

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Tropes the meadow after mowing. Grain is safer in the bin than in the stack. Cut out old raspberry and blackberry canes.

Read the best agricultural books and papers. Make your home both comfortable and attractive.

Remove nests of caterpillars from fruit and shade trees. Feed fallen fruit to the pigs and destroy insect eggs.

The decayed branches of old trees should be promptly removed. Their unsightliness is the least of their evils.

Do not use coal oil lamps in bedrooms, with wick turned off low, it produces asthma, heart and throat disease, etc.

The inside of a coffee pot which has become discolored may be made bright as new by filling with soapuds and boiling 45 minutes.

The stain of oil may be removed by applying pipe clay powdered and mixed with water to the consistency of cream. Leave on for four hours.

A good time to get fuel for winter use is when the fields no longer make demands, the farm work of autumn is done and winter coming into view.

Do not deceive yourselves with the idea that one kind of grain is all that is necessary for poultry the year round. Keep a liberal supply of different grains.

Every improvement in physical condition of the soil is a gain that lessens labor of tillage, and tends also to increase of crops, with relative reduction of cost.

If a farmer will take care not to purchase seed that he cannot use, he has little need for, he will soon learn that it is poor economy for him to buy anything but the best.

Two horses on a farm that does not yield well are a waste of money, for they will profit in use; but two more become a heavy tax, consuming all the profit and a great deal more.

The best absorbent in stables is dry earth and it is never difficult to obtain in summer or autumn. Muck is good and pulverized, well dried, is better—road dust, for instance.

Where there is a surplus of straw good use may be found in spreading it thinly on meadows as a protection during winter, for in many cases it may double the yield of grass next year.

When an outfit of a dollar in fitting food for a pig will return two dollars, it will be fully to refuse the expenditure, but that is what many farmers do when they sow on land imperfectly fitted.

There is only one neat way to thresh buckwheat—that is by the flail—and there is no other way so cheap, provided only that the grain be thoroughly dry as it is kept to save well in the bin.

A carelessly kept coffee pot will impact a rank flavor to the strongest infusion of the best Java. Wash the coffee pot thoroughly every day and twice a week with borax water in it for fifteen minutes.

A few barrels of road dust stored away for use in winter as an absorbent may be worth quite as much as a like amount of plaster—more when charged with the fertilizing gases that dust readily fixes.

A good feed for young pigs that are nearly ready for weaning is equal parts of meal, ground oats and shorts, one quart of the mixture in a pail of skim milk, allowing them all they can drink of it, three or four times daily.

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Under the Snow.

All in the bleak December weather, When north winds blow, Five little clovers lay warm together, Under the snow.

All in the fragrant May-time weather, When south winds blow, Four little clovers creep close together, Under the snow.

All in the bright September weather, When west winds blow, Five little clovers were glad together, Under the snow.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

—Straight from the shoulder—The sleeve. —A favorite winter resort—before the fire.

—A "safe burglar" is one in the penitentiary. —A hard thing to sharpen—the water's edge.

—A present which is never received with gratitude—A bill. —The great woman question—"What did she have on?"

—Japan boasts of stinging fish. It has musical scales, we suppose. —Bluebeard's trade was evidently that of a belle-hanger.

—The grocer never sings—"My way is dark and lonely." His weight is usually light. —There's plenty of room at the top," may be an equivocal expression to a bull-headed man.

—The royal family always wears its trousers turned up at the bottom, because it is reigning in England. —It is very mortifying for a young man to ask for a girl's hand and receive her father's foot.

—Kate Field asks, "How many women marry a good man?" One at a time, Kate, except in Utah. —The difference between a porous plaster and a lottery ticket is that the plaster draws something.

—Another peaceful Indian has been discovered in Montana. He has been dead for over 1,000 years. —For the combative—a duel is the quickest kind of encounter, because it takes only two seconds.

—A man who is always losing his temper never seems to find it again. —An advertiser wants "a strong boy for bottling." It occurs to us that it would be easier to bottle a weak boy.

—A clock should please both capital and labor. It works twenty-four hours a day and goes out on a strike every hour.

—An observant writer says that few men know what to do with their hands. They should offer them to some nice girl.

—A pretty girl won a musket in a French lottery. When they gave it her she asked: "Don't they give a soldier with it?"

—"Yes," observed Mrs. Gra, "we kinder got tired of gas, and now we're goin' to have the house lit with clandestine electric lights."

—"Culchaw!"—A provincial lady of culture was lately heard to remark: "I am not much of a grammarist, but I am a pretty good tritheist."

—Beets and carrots have grown to such a size in Dakota this year that farmers are compelled to use stump pullers to pull them from the ground.

—Why is a reddish horse like a horse-radish? Because we can't tell the speed of one, nor the virtue of the other, without putting a bit in the mouth.

—Paper shoes are manufactured in Paris and are quite fashionable. Just imagine a dainty slipper made up of spring poetry and old love letters.

—An old farmer who wrote to an editor, asking how to get rid of moles, and receiving the reply, "Plo them out," answered back: "Can't do it; it's on my darter's nose!"

—Young mother (displaying the baby): Isn't she a dear little thing. Mr. Podsnap: Podsnap (father of a large family): Yes they're very expensive. I've got six of 'em.

—"What are you in here for?" asked a visitor to the penitentiary. "Cause I was put in!" growled the prisoner, savagely. "Yer didn't think I came in 'cause I liked it, did yer?"

—"Are you well acquainted with your mother tongue, my boy?" asked the school-teacher of a new scholar. "Yes, sir, answered the lad timidly. "Ma jaws ma a good deal, sir."

—"I'm afraid it's not genuine," said a lady to a shopman. "Oh, yes, it is, madame," replied the polite gentleman. "All our camel-hair shawls are made of pure silk, direct from the worm."

—"If you have an enemy do not buy his boy a drum. Your enemy would probably climb through the sheepskin within twenty-four hours. Buy his next-door neighbor's boy a drum. It will work just as well and he can't get at it."

—A scientist says—your scientist is always saying something—that each adult person carries enough phosphorus in his body to make 40,000 matches, but those who know how hard it is to make a match of two people will begin to lose faith in scientists.

—Edison says that no experiment which he has tried at night ever failed. Now what we want to know is, did he ever try at night in his bare feet to find the matches without disturbing any of the furniture, or stubbing his big toe against a'teen different obstructions.

—Head of the house (to young man at the front door): "Haven't I told you never to call here again?" Young man—"Yes, sir; but I haven't called to see Miss Clara this time. I have a two-months' gas bill here to collect."

—Head of the house (in a milder tone): "I see. You will please call again."

—"Well," remarked a young man to a group of friends, "the only girl I ever really loved is to be married next month."

"I'm bad, old fellow," said a member of the party. "You know the old story about a good fish in the sea, don't you?" inquired another. "Why don't you punch the lucky fellow?" asked a pugilist member, "and prevent him coming in time to the wedding?"

"Who is the lucky man?" asked a fourth member of the gathering. "If you will only give me a chance I will tell you. She is going to marry me," Tableaux.

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