

FARM NOTES.

The horses will get more benefit from their rest at noon if the harness is removed as soon as they get to the stable.

Breed good mares to good horses and you need have no fear of the result. It is blood that tells in horse breeding.

There is money, good substantial money, not that in small quantity, in breeding horses well, with a fixed end in view.

The real test of value in a horse is strength, lively action, and endurance, all combined in the lightest weight possible.

Firmness, kindness and patience are three of the essential elements in the make-up of anyone who is a success in handling horses.

Good feet are essential in a good horse. In purchasing or breeding to any horse see that his feet are sound, substantial and well formed.

In very many instances poor results on the farm are due more to farming methods, or rather to the lack of them, than anything else.

Is there any way in which you can grow \$200 worth of farm products with less labor, less capital and better profit than by raising a good horse?

The very nature of the conditions and surroundings requisite to the production of first-class carriage horses will long stand in the way of an over-supply.

The hog is an animal for level, fertile grain land, and the sheep for hilly, thin and worn land, as sheep graze closer to the ground than any other farm stock.

From the age of two and one-half years a well-bred colt, properly fed and handled, should be able to do enough work about the farm to pay for his keeping.

"Plumping" poultry is done by dipping the fowls 10 seconds in water nearly or quite boiling hot, and then immediately in cold water. Hang in a cool place until the animal heat is entirely out of the body.

A brood sow should be fed a variety such as bran, roots, etc. Corn is fattening and should not be fed in large quantities. It promotes neither growth of the sow nor pigs. Some green vegetable food should be given in winter.

A successful farmer says he does not have to inspect a farm to see whether it pays or not. "Just give me a chance to look into the barn. The condition things are kept in is all the go-by I want." The barn is a tell-tale on the careless or wasteful farmer.

The farmer that makes any pretense to dairy interests soon learns to know the great value of rolling crops. When the early summer drought dries up the pasture there is nothing like having a supplementary crop to draw needed supply rations from for the milch cows.

Poor butter is caused by over-churning, over-salting, over-working. From the start the milk is tainted. The cows should be well fed; the hands of the milk should be perfectly clean; the milk should never be set where there are bad odors to taint it, and if the cream is kept too long, the taints will be intensified.

To preserve the wheels of vehicles and also to prevent shrinkage of any of the parts, put some boiling lard oil into a pan or other vessel and raise the wheel so that the rim will pass through the oil. Revolve the wheel and let the felloes be well soaked for about three minutes and the wheel will then be more durable.

Shingles are usually 16 inches long, and a bundle of them is 20 inches wide and contains 24 courses in the thickness at each end. A bundle of shingles will lay one course 80 feet long. When shingles are exposed four inches to the weather, 1000 will cover 107 square feet; five inches, 132 square feet; six inches, 160 square feet.

A large number of farmers will discard a crop altogether the next season if prices are low at present, which is just the opposite practice to the course that should be pursued, for the season that when one farmer drops out others are entertaining the same views, the result being that the article will be scarce the next year and prices high.

The Maine Experiment Station has discovered a hen that laid 250 eggs in one year. In fact, she laid 251 eggs in one year, counting from Thanksgiving day to Thanksgiving day. This hen came from a selected family of 200 egg layers as the original foundation. In the same family there were a number of hens that laid over 240 eggs in a year.

The physical nature of the horse is similar to our own. In winter instead of taking off clothing we put on more. Use the same logic with the horse and provide him with a good warm blanket when standing in the cold. When standing hitched, turn his head with the wind, rather than facing it. He will feel the cold much less.

The most valuable "condiments" for hogs are ashes, salt and coppers. A big breeder says he once a week takes up the cobs in the feeding yard and burns them, thus giving the swine some charcoal; occasionally he hauls in a load of coal ashes, and salt and coppers are mixed with wood ashes and kept in a trough where the hogs can get at them at any time.

Milk quickly, but gently, and at regular hours. Cows must be made comfortable to do well. Give cows chance to exercise in the open air when weather is comfortable. In order to be a prolific yielder of milk the cow must be a hearty eater, with good digestive powers. In milking, get all the milk each time, but do not keep on stripping after you have got it.

Earthworms perform excellent service in enriching the soil. According to Darwin, on meadow land earth worms eject sufficient digested material to greatly change the characteristics of the soil, amounting to as much as 18 tons per acre in some cases, and containing over one-third of 1 per cent. of nitrogen. They also open the soil and permit the better access of water, air and warmth.

Prof. W. S. Massey says sawdust from resinous pine decays slowly in the soil, and will sour the land when decayed. Even when used for bedding in stables, the manure is not worth half as much as that with ordinary bedding. Look about the remains of sawdust accumulated about abandoned mill sites that are common in the piney woods, and you will see that it takes a long time for any vegetation to start where sawdust has been scattered.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Wishing and willing. Our worst defeats arise from confounding these two things.—Henrik Ibsen.

After the use for long years of a pumpkin centerpiece on the table on Thanksgiving day many a hostess will leave a sigh of relief to have something suggested which is quite as characteristic in color as the pumpkin, and far more artistic. This is a great, beautiful bunch of yellow chrysanthemums set off and relieved by large sprays of dead, brown oak leaves. The combination is really lovely, and most suitable to autumn, and to a pretty dinner table. If the first course is grapefruit, this can be arranged before the family and guests sit down, and the yellow will still further emphasize that of the flowers. The brown can be made more conspicuous by using marrows placed in tall composites or in small flat dishes, or chocolate bonbons can be put here and there. Candles may have fluted edges; small paper flowers can be bought and sewed firmly on plain foundations, or they can be purchased ready for use. This is a menu easily prepared and of dietetic Thanksgiving flavor:

- Grapefruit. Radishes, salted nuts, olives. Cream of oyster soup. Individual chicken pies. Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, in moulds; mashed sweet-potatoes; cauliflower au gratin. Celery mayonnaise, with lettuce hearts. Pumpkin ice. Crackers and cheese. Coffee.

If one is so lucky as to have the tall, beautiful glasses made especially for grapefruit, the pulp of the fruit is removed in spoonfuls and put into the small inside cups, and the cracked ice fills the space between them and the outer edge of the glass. A little sugar is added to the fruit, and a taste of rum, or one or two maraschino cherries. Without the glasses the fruit is well chilled and put in spoonfuls into the emptied shells, and these are served on small plates with orange-spoons by each eating used as before. The soup is one of the staple dishes for the day, but made in a rather different manner from the old-fashioned sort. The oysters are first washed and dried, and with a pair of scissors the hard muscular end is quite cut off without breaking into the soft half; the milk is put on the fire with these hard bits and the oyster juice, and allowed to grow very hot, but never to boil; then it is slightly thickened with a tablespoonful each of melted butter and flour and strained carefully, and seasoned with salt and pepper. After this, the round, soft ends of the oysters are put in, the milk heated again to the boiling-point, and the soup at once taken up and served. A delicious flavor is given by the addition of just a dash of sherry.

In place of fish a pretty course may come next, in the shape of little individual chicken pies, baked in round tins and with their edges fluted; a bit of parsley stands up in each one. Instead of this course there may be fish, if that is preferred, something like creamed halibut or scallops, served in small dishes. The turkey can have a bread stuffing mixed with a pint of oysters; to make it, crumble soft bread quite fine and add salt and pepper and one slice of onion, minced. Put a large tablespoonful of butter into a hot pan and when it browns put in the crumbs and toss and stir them till they are crisp and brown also. Then add the drained oysters and let them barely plump, as they will cook again in the turkey. Stuff the bird and roast it upside down in a deep pan, basting it frequently, so that the fat will run down into the breast and make that delicious. In place of the oysters, boiled and peeled chestnuts can be used in the stuffing by chopping them coarsely and adding them to the crumbs in the pan, browning the two together. Boil the sweet-potatoes, mash and season them, and add a small half cup of cream or rich milk; put them through the press and heap lightly in a hot covered dish. For the cranberry sauce, wash the berries and put them over to cook in barely enough water to float them; simmer till all are one mass of pulp, then measure an equal amount of sugar and boil hard for one minute; remove from the fire, put through a press, and pour into one mould or into individual moulds. The cauliflower may be boiled a day in advance for the dinner; then an hour before it may be picked up into flowerettes and put into a baking-dish with thick white sauce between its layers. Make this with a large tablespoonful of butter and two of flour, with half a cup of milk only, so that it shall be quite stiff. Put fine sifted crumbs all over the top, and bits of butter, and bake brown. The salad is very nice, and one quite new. To make it, get some nice celery and cut it up into inch lengths and split these till they are in bits like knitting-needles. Wipe them dry and put them on ice to grow crisp. Beat the yolk of an egg very stiff and drop in olive-oil till you have a cup of mayonnaise, thinning with lemon juice when it grows too thick to beat; season with salt and cayenne. Dissolve a tablespoonful of gelatin in a little cold water and put it over the steam of the teakettle till it is smooth and thin; cool this, beat into the mayonnaise, and add the celery; put all into a smooth, round mould, like a pail, and put it away overnight. The next day turn it out on a flat dish and surround it with white lettuce leaves. Serve thin crackers with it and olives. Or, in place of this salad, crush two cream cheeses, mix with salt, cayenne, and a little cream, and add a cup of chopped walnuts; press this into a small mould and serve in little slices on lettuce with French dressing. For a pretty final course appropriate to Thanksgiving day, have a pumpkin ice. Get some of the little glass cups used for serving lemonade, and cut crepe-paper of a vivid shade of orange into strips of about five inches wide and long enough to fit around the top of the glass cup; leave one edge of the paper as it is, and from the rest cut long, slender petals, like those of the pumpkin blossom; cut similar slips of green crepe-paper, but not so wide, and make these also into petals, shorter and wider; put first the orange strip around the glass, and outside it the green one, and around both tie tightly a narrow, green ribbon to hold them in place. To make this, get some small, thin-skinned oranges and squeeze them till you have nearly a pint of juice and to this the juice of two lemons, cup of sugar and water syrup, and two egg whites, slightly beaten and fill up with a pint of hot water; stir well, strain, and cool; add a trifle of orange fruit coloring, if the pumpkin shade is not sufficient; freeze rather firmly, remove the dasher and pack it down, and let it stand two hours to ripen.

Economical.

"I believe I have found the prize woman economist," said an east side baker the other day. "She has just moved into my neighborhood, and I understand the family is by no means poor. The wife came into my place Monday and bought a dozen small cakes. I supposed they were for tea that evening. Imagine my astonishment when she came back Friday evening carrying a small paper sack, from the depths of which she carefully drew forth three of the identical cakes I had sold her four days before. Nothing her head toward them, as she set them down on the counter before me, she said sweetly, 'Won't you please exchange these for some fresh ones?' at the same time indicating a batch that I had brought from the oven not half an hour before."

"Well, what did you do?" asked the baker's sympathetic friend. "Do? I gave her three of the fresh ones. I think I must have been mesmerized. Next thing I know she will be bringing back the bread crusts to have new loaves put inside them."—Columbus Dispatch.

One of Walter's front teeth was loose and his mother cautioned him to be careful lest he lose it. "Don't be afraid," he said; "it isn't half as loose as my fingers have always been, and I haven't lost any of them yet."

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