

FARM NOTES.

One method of preparing sauerkraut is to cut the cabbage into long, thin slices...

The benefit of improved stock is that it is an educating force in farm life. The owner of improved stock will not feel satisfied to see it depreciate...

Three causes operate to produce valley frosts, which are: First, the made cold on clear nights, becomes heavier...

Onions sets are surer than seeds. The onion maggot will not attack the crop so rapidly if new land is used...

Bleeding Heart (Dianthus Spectabilis) one of the finest herbaceous bloomers of the garden, makes a handsome pot plant for the house in the winter...

There is nothing which hold to the soil with such pertinacity as weeds. It is probable that the Egyptians are today fighting the same weeds which they were trying to exterminate by the aid of the Israelites when they were in bondage...

A large proportion of the hay and fodder produced on farms is stacked, but hay stored in the barn will keep in much better condition than when stored in stacks. It is almost impossible to escape loss when it is exposed in stacks...

Investigations and observation on the health of plants in cities indicate that sulphurous acid, hydrocarbons and other poisonous substances, held in suspension in fogs, have a deleterious influence on plants...

If fruits of any kind are to be set out, see that the supply is purchased and the stakes set, so that when the time comes for transplanting there need be no delay...

As showing how formidable a pest the gypsy moth is to contend with in Massachusetts, it is stated that 2070 nests were found on a single tree, each of which had between 500 and 600 eggs...

The gait which an animal will assume when in great danger, or in fear for its life, is prompted by instinct, and is undoubtedly the most rapid motion of which it is capable...

Success in raising forest trees from seeds depends upon having the seeds properly prepared during the winter. They must not be allowed to get too dry, nor must the moisture and temperature be such that germination will be commenced before they are sown...

Malarial troubles are said to be unknown in the land of irrigation because the spores do not form and cannot exist in a pure atmosphere. The water thoroughly washes the surface, depositing the decomposed substances in the waste ditches...

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A Daily Thought.

After all, it is the divinity within that makes the divinity without; and I have been more fascinated by a woman of talent and intelligence...

In November the housewife's fancy turns anything but lightly to thoughts of the Thanksgiving dinner. Given the best of markets, the best of cooks, and the most abundantly perfect service...

Instead of the usual pumpkin filled with fruits, or any other similar decoration for the table, here is a novelty at the very beginning. After the table is laid with one's handsomest linen and silver...

Oysters on the half-shell with cocktail in pepper shells. Radishes, celery, salted nuts. Clear consommé with tapioca. Fillet of flounder with pimientos and olives...

Arrange five oysters on a deep plate of scented ice, with lemon quarters; in the center put half a small red pepper shell, filled with the usual cocktail mixture...

Next comes a most attractive course, cider frappe in turkey cups, in honor of the day. Get some fresh cider, sweeten to taste, and add the juice of half a lemon...

After this have a pretty new course, halved quail in bread croutades; take large slices of bread three inches thick, cut off all the crust, and fry brown...

The mince pie, which by no means may be omitted, may be slightly heated and then sent blazing to the table by pouring a little brandy over and lighting it...

A new way of preparing an after-dinner cheese will be found worth trying. Put two-thirds of a cup of salted almonds twice through the meat-chopper...

Another Thanksgiving dinner may omit turkey altogether and substitute large domestic ducks, with some new dishes to set it off.

Vegetable Pie.—Pears formed of mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned; peaches of mashed sweet potatoes, brushed with egg and reheated in oven...

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Blazing mince pies. Harlequin ices; small cakes. Brie cheese and toasted waffles; coffee.

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Horns of Plenty.—Creams and water ices packed into these moulds make dainty confections for the company dinner; small vanilla drop cakes put together with marshmallow icing and delicious accompaniments.

Facts About the Turkey.

Nearly all authors who have written of the turkey have regarded it as a descendant of the well-known wild turkey of North America...

Audubon, however, has noted the coming of wild turkeys into the barnyard, where they paired with the domestic turkeys, while it is also well known that the American bronze turkey originated from the union of the wild turkey of North America with the domestic turkey of this country...

The genuine North American turkey is described as black, beautifully shaded with a rich bronze, the breast plumage being dark bronze illuminated with a lustrous finish of coppery gold.

The Mexican turkey is said to have a body color of "metallic black, shaded with a rich bronze, its tail and feathers being tipped with black."

Most beautiful of all, however, is said to be the Honduras turkey, which is described as having a beauty of covering the equal of the Imperial pheasant.

The head and neck of this wild turkey are naked, no breast tuft is present. The ground color of plumage is described as a beautiful bronze-green, banded with gold, bronze, blue and red...

Jack was the office-boy up in the top of a big sixteen-story building. One day he was sent to the postoffice on an errand which took him to the money order department in the big stone building.

While standing there awaiting his turn and wishing that it was Saturday afternoon, so that he could go to see his cousins in the country and help them "raise crops," he saw an Irish woman push her way up to another window and heard her explain to the clerk that she wanted to send "tin dollars" to her mother over in the "ould country."

The clerk, in no very good humor, handed her a blank; but the woman only stood and looked at it in a puzzled way, and finally made her way back to the window, repeating: "I want to send tin dollars to me mother."

"Well, fill out your blank and then come back here, but not before," was the sharp reply. Again the woman stood and stared blankly, first at the clerk and then at the paper in her hand. She did not know what to do.

"Sure, God bless ye!" answered she. And the grateful look which she gave Jack when it was done, and the hearty thanks, made him think as he went away that he had been sowing a crop of something better than wheat—human kindness.—Ec.

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