-Kicking cows and those which jump

-Warm mutton tallow will heal wounds on stock more quickly than turpentine. -Provide shade, loose soil, fresh water and free range and you have about done your share toward the poultry flock.

-The best of hay should be fed to heifers when they are no longer fed on skim milk. They should also have ground grain

-The largest oucumber ever raised in Berks county, Pa, is the product of the farm of William Hoffman, near Birdsboro, last year. It is 43 inches long and its greatest diameter is 3½ inches.

-The milk of the Jersey cow is very rich and the cream rises more readily than from the milk of most other breeds. For this reason some milkmen do not like Jersey milk for long-distance shipping.

-If it is wrong for a man to have a dis-eased cow in his herd, why should it not be considered just as much so to let a tree covered with insect pests, or affected with some bad disease, stay in the orchard?

-Never feed stingily the stock you are fattening for market. Find out those feeds which are the best for fattening and give them plentifully. Always see that the animals have an abundance of fresh, clean

-Put everything down in writing when you lease a farm. Memory can not be relied on. It is remarkable how different men will remember different things. If it is all down in black and white, there can be no mistake

-There was a belief common for many generations that boys. like wheat, must be well thrashed to get the best out of them. The rod is no longer plied in the school or family, and yet there is after all a pretty

-When it is convenient to apply heat to frozen pipes to thaw them, spread a cloth thickly with unslaked lime, fasten it around the frozen pipe and throw water on it. The heat produced as the lime slakes is great enough to thaw the ice.

-Now that the leaves are off and we have time, we should not fail to hunt out and destroy all insect eggs and cocoons on bark or limbs. Also, all "mammied" fruits found on trees should be taken off and burned, -they'll spread fungous trou-bles next season if allowed to remain.

-Beware of field mice and rabbits, -especially if you have young trees. The best safeguard against damage from the sharp teeth of these peats, is to wrap the tree trunks with strips of wood veneer or with laths or building paper. Wood veneer may be purchased of basket or package factories.

-Have things gone wrong with you this past year? Now don't get discouraged and imagine you are going to wind up at the poorhouse. The new year is here, good things may be coming around the corner your way. Brace up ; have nerve. Never forget that many a great undertaking has been wrought into success after a promise

over the rough, frozen roads these days. Especially where the ruts are deep it is hard on felloss and other parts. It is a good plan to have a second-best wagon for these times, and so save the good one. But this utility wagon should always be a good solid one, that will not break down on the

-There is perhaps nothing marketed as poorly as poultry. If alive they are shipped in little crowded coops as thick as they can be squeezed in. If dressed—well, from what can he observed on market days, one's appetite for chicken could not he enhanced There is no reason why dressed fowls cannot be put on the market in more inviting condition.

-Half a dozen or so colonies of bees in well arranged hives is sufficient to begin the bee business. In fact, they are about what the average farmer should keep. Before embarking in the business, however, it is advisable to become posted as much as possible. This can be done by studying books and papers on bee culture and by visiting some apiary conducted by a man who knows the business.

-Don't let the boys read the yellow supplements of the Sanday papers, nor the silly, crude and vulgar so called "comics" of the daily papers. It must be positively harmful thus to steep the minds of the immature and uneducated with such vapid, stupid and demoralizing stuff. We are glad to note that some of the metropolitan dailies have ceased to affront the self respect and good taste of their readers, notably the Boston Herald.

-According to the last census, there are 233,598,005 chickens of laying age in the mercerize United States. These are valued at \$70,-000,000, and the eggs they lay would, if divided, allow 203 eggs annually to every proidery cotton under the threads provided in the huck to form a pattern. The heavier United States. The value of all the fowls, the embroidery cotton or silk, the more ef-\$98,800,000, would entitle every person in the country to \$1.12 if they were sold and the proceeds divided. All the weight of Delineator. the animal products exported, the pork, beef, tallow, ham, bacon and sausage, weigh 846,860 tons, while the weight of eggs laid yearly tips the scales at 970,363

-In feeding sheep it is always advisable not to feed too much corn. Clover bay and corn in equal weights should be given during the fattening period. Except for fatten-ing purposes, it is better not to feed sheep on corn at all. Corn is said to contain about 60 per cent of starch and 6 per cent of oil, both being very digestible. Oil makes fat and the starch produces heat and also fat. On occount of its heat-producing feed something else with its either clover or

-Various paints and washes have been recommended to prevent attacks of mice and rabbits in orchards, says a recent government bulletin. The majority of these are without merit, and some of them are liable to kill young trees. Some of the washes require renewal after every hard into hot water. After applying the alcohol rain. In experiments with a wash of whale-oil soap, orude carbolic acid and times necessary to use diluted muriatic or water, for apple trees, it was found that in oxalic acid. The oxalic acid can be used about forty-eight bours the carbolic acid in the same way as the muriatic acid, only had so far evaporated that mice renewed it comes in orvetals instead of as a liquid. their work upon the bark. Blood and grease, said to give immunity from rabbit attacks, would invite the attacks of field boiling water over it. For an old stain

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

I have come to see that cleverness, success, ttainment, count for little : that goodness or character is the important factor in life,-6. J

The Dining Room Plate Rail.—Should be about seven feet from the floor. The width depends upon whether it is intended to hold tankards and pitchers or

The real reason d'etre of the plate rail is decoration. If possible do not keep there articles in common use. They are likely to be broken in taking them up and down, and are missed as part of the decoration when removed.

Do not overcrowd the rail, and do not fill it with a jumble of inharmonious lines and colors. Look at it in the light of a border to the room, not as a receptacle for any sort of homeless curso.

Where there are many plates it is safer to have a grooved ledge to keep them from jarring off.
With the brown papers so much used at

present orange and yellow pottery form a Rich blues, dark reds and ivories are all

effective on tan or coru-toned walls.

What prettier occupation could you find for a winter's evening than the lace-work on a lingeric dress or the embroidering or braiding of a new shirt waist? The very fact that there is no pressing need back of your work, that you can go at it leisurely, drop it at your convenience and pick it up again at your pleasure, will add to your enjoyment of your winter-summer sewing. There are the shirt waists. You can tell now how many von will need and how they should be made. There is no mooted question of long or short sleeves to hold

your work in abeyance until Madame La Mode makes up her mind what she is going to wear next summer. She has declared emphatically in favor of the long sleeve; and where the short sleeve is used at all in shirt waists it will be in a three-quarter length and on the distinctly warm-weather waist. Nothing is more comfortable than the free forearm for any kind of athletics or house work, and for those two usages I think the short eleeve will never quite die out. But in the really smart, well-tailored shirt waists you will rarely see anything but the long sleeve, and the plainer the better. There is an excellent sleeve that is being put in the best waists just now-a sort of leg-o'-mutton shirt waist sleeve that fits in to the cuff without any fulness at all. I've seen it a number of times with a rather severe type of waist-six tucks on each shoulder in front and a two-piece yoke in back. Once I saw it in white linen with the edges of the center-front pleat

awfully effective. - The February Delinea

bound with pink linen, and just inside the

binding narrow rows of feather-stitching done in the same color. Really, it was

Every woman can possess a supple, agile body under perfect control. The first essential is to learn to stand properly, with the head erect and the shoulders flat, not pressed backward. To acquire this, balance an object on the head, in imitation of the peasant woman, and stand against a solid wall, the heels, trunk and back of the head touching it. When you feel that you are "in position," step forward, retaining the object (it may be anything-a small pillow or a weight) up-

Now raise the beels slowly, pressing the floor with the toes; repeat this ten times. Now hold the arms flat against the sides, bend the knees and lower the body toward the heels without actually touching them; raise the body slowly, keeping the back straight and upright (otherwise the object will fall off your head), and not allowing the hands to touch the floor. Repeat ten

Next, fill the lungs full of fresh air; hold it, and with the body and head erect, raise one arm forcibly above the head while the other is held close to the side; lower the raised arm, and, while so doing, raise the other. Continue vigorously this alternate movement (aiding yourself in the erect posture with the object upon the head) until the air in the lungs must be expelled. Slowly refill the lungs and repeat. This exercise has also a particularly stimulating action upon the liver .- The February

This is decidedly a season of trimmings, and the smart little vests that are wort with anything from a shirt waist suit to an elaborate costume are almost a necessity The hand-embroidered ones and those made of rich brocades and silks are far beyond the purses of many of us, and yet a vest we must have. They come in all shapes and sizes, from those that are tight-fitting to the little separate front pieces that may

As patterns may be obtained for almost any shape, the making up of the embroidered material is a simple matter. Lineu huck, in a heavy weave, is used for the foundation, and either beavy rope silk or mercerized cotton may be used for the

The work is done by running the em the embroidery cotton or silk, the more ef-

Oyster Cocktail.—One pint of small oysters drained from their liquor, two table-spoonfuls of vinegar, three tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, two tablespoonfuls Wor-cestershire sauce, one tablespoonful of horseradish, one tablespoonful tomato cat sup, one teaspoonful of salt, two drops of tobasco and a few grains of cayenne.

Serve ice cold in small glasses as a first course. The oysters may be served in lemon shells or tomato cops.

Two cupfuls of milk, two cupfuls of whipped cream, one cupful of sugar, four power it is inadvisable to fred corn.

Because of there not being any great quantity of protein in corn it is necessary to salt, two cupfuls of pincapple juice and pulp. Make a soft oustard of the milk. sugar and yolks of eggs. When cool, add the whipped oream, salt and pineapple.

> Fruit stains on table linens and gar nents may be softened with alcohol. Put the alcohol into a small bottle and immerse pour on boiling hot water. It is some

soak in glycerine.

Three Royal Toasts.

The "Greville Memoirs" tells this story of King William IV. of England and the Duke of Cumberland, his brother: "During dinner loud voices were heard, which soon became more vehement. Both brothers had drunk more than usual, and the duke had lost his temper and his head. Then for the first time King William suspected the idea which from that time was never out of Duke Ernest's mindthat he ought to be the next king of England should no male children survive his brother, William IV. The duke, rising, said: 'Call in the suit. I am proposing a toast. The king's health; God save the king.' The suit came in and drank it. Then the duke said, 'May I also, sir, propose the next toast?' 'Name it, your grace,' replied the king. 'The king's heir,' proudly said the duke, 'and God bless him!'

"A dead silence followed. Then the king, collecting all his energies and wits, stood up and called out, 'The king's heir: God bless her!' Then, throwing the glass over his shoulder, he turned to his brother and exclaimed, 'My crown came with a lass, and my crown will go to a lass!' Every one noticed that the duke did not drink the toast. He left the room abruptly."

A Kind Hearted Waiter.

A surprising experience was that of a lady who received a bit of advice on table etiquette. She is sufficiently free from vanity to tell the story herself. She says:

I know that I am not a person of impressive appearance. I am inclined to be short and stout and to dress plainly. Still, I had hoped that I had an air of acquaintance with polite soclety. But now I shall be more modest than ever in my idea of the impression I make upon strangers.

At my first meal at the hotel where I passed last summer I was pleased with the face of my waiter. It was radiant with kindliness and good nature. I began my dinner with soup and fish. As the waiter set them in front of me he glanced at the persons of fashionable appearance who were my neighbors at table. His kind heart was suddenly struck with the fear that I might make an unfortunate impression on them. He bent down and whispered in my ear:

"Eat your soup first."

Anciently man thought more highly of his horse than of his womenkind But woman, as it chanced, was crafty "Why does he esteem his horse be yond his wife?" she asked herself and resolutely faced the task of finding out. Her first answer was: "The horse will carry a heavier load."

Her next: "The horse doesn't talk back at him." But neither of these, somehow, impressed her as being correct.

"Most likely," she declared at length "it's in the grooming. Well, I'll just be well groomed myself and see." It was a lucky guess, and from that

time forward woman's position rose relatively until in our day the horse has scarcely a look in even at the horse show.-Puck.

Her Darling's Desire. "My darling." said a fond mother who believed in appealing to children's tender feelings instead of punishing them, "if you are so naughty you will grieve mamma so that she will get ill and have to lie in bed in a dark room and take nasty medicine, and then she may die and have to be taken away out to the cemetery and be buried, and

The child had become more solemn but an angelic smile overspread his face at his mother's last words, and, throwing his arms about her neck, he

"Oh, mamma, and may I sit beside the coachman?"-London Queen.

The Age of Man. It is generally admitted by scientists that men lived on the earth contemporaneously with the big nosed rhinoceros, which became extinct about the beginning of the glacial period. That period, so high an authority as the late John Fiske assures us, probably began not less than 240,000 years ago and came to an end 80,000 years ago. How long man existed on the earth prior to the glacial period we have no means of knowing.-New York American.

Puzzled. Mrs. Gaswell-Who is that man who looked at you as if he knew you? Mrs. Highsome-He is a man who has done some professional work for me once or twice. He's a chiropodist. Mrs. Gaswell-Chiropodist? Oh, yes; I've heard of them. They don't believe in foreordination, do they?-Chicago Trib-

To What Base Uses, Etc. One of our State street brokers received a note from a customer bearing the cryptic message, "Richard III., act 1, line 138." Turning to the passage he read, "Now, by St. Paul!" and next moment he had given the order.-Boston Transcript.

Useless Prayers. An earnest young preacher in a reand comprehensive supplication by saying, "And now let us pray for those

who are dwelling in the uninhabited

portions of the earth."

Willing He Should Know. A certain boastful man asserts that he knows how to play on two cornets at once, and the neighbors say that they do not object to his knowing how, but that he had better not try to do it.

The man who is always trying to find out what people say of him is seldom happy.-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Martyr to the Fox.

A fox can climb almost as well as a cat and will often be found lying in trees and on the top of ivy covered walls. High walls covered with ivy often surround private residences in hunting districts. One of these domain walls caused the tragic death of a hound in the south of Ireland a few years ago. There was a belt of trees with thickish undergrowth close up to the wall, and the hounds were running a tired fox hard through this belt Suddenly the cry ceased; there were the unmistakable growling and worrying which proclaim a kill. The mas ter jumped off his horse and pushed his way through the undergrowth. On getting to the pack, instead of finding a dead fox he saw to his horror one of the best hounds torn to pieces. It was easy to understand what had happened. The fox had got over the wall by the help of some ivy, and the hound had tried to jump over after him, but, falling back among the others, had been killed before they realized their mistake.--London Standard.

The End of the Chase. Two ladies, friends of the superintendent, were visiting a hospital for the insane. During the noon meal the superintendent remarked that the door of the violent ward was being repaired and that the guards would have to be unusually watchful until it was finished. After dinner the ladies went for a stroll down the beautiful lane leading up to the main building. Suddenly they heard footsteps as of some one running behind them and were horrified on looking around to see a disheveled, wild eyed man pursuing them. One of the women quietly stepped to the side of the road. The other, screaming at the top of her voice, ran down the road with the maniac close upon her heels. At last, spent with running and gasping with fright, crouching in anticipation of the blow which she was expecting, she waited her fate. The man, panting and grinning, tapped her lightly on the shoulder and said:

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