Beat the yolks of four eggs to a very light cream, then stir gradually into them five tablespoonfuls of cider vinegar. Add two or three tablespoonfuls of sugar, and stir the mixture over the fire until it begins to thicken like boiled custard; then remove and add a teaspoonful of butter and nearly a teaspoonful of anchovy mustard. Set the sauce upon ice to become cold, then pour it over the sliced cabbage just before serving. Celery is often mixed with the cabbage for this salad.

**NEW WAY OF SERVING OATMEAL.**—Place it, in the morning, in a tumbler and fill up with new milk. Let it stand all day, and take it for supper or for a night-cap. The grains will have been softened by their long soaking in the milk, and it can be eaten with a spoon. This is said by its advocates to be a specific against neuritis, and is also soundly recommended for sedentary folks.

**BUFFET-CLOTHS.**—Side-board cloths are used to protect the fine wood or marble surface of the piece of furniture, Canton flannel, in delicate colors, is a good material where there is not much risk of spots—otherwise some material that can be washed is preferred. A handsome buffet-cloth can be made of the embroidery material with a green outside, and the extreme edges ornamented by bands of Mexican drawn-work, as delicate as cobweb tracery.

## HUMOROUS.

**DRIVING AWAY A HEADACHE.**—"Mr. McGuinness, do ye ever find anything that wud drive away a headache?" "Is it a headache ye have, Mr. O'Dwyer?" "Sure, and I kin drive it away in no time at all." "An' what is yer remedy, Mr. McGuinness? It's meself wud like to be afther thyrin' it." "Well, all ye have to do is to drink plinty aw whisky." "Is it whiskey ye say? Sure, it's jokin' ye are, for that would only give me a headache, as I know by my little experience I have had." "Well, there's where ye will find the phylsophy av me remedy, Mr. O'Dwyer. Ye never say a man wid two headaches at waist, did ye? Ye see, the whiskey headache will drive away the other wan ye are sufferin' wid now."

**The Tail Sycamore of the Wabash.** The special correspondent of the *Indianapolis (Ind) Journal*, embodied in a recent communication the following from Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees: I consider St. Jacob's Oil a splendid remedy. I suffered from an affection of the back and kidneys, with some rheumatism at the fact, it was the physician of the fact. I used St. Jacob's Oil, and found it very efficacious. It gave me instantaneous relief, and finally cured me completely.

**MUSICAL** note: "Yes, Jimmie shall go to Italy to have her voice cultivated," said a proud father to a fair haired girl who stood beside him affectionately stroking his snowy locks. "Can't ye go, too?" asked the younger brother, John. "Ye!" exclaimed his parent with surprise, "why, ye have no voice." The following morning, when Johnny met the neighbor's boy next door, he remarked with the air of one who had been relieved of a disagreeable duty: "I guess we needn't shoot any more cats, Bill, dad's likely to send them to Italy."

"If that prays harm for his neighbor, be a curse upon himself." He that recommends Kidney-Wort to his sick neighbor brings a blessing rich and full both to his neighbor and himself. Habitual costiveness is the bane of nearly every American woman. Every woman owes it to herself and to her family to use this celebrated medicine, Kidney-Wort.

**The Diamond Dye** for family use has no equal. All popular colors easily dyed, fast and beautiful. 10 cents a package.

**REWARD** of the dutiful: A martinet of a sergeant turns up unexpectedly to call out a fatigue party. Only one soldier answers to the summons with promptitude. "Confound it all to confusion!" yells the irritated officer. "What in the name of a hundred thousand devils do you mean by turning out alone, sir?" When I called out the whole squad, forty-eight hours in the blackhole! That'll teach you to be the only man to turn it!"

**Skill in the Workshop.**—To do good work the mechanic must have good health. If long hours of confinement in close rooms have enfeebled his hand or dimmed his sight, let him at once, and before some organic trouble appears, take plenty of Hop Bitters. His system will be rejuvenated, his nerves strengthened, his sight become clear, and the whole constitution be built up to a higher working condition.

**Recruiting Health at the Seaside.**—Harry: "Wretchedly dull, depressing place this to have spent a month in." Jack: "Yes; don't know what to do with one's self." Harry: "Let's see; what have we done?" Jack: "Biliards in the morning—a sleep in the afternoon—pool or 'Nap in the evening—'S and 'B's, etc.—bed." Harry: "Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea to stroll up to the top of that hill and see what the country's like, before we leave this morning."

**The Secret of Living.** Scovill's Sarsaparilla or Blood and Liver Syrup will cure Scrofulous Taint, Rheumatism, White Swelling, Gout, Consumption, Bronchitis, Nervous Debility, Malaria and all other diseases arising from an impure condition of the blood.

The merits of this valuable preparation are so well known that a passing notice is not necessary to remind the readers of this journal of the necessity of always having a bottle of Scovill's Blood and Liver Syrup among their stock of family necessities. Certificates are presented from many leading physicians, ministers and heads of families throughout the land endorsing it in the highest terms. We are constantly in receipt of certificates of cures from the most reliable sources, and we do not hesitate to recommend it.

"What are you going to do with that piece of wood?" inquired a broker of a Nassau street man as he was carrying along with a broken plank under his arm. "Why, this is a relic of the old Post Office, and I'm going to have a case made of it," was the proud reply. "Pooh!" sneered the broker; "in less than ten years from now you won't find anybody who'll believe you." "Why, I've actually got a cane made from Noah's Ark, yet nobody takes any stock in it."

**On Thirty Days' Trial.** The Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich., will send Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to men (young or old) who are afflicted with nervous debility, lost vitality and kindred troubles, guaranteeing speedy and complete restoration of health and manly vigor.—Address as above.—N. B.—No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed.

"No," said Farmer Furrow, when his wife asked him if he was going to kill the big turkey this year, "no, I guess not. You see I've got an idea that if you fish around for an invitation to take Thanksgiving dinner with some of your folks, I'll take the turkey down to the village and swap it off for a new hat and some socks, and if I get any money to boot I'll give it to you for your mite society. Hey, old gal?"

Caroline the deodorized petroleum hair renewer and restorer, as improved and perfected, challenges the world and stands without a rival among the hair dressings, and is a universal favorite with the ladies.

She looked before and after: "Ah!" moaned a widow recently bereaved, "what a misfortune! I know what kind of a husband I have lost, but how can I know what kind of a husband his successor will be?"

Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer is the marvel of the age for all nerve diseases. All its stopped recs. Send to 931 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following bill was lately presented to a farmer in Sussex: "To hanging two barn doors and myself seven hours, four shillings and six pence."

The French plan of economizing eggs in "brooding" croquettes, oysters, &c., is to mix a tablespoonful of salad oil and one of water to three eggs, with a pinch of salt. Good American cooks simply add a tablespoonful of cold water to each egg. It will still be glutinous enough for frying.

**KIDNEY WORT**  
FOR THE PERMANENT CURE OF  
CONSTIPATION.  
No other disease is so prevalent in this country as Constipation, and no remedy has ever equalled the celebrated Kidney-Wort as a cure. Whatever the cause, however obstinate the complaint, this remedy will overcome it. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is perfectly safe in all cases. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is perfectly safe in all cases. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is perfectly safe in all cases.

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**NIPPED IN THE END.**—"Lovest thou me much, Theodore?" "Oh, Clorinda! If all—!" Just here the old man jumped up from behind a bush near the front gate and ejaculated: "See here! None of this doggone Romeo business. This ain't no theatre. Clorinda, go in and help your mother to wash them dishes, and you, Theodore, or whatever your name is, if you want to remain in a sitting condition, you had better get out of that 'ore gate there several times faster than you came in."

"Revenge is too dearly purchased at the price of liberty." Is it a disordered liver giving you a yellow skin or costive bowels, or do your kidneys refuse to perform their functions? If so take a few doses of Kidney-Wort and nature will restore each organ, ready for duty. Thus health will be cheaply purchased at the price of Kidney-Wort.

For one dime get a package of Diamond Dyes at the druggists. They color anything the simplest and most desirable colors.

**EXACTITUDE.** "I am sorry to inform you," said a man to an Arkansas gentleman, "that your son has been killed in a balloon ascension." "How?" asked the gentleman. "Well, you see he went up with the professor and the balloon dropped suddenly and killed both of them." "It was the descent that killed him," My friend, when you come into this neighborhood with a piece of information give it straight."

**Don't be Alarmed.** At Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or any disease of the kidneys, liver or urinary organs, as Hop Bitters will certainly and lastingly cure you, and it is the only thing that will.

No grounds for it: "I am sorry to hear of your uncle having drowned himself at sea," said Gilbilly to an influential citizen of Austin, who wore a sad look and craped on his hat. "Yes, it was very sad." "Did he have any grounds for it?" "How the mischief could he have any grounds for it out at sea where the water is a mile and a half deep?"

Pure cod liver oil, from selected livers, on the seashore, by Caswell, Hazard & Co., N. Y. Absolutely pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it prefer it to all others. Physicians declare it superior to all other oils.

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A NEBRASKA clergyman who wouldn't accept two gallons of whiskey for marrying a couple had to go without any fee at all. But he preferred it. He knew a donation party was going to swoop down on him the next week, and they'd be laid enough sober while if they found liquor while looting the house, they'd get so drunk they'd sack the entire premises.

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Use of threadbare forms: The fellow who wrote: "I now take my pen in hand," was troubled with remorse when he discovered, after he had mailed the letter, that he had been using a lead pencil.

A MISSING KISS: When Brown failed to catch the young lady who slapped his hands at Copenhagen, Fogge remarked that it was quite a marine disaster. "A smack lost, you know," he explained in answer to the interrogating glances leveled at him from all sides.

The haggard care-worn look of the Nervous Sufferer disappears as he regains power and vigor through the influence of ALLAN'S BRAIN FOOD. At druggists and Allen's Pharmacy, 215 1st Ave., N.Y.

It is not safe to speak of a Western lady as a large-souled woman. She colors up, flounders out of the room, and soliloquizes in the sacred fastnesses of her boudoir, "I'll never speak to that hateful old thing again—so there! Large sized, indeed!"

The most comfortable boot in town is that with Lyon's Patent Metallic Heel Stiffeners.

It has been fifty years since the papers commenced to advise people not to blow the gas out, and yet it is still practiced enough to keep the grave digger's business lively.

**FATHER:** "Isaac, if you are good to-day, you may carry up some wood, but if you are naughty, you must carry it up."

"Women that have been bedridden for years have been completely cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

With the approach of cold weather doctors begin to fill their coughers.

The cream de la cream of society sours on many aspiring people.

The woolen mills of the country are using more than they were last year, but there is reason to believe that the domestic production of wool has increased in corresponding ratio.

In what is claimed to be the most delicate pair of scales in the world, the beam is made of rye straw, and together with the pans, which are made of aluminum, weighs only fifteen grains. In the most delicate scale heretofore made the beam and pan weighed sixty-eight grains; the beam being made of aluminum—and the instrument was capable of weighing to the one-hundredth of a grain. This new scale, however, weighs to the one ten-thousandth of a grain. A piece of iron one inch long, on being weighed with this wonderful apparatus, was found to represent the almost infinitesimal quantity of one-hundredth of a grain.

The upper limit of timber on high mountains must have approximately the same mean annual temperature everywhere. A calculation made on this basis for the thirteen mountains, including Mt. Washington and Marcy and several western peaks, give a mean of 30.4 degrees.

**Light and Moths.**—A Mississippi doctor proposes the use of the electric light for killing the moths from the eggs of which the destructive cotton worm is hatched. It is well known that brush fires or burning rubbish will attract these pests, and it is probable that the brilliant electric light would destroy in a short time enough moths to make good the cost.

A committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science has ascertained that the maximum pressure of the wind on small plane surfaces exceeds ninety pounds to the square foot. The pressure over large areas is a matter of much uncertainty.

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RHEUMATISM, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, BACKACHE, HEADACHE, TOOTHACHE, SORE THROAT, QUINCY, SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, Soreness, Cuts, Bruises, FROSTBITES, BURNS, SCALDS, And all other bodily aches. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers. Directions in 11 Languages. The Charles A. Vogeler Co. (Incorporated in U. S. A.) Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

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