

FARM NOTES.

The apple-tree tent caterpillar spins a tent or nest in trees. The females emerge in July and deposit about 300 eggs in a belt around an apple, cherry or wild cherry twig.

The question of enriching the soil should not, of course, be neglected even though a certain crop has been found to thrive on it, says American Cultivator.

There are occasionally to be seen on the street horses that are so lean that they are called a disgrace to their owner, and yet the leanness is not a proof that he does not feed them well or give them as good care as most other people do.

In some cases the trouble may arise from overfeeding and a lack of regular exercise. Either or both of these causes will result in the weakening of the digestive organs, so that much of the food given passes away undigested and adds nothing to the flesh or strength.

There are many places which need draining only because of some spring which does not discharge at the surface, but rises near it and then saturates the soil all about it until it finds some place where it can drain off.

Dry earth is one of the best absorbents that can be used for preserving liquid manure. Charcoal is excellent and so is plaster, but the plaster absorbs the ammonia and does not change it to sulphate of ammonia directly, as many suppose.

Every portion of an animal is now used. Blood and offal were once thrown away, but now go into fertilizers.

Any soil that will produce weeds is in good condition, as only rich land will produce some kinds of weeds. One of the surest indications of good soil is when pig weed flourishes.

If your dog has fleas, wash him with an solution of oculus indicus, or with coal oil, and then with soap and warm water.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Club Sandwiches.—Remove the crust from white bread and toast, cut into triangles, spread each slice with mayonnaise dressing, add a Boston lettuce leaf, on this a slice of cold fowl, then a slice of broiled bacon, cover with other triangles of toast, garnish with lettuce and hard-boiled egg.

Every mother should cut out and paste in her scrapbook these valuable recipes for special forms of diet given among the rules for the management of infants during the hot season, recommended by the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia and approved and published by the Board of Health.

Boiled Flour or Flour Ball.—Take one quart of good flour; tie it up in a pudding bag so tightly as to make a firm, solid mass; put it into a pot of boiling water early in the morning, and let it boil until bed-time.

Rice Water, Barley Water, etc.—Wash four table-spoonfuls of rice; put it into two quarts of water, with a little salt, and boil down to one quart, and then add sugar and a little nutmeg.

Beef Tea.—Take one pound of juicy lean beef—say a piece from the shoulder or the round—and mince it. Put it with its juice into an earthen vessel containing a pint of tepid water, and let the whole stand for one hour.

Mutton tea may be prepared in the same way. It makes an agreeable change when the patient has become tired of beef tea.

Raw Beef for Children.—Take half a pound of juicy beef, free from any fat; mince it very finely; then rub it into a smooth pulp either in a mortar or with an ordinary potato-masher, and press it through a fine sieve.

Once upon a time a big, hearty, breezy man came into a room full of long-faced, doleful, complaining creatures and, after looking around, he just laughed and laughed and laughed until he had every one of those melancholy mortals laughing and then—oh, miracle! every one of them felt better, and they couldn't, for the life of them, tell what it was about, only they felt instant relief.

Simple tooth Powder.—Camphor gum, 1 ounce. Pulverized orris root, 3 ounces.

For bee stings salt at all times is a good cure. Sweet oil, powdered mallows or onions, powdered chalk made into a paste with water, or weak ammonia are also efficacious.

To drive out the mosquito, Consul Plumacher, of Maracaibo, advises the planting of castor oil beans in yards and about buildings. He says he knows from personal experience that where the castor oil bean grows no mosquito or other blood sucking insect will abide.

Never are we more impressed with the value of personal style than at this season. In winter almost any woman who is loaded down with fine heavy garments and handsome furs has a certain dignity.

This does not necessarily mean a great expenditure of time and money at gymnastics. Indeed, many a woman does very well by simply "living" the few rules that she knows.

Very cool to look upon is the sheer muslin frock colored a soft foggy gray, suggestive of salty sea-sands along shore.

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Wade to Cure Rheumatism.

Medicinal Magic in the Waters of a Michigan River.

There is a river in Michigan, the Boyne river, which, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, has been discovered to possess the properties of healing which Ponce de Leon sought for in vain in the rivers of the new world.

The people of Boyne valley for some reason or other, did not take very much notice of the cure of Mr. Kyes, but shortly afterward the mill superintendent, Frank Pierce, was overseeing the rebuilding of the mill race, and it was necessary for him often to stand in the water.

Just what it is that gives the water its power is not definitely known. It is of an even temperature of 60 degrees, and this gives rise to the belief that it is fed by hot springs. The river is the combination of several streams that stand in the swamps some nine or ten miles up country.

Frog Plague in Ithaca.

All Ithaca is suffering from a frog pest due to the recent heavy rains. The frogs have appeared in great numbers. The ground in the vicinity of Renwick Park is covered with them.

Surveying a New Line.

A big corps of surveyors are working between Patton and Barnesboro and it is expected that a railroad will be built between these two places very soon.

WHITE MAN TURNED YELLOW.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty, of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly.

Stale Bread and New.

New bread is well known to be less digestible than stale bread, although it need not be so. There can be no question, however, of the vastly superior flavor of the former, and hence the preference of many people for hot rolls for breakfast.

New bread, on the contrary, is soft, doughy, or plastic, and there appears to be no necessity to soften it with saliva, hence it escapes the preliminary digestive action of the ptyalin of the saliva.

When a dog is given a piece of meat it will be noticed that he "bolts" it. There is not much reason why it should stay in the mouth, for the month, beyond reducing it by the aid of the teeth to a convenient mass, cannot deal with its digestion; but if the dog be given a piece of bread, supposing he eats it all, he will keep it in his mouth for some time and will almost labor over it before swallowing it.

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