

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Plenty of pure water is needful for plenty of eggs.

Grinding the corn and cob together is thought by some to give that degree of roughness to the meal which is suited best to swine.

An authority on celery growing says that blight is not likely to make its appearance in a very wet season unless on poorly drained ground.

Dr. S. C. Dunn recommends the application of castor oil to warts once a day. The application must be continued for from two to six months.

There is nothing better for the manure heap than soap. It prevents infestation, arrests the escape of volatile matter, and hastens chemical changes and decomposition.

There is no better plan for freeing rooms and cellars of mildew than to burn sulphur in them. The rooms should be effectively closed and not opened for one hour after being filled with the sulphur fumes.

The object of grooming should not be solely to brush the dirt from the surface of the horse's coat and make a temporary improvement in the appearance, but to cleanse the skin as well as the hair of all dust and dirt that may be adhering to it.

Waffles: Take half a pint of milk, a tablespoonful of butter, (melt before adding to the other ingredients) one teaspoonful of baking powder, a little salt, as a matter of course, and enough flour to make a batter stiffer than for griddle cakes. These waffles come from the iron crisp and are delicious.

For billousness a plain diet of bread milk, oatmeal, vegetables and fruit, with lean meat and fresh fish, is best. Exercise in the open air. The victim of an acute attack will be relieved by (1) abstinence; (2) porridge and milk; (3) toast, a little meat and fish and ripe fruit, this coming to a solid food gradually.

Remember that one horse may be able to stand the extreme heat better than the other in your team, and this being the case there is danger of injuring or killing the one, while the other may not be doing all it is capable of doing. A well mated team means mated as regards strength and endurance rather than size and color.

Meat for the consumption of a small family can be smoked by suspending the hams from bars laid across a large barrel open at both ends, set over a smouldering fire. Corn cobs make a good smoke, and bay leaves and juniper berries burned with them give the meat a slightly aromatic flavor. Cover the barrel while the smoking is going on.

The following liniment is recommended for earache: Camphorated chloral, 2 parts; pure glycerine, 10 parts and oil of sweet almonds, 10 parts. This is to be well mixed and preserved in an hermetically sealed bottle. Applications may be made by means of a pledget of soft cotton soaked in the liniment and put in the ear twice a day.

Raw and boiled sweet potatoes are treated in this manner: Cut the raw potatoes in thin slices, brush melted butter over them and also over the wire broiler to prevent their sticking to it; broil them a dark brown; boiled sweet potatoes need to be but slightly broiled, just enough to warm through and at the same time show the marks of the broiler.

Water cannot satisfy the thirst which attends cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, and some other forms of disease; in fact drinking cold water seems to increase the thirst and induce other disagreeable sensations (at the throat) which is perfectly and pleasantly subdued by eating a comparatively small amount of ice, swallowing it in as large pieces as practicable and as much as is wanted.

Turpentine is the enemy of buffalo moths, carpet worms and other insects that injure and destroy carpets. Mix the turpentine with pure water, in the proportion of two tablespoonfuls to three quarts of water, and after the carpet has been well swept, go over each breadth carefully with a sponge dipped in the solution and wrung nearly dry. Change the water as often as it becomes dirty. The carpet will be nicely cleaned as well as disinfected.

Ginger Snaps: Beat a cupful of butter in a warm bowl until it becomes soft and creamy; then gradually beat into it a cupful of sugar, a cupful of molasses and a tablespoonful of ginger. Dissolve a teaspoonful of soda in half a gill of cold water and stir into the mixture already prepared. Gradually add three points of flour, beating well all the while; then roll the batter very thin, cut out the cakes and bake in a quick oven.

M. Gieseler states that of all measures applied locally to boils the best results are obtained from tincture of iodine. He paints the boil with a thick coating and sometimes a single application is sufficient to cause the inflammation to subside; it is better, however, to make the application several times a day for several days. He does not recommend the early opening of boils, but if evacuation of pus be necessary antiseptics should be used.

A case is recorded in a German medical journal in which an infant was poisoned by the lead contained in a cosmetic on the face of the nurse. The child was five weeks old, and was constantly crying and suffering with colic. Its skin was of a dull bluish tint. The nurse had long been in the habit of using a cosmetic which contained a large portion of lead. It is stated that upon removal of the cause and appropriate treatment a cure was effected in a few days.

Potato Yeast: In two quarts of water boil six potatoes, a handful of hops in a bag, and a half teaspoonful of salt. When the potatoes are done mash fine and add to the liquid a teaspoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of ginger, and when milk warm add a teaspoonful of yeast; set where it is warm and let ferment. Use one teaspoonful of yeast for five loaves, use my sponge at night and add three potatoes. If you wish for more potatoes and not so much hops, take mashed potatoes and add water to make it the consistency of common yeast, and while warm add one teaspoonful of sugar and two of yeast, keep warm and let ferment, when it is fit for use.

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