

There is a considerable difference between the ice cream of the present day and that which would have been eaten by the pilgrim fathers, had they had it as the art of making the cooling and refreshing dish has made a surprising advancement since the early days of its manufacture.

The primitive method of making ice cream by the confectioner of the Revolutionary days was vastly different from the way it is made now. At first the sweetened milk was simply allowed to stand in a wooden tub.

As the demand for the delectable dish increased the old paddle method was found to be too slow, and machinery was devised by which the work could be done by steam, water and horse power.

In the skin of a fowl, where a feather is to appear, there is to be seen a little pit, and at the bottom of this there is a little mound or pyramid.

At the base of the pyramid, around this little mound, certain little grooves extend from one side and another, and gradually growing shallower and finally disappearing at the top.

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After the bananas are loaded on the train they are taken to Port Limon, placed on a vessel and brought to New York. The steamer Foxhall, named after the American hero, but flying the English flag, and owned by Mr. Keith of Brooklyn, carries 12,000 bunches of the fruit to New Orleans every fortnight.

Some animals are held in universal dread by others, and not the least terrible is the effect produced by the rattlesnake. Mr. Pennant says that this snake will frequently lie at the bottom of a tree on which a squirrel is seated.

The Vaillant confirms this fascinating terror by a scene which he witnessed. He saw on the branch of a tree a species of shrike, trembling as if in convulsions, and at the distance of nearly four feet, on another branch, a large species of snake, that was lying with outstretched neck and fiery eyes, gazing steadily at the poor bird.

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Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

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A Western Pack Train. We had often heard of pack trains, but our ideas had never assumed a definite form until it was our good fortune to witness the packing and departure of fifty mules and three horses with five drivers.

Nothing adds more to the value of a farm than good roads in the country surrounding it. Hardly anything is of more importance to the cultivator of the soil than the quality of the seed.

The following are said to be the symptoms of hog cholera. Drooping ears, low-hanging head, diarrhoea, vomiting, rapid breath, and an aversion to light.

Vegetables and fruits, as well as the grain crops, require deep working of the soil. A moderately heavy soil that has been underdrained and subsoiled and then carefully worked is capable of producing the heaviest crops.

House plants that have been planted in the border need to be carefully watched and supplied with water; otherwise in a dry time they will suffer far sooner than plants with their roots unconfined.

A Plague of Rabbits. First the white man took Australia, driving out the aborigines; and then came the rabbit and drove out the white man. It would be a pity if our colonial history had yet to be written in this way.

The Buffalo and the Indian. Whatever may be said against the buffalo destroyers of the far west, the most killers, the tongue butchers and the meat seekers, they have added no small item to the settlement of the Indian question on the plains.

FARM AND GARDEN. Cut out the fallen and dry trees for fire. The earth must be clean to get good crops. Seed as fast as made to get the most for butter.

Many farmers do too much grousing in their business; trust too much to luck, chance and the moon, and do too little close figuring. Do not feed breeding sows very largely on grain.

Permanent pasture lands are the main anchor of agriculture, and the farmers of this country will find this out after while, as they already have in England, and will commence seeding their land with permanent grasses.

Clover growth is helped by lime and plaster. Large quantities of nitrogen are contained in the earth and air, and clover absorbs nitrogen more than any other plant.

To destroy the cabbage worm bruise a quantity of tansy in a wooden bucket, over which pour cold water, and let stand until the water is quite bitter, and then sprinkle it over the plants, being sure to reach the worms with it.

Keep a constant supply of oyster shells before the fowls, not ground into coarse pieces. They may be quickly obtained in the shell, and are easily and off repeated the crop can be saved.

The Poultry Yard gives the following remedy for the disease known as "bumble foot." "As soon as the swelling ripens fairly out open the puffy protuberance and let out the gathered pus freely. To effect this thoroughly the incision should be made crucially, that is, X, and quite down to the bone of ligament beneath the skin.

Words of Wisdom. Keep little annoyances out of the way. Pay as you go, and don't go till you pay.

Words of Wisdom. Nobody is so wise but has a little folly to spare. Keep your conduct abreast of your conscience.

Words of Wisdom. Hide your own troubles, but watch to help others out of theirs. A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.

Words of Wisdom. Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom. Long sentences in a short composition are like large rooms in a little house.

Words of Wisdom. Conscience is a great ledger, in which all our offences are registered. The proverb that light gains make a heavy purse, is true; for light gains come often; great gains, now and then.

Words of Wisdom. The manner of a vulgar man has freedom without ease, and the manner of a gentleman has ease without freedom. Divine Providence holds in one hand the "sorrow" which endures for a night, and in the other the "joy" that cometh in the morning.

Words of Wisdom. There are some people who never have a cheering word for a struggler. They make life just as hard as possible for all who are striving to do right. Teach your children to do right for the world's destiny more sublime than ever issued from the brain of the wildest dreamer.