Farm Notes.

Close confinement and high living is generally the cause of stunts in pigs; a change of treatment is about the best remedy to apply.

The farmer ought to have the very best meat for his own table. Good breed good feed and care will supply this at a lower cost than it can be purchased.

After a shower is a good time to go through the corn field and see if you can find any strong, big weeds that find any pull them out.

soil and raising fruits was probably the first occupation our ancestors had anything to do with.

make and hold this claim.

If a sow is well matured before being bred she will not only prove a better breeder but will bring a much better quality of pigs, for early breeding of the sows causes weakness in the pigs.

To make a corn-crib rat and mouse proof line it throughout, overhead and all, with wire-cloth, having meshes so small that these rodents cannot enter. This does not impede the air circula-

Gypsum, when pure, is useful to many crops, as is well known, but espounds per acre are usually applied. early in the spring.

few days before they are marketed. calves are retained for that purpose. This is applicable to all kinds. Much of the poultry sent to market is not in condition to be of the best quality. They need fattening.

Quick growth and early maturity stock for spring pigs it is important to see that good stock is selected.

If you have a fruit tree that is not hearing as it should, stir the soil well ful of tar by forcing it in the mouth. and apply a dressing of rotten manure. If, in a few days after, a dressing of wood ashes can be put on it will make it i merbetter. Prune well, especially when cutting out all the old, des-

If corn fodder is cut and steamed, or moistened with boiling water, it will be found an excellent and agreeable change of diet for the cows. Cows that are given a variety of food occasionally will always keep in better condition than those that are fed on a sameness of diet continually.

A Michigan man who has 200 hick ory-nut trees and about 300 walnut and butternut trees says that his income from them, year by year, is larger than that of any farmer cultivating 300 acres of land. He sells his crop on the trees for cash in hand, and the only expense out is for taxes.

In a majority of cases, it rarely pays to attempt to cure a hen that has fal len into the habit of eating eggs, and for the reason that she is almost certain to learn others the same trick, often almost before you are aware of it, the best plan is to kill as soon as the trick is discovered. It hardly pays to run the risk.

The best points of a dairy cow can be seen when the cows are at their your selection, because in the aggregate the farm stock has paid should not be satisfactory. It is important to know not only which kinds of stock but also which animals pay the largest per cent. of profit.

Fruit trees cannot thrive on all kinds of exhausted soil. The trees place, around the base. will make a growth of leaves on poor land, but they require mineral manure to perfect the fruit. Land that has been -too rough for plowing may yet have spaces between the rocks where fruit trees will thrive, and is better than land that has been exhaust-

rapidly in warm weather under tillage valuable compounds of nitrogen, which will hasten plant growth. This process, called ultrafaction of the soil, does not go on rapidly in the absence of lime, potash, soda, etc., hence the importance of applying lime and potash to soils deficient in them.

Professor Sanborn says in the Manchester (N. H.) Mirror: "In summer Awake. experiments with cows for a small dairy, I found it as cheap to go direct to the grain bin or hay mow for extra then add half a cup of boiling water and food to bridge over droughts or to stir until dissolved. Mix the juice from maintain the milk flow in the fall, as it a dozen large oranges and a pound of was to depend upon the green foods, sugar together. Whip a quart of cream; daily secured at much trouble. In a large dairy this element of inconvenience would disappear largely."

The horticulturist should always be that attack the particular fruits that he pack in salt and freeze two hours. familiar with the more common insects grows. The attack may be upon root stalk, branch or leat. In fact the injury is often done by insects that are submerged from view in bark or wood. and the plant or tree sickens and dies before the owner becomes aware of the cause of the mischief.

A correspondent of the Massachusetts A correspondent of the Massachusetts for folkses what don't keep no chickens Ploughman says: "I once saw a row ter ask pinted questions lak dat.'. of currant bushes some ten rods long, Texas Siftings. where one-half the row was completely bare of leaves, while the other half cure a crop of currants."

It is well for the farmer to study the character of the weeds that grow upor his farm, for without a knowledge of their habits he cannot successfully fight them. Each section of country has its weeds which are injurious to farm crops, and these weeds commonly differ in different localities, though some of them appear to be common to all. In weed destruction there is

If a calf is at all dainty about its feed do not keep it for a cow. No pedipoor appetite and poorer digestion. Giving the calf as great a variety of food as possible is the best plan we know of to make it a hearty eater. were skipped when cultivating. If you The greater the variety the more food can be eaten, and this, if continued, Horticulture is nothing more than means increased digestive powers, on intensive agriculture. Cultivating the which in any animal, man not excepted, future usefulness must depend.

It is a wild claim to make for any exposed to the rays of the sun all the breed that they lay the largest, richest, day long. Grapes generally do quite one day. Take the same amount of the most and best eggs. Each breed well on the easternly or westernly side has good merits, but none can really make and hold this claim.

of a building, but a southernly exposure is better. The soil should be dry and warm, whether it be sand, gravel or clay. While, like all other plants, the vine takes its food in solution, it will flourish in a drier soil than any other plant, and it will never succeed where there is not good dainage.

Oxen are serviceable on large farms, and also in those sections where the roads are nearly impassable in winter, as they can travel where a horse can not venture. They can be bred for the purpose desired by judicious selection of the best breeds for producing quickdraught oxen, the Devon breed being pecially to clover, corn, oats, grass, cabbage turnips, etc. About 100 bear the heat well, travel at a rapid gait and endure fatigue. A cross of the Devon with large native stock also Feed the poultry all they will eat a produce excellent oxen, if the male

A correspondent asks a remedy for the prevention and cure of distemper in pigs. Distemper is a disease that seldom attacks pigs. The difficulty is probably due to dampness in the quarcan only be secured by having good ters, being a cold. Give each pig a breeding stock as a foundation, and then giving good feed and care to build the food slightly salted. On the botupon. And when mating the breeding tom of the water-trough pour a gill of wood tar. Keep the quarters dry and avoid draughts of air on the swine. If the difficuty is severe give a teaspoon-

> BLACKBERRY SHORTCAKE .-- Mix into haif a pound of self-raising flour a quarter of a pound of butter or lard. Add by degrees about half a pint of cold, sieve; add the sugar and boil for fifteen by degrees about half a pint of cold, boiled milk. Mix all up with a knife, and as quickly as possible. Turn the paste on to a floured board or table, dredge the past with flour, roll it out to the thickness of half an inch, and cut it is result in the cold of the laws to in round pieces the size of a large tea-plate. This may be done by laying a plate over the paste and cutting round it. Lay the cake on a floured baking tin and bake until done-about half an hour When done, slip a knife aroun the edge, and separate the cake in two by pulling it apart-cutting it with a knife would make the paste heavy. Spread on one half-ripe blackberries, crushed or not as wished. Sprinkle over the fruit plenty of pounded sugar, lay on the top cover, and spread a layer of berries on it. Serve with cream or pile a layer of whipped cream on the top.

PEACH GELATINE.—Press half a can of peaches or apricots through a colander; whip a pint of cream stiff; take quarter of a box of gelatine that has been soaking in two tablespoonful of cold water and stir it over boiling water until it is dissolved; strain it into the puree of fruit; mix well and stand the basin—which should be a tin one—on best, and then is the time to make the ice or in the snow and stir from bottom and sides until it begins to set and thicken, then add half of the whipped cream, mix thoroughly and set away in a mold to harden. If you dine at evening, do this in the morning, but not over night. Turn out on a pretty dish and pour the remainder of the whipped cream, which you have kept in a cool

CABBAGE IN HALF AN HOUR .- Have plenty of salted, boiling water, in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved; plunge the cabbage in, top downward; leave it uncovered, and let it boil until tender; that will be, as given in the ed by long cropping.

A soil containing free lime, potash or magnesia is in condition to form

time-table, from twenty minutes to half an hour. Take it out into a colander; drain well, put into a hot dish, put in bits of butter, some salt and pepper, and serve at once. It will be as delicate as cauliflower; the color will be retained, and there will not be an unpleasant odor over the house, such as is always associated with boiling cabbage. Try it at once, and then see if the school kitchen learning has not gotten in advance of your old methods .- Wide

> ORANGE SAUFFLE .-- Cover half a box of gelatine with cold water and soak mix the orange juice and the yelks of four eggs together in a tin pan; stand the pan on ice; strain the gelatine into it and stir until thick; then add the whipped cream; pour in an ice cream mold

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