

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Hens will not lay when exposed to inclement weather.
Lambs can be taught to drink cows' milk by adding to it oatmeal.

In dressing poultry for market the loss in weight is about one-third.
The present is a good time to organize farmers' clubs and other useful societies.

The latest advice from the canning countries are favorable to a full supply of sugar.
For cows one of the best supplementary feeds with corn fodder is wheat brap. Try it.

It takes six cords of hard maple wood to produce the same amount of heat that four cords of hickory will.
An Indiana farmer, after experimenting, says the Cotswold is the most profitable sheep to keep for mutton and wool.

In the case of trees which bear in alternate years, judicious thinning will often result in considerable fruit in the off years.
One use of old tin cans is to cut them up into strips two or three inches wide and tack them over holes in either house or barn.

Some dairymen save the last fourth of the milk from the cow in a separate vessel, and then pour it directly into a cream jar.
Avoid top ventilation in the poultry house. It will cause croup, swelled head, closed eyes and many other difficulties.

The standard for a good cow is said to be five hundred gallons of milk a year, and of this there should be ten per cent. of cream.
An authority says slight elevations are safer places for the grape than bottom lands, on account of the early and late frosts.

With proper care and skill a well selected flock of the right kind of sheep can be made to pay 100 per cent. on their cost every year.
A contemporary suggests that a cow can be easily led by a halter that commands her nose, but with difficulty by a rope around her horns.

Mr. F. H. Israel says the last colony of bees should have at least thirty pounds of sealed honey to start with, the packs in double-walled chaff hives.
When fruit trees are sprayed with arsenical solutions, to operate against the codling moth, curculio, etc., do it early enough in the season to avoid poisoning the fruit.

When a horse is taken into the stable, tired, muddy and sweaty, he ought to stand by at first, be gently bathed in warm water and then rubbed with cloths till thoroughly dry.
Deep plowing should be confined to rich lands, and the plowing be done in the fall; while shallow plowing is best for thin soils, and should be done in the spring, leaving the middle course for medium soil.

The Canadian government has made provisions for a number of experimental stations for the advancement of agriculture in the northwestern provinces.
Professor William Saunders, of London, Ont., has the matter in charge.

A good agency for keeping the air of the cellar sweet and wholesome is whitewash of good white lime and water only. Lime in whitewash greatly promotes the complete oxidation of effluvia in the cellar air.
In preparing food for stock, such as cooked vegetables, chopped feed, etc., always season with salt. Every animal craves, and must have, a certain amount of saline matter introduced into the system to enable it to thrive.

Green food, well-seasoned meat, plenty of water, dry dust, broken bones, gravel and egg shells, crushed up fine, mixed with warm dish water in the morning, sour milk, etc., are good for causing hens to lay in winter time.
No kind of farm stock costs so little or pays so large a proportionate profit as sows kept until they have their first litter of pigs. A sow due to farrow in March or April is always salable at a handsome advance on her value for making pork.

Guernsey grades are yearly growing more popular among dairymen and farmers, and their merits make them worthy of attention. There are but few essential differences among the Guernseys, Jerseys and Alderneys—they all come from the same group of islands.
In no other country in the world are the feathers of the barnyard fowls so recklessly wasted as our own. In France no part of the fowl is wasted, unless, perhaps, it be the intestines.—The feet and heads are used at the cheaper restaurants to give body to the soups, etc.

It is advised, says a Cincinnati paper, not to allow peach trees to bear fruit until after the third year. We think it better to allow them to bear whenever they can, and to plant young trees every spring to take the place of those killed, as they are likely to be, by frost, accidents or carelessness.
A new luxury in the vegetable line is now on the market. It is called the Spanish onion, and is imported from Spain; varies in size from six to twelve inches, and in looks closely resembles the ordinary onion. They are sweet, and can be eaten as apples at any time with little or no fear of an offensive breath.

By plowing under a crop when it is full of sap and water it very rapidly decays and enriches the soil, while if it is not plowed until the plant has become matured it will have a tendency to cure and turn into straw, and it will consequently take it a long while to sufficiently decay to become a fertilizer and be in a condition to be taken up by the soil.
Old turkeys and old geese are deemed worth much more as breeders on the farm than young ones. We once saw a goose which had successfully laid forty a large hatching of young from the same hollow sycamore for over thirty years. She had "the hang of the barn." Ducks are good till three years old; a turkey is in her prime at five, and a goose at twenty.

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Origin of skates.

The most popular of all outdoor winter sports is ice skating. This is doubtless due to the fact that skating is inexpensive, and the poorest country lad with his seventy-five cents ("Grecian Bend") skates may enjoy the sport on the neighboring mill pond or creek, that would delight the son of a Vanderbilt, to whom the expenditure of \$10 for a pair of "Club" skates would seem a trifle.

With a little practice a person may easily acquire the art of "cutting the figure 8," making a "spread eagle" or other figures on the ice with the sharp edges of his skates.
Most devotees of the sport pride themselves upon the length of the sweep which they make. This is called the "outward roll," and it is particularly favored by young ladies, either unaccompanied or with escorts, as it serves to display all the ease and grace of balance at the command of the skater.

Skating is very ancient, having been practiced in the north of Europe at least a thousand years ago. The first approach to the modern skate was made by the Danes, and was simply a piece of smooth bone bound to the foot by means of cords. With these sliding was practicable, but there was no means of propelling oneself, and therefore wooden staves with sharp pointed iron ferules were employed to furnish the motive power.

These primitive contrivances were in use but a short time, for the Hollanders soon devised a skate which embodied the essential principles of the skate of today. These were at first made of large, wide, flat pieces of the runner tapering off to nothing in an extensive curve over the toe. This, in a reduced form, but with scarcely any other modifications, constitutes the "Dutch Roker," which to this day may be found in the possession of many farmer boys, handed down from their grandfathers, whose limited capital will not admit of their buying the more modern and expensive article.

After the antiquated and ungainly, but withal serviceable, "Dutch Roker" came the "Grecian Bend," which projected for about an inch beyond the wood at the toe and heel, running to a point, or nearly so, at each end. This was probably the best skate for all purposes ever made, combining as it did strength and durability with symmetry and lightness. Up to this time skates had always been made with the bottoms of the skates sharpening to the blade.

"Bonanza."
The critic should be something more than a fault finder. In an English magazine an attempt is made to give a series of "Americanisms," that is to say words coined or invented in America. Under the word "bonanza," the definition is given—"Spanish, a big scheme by which much money is made, whether honestly or dishonestly."

Upon this a critic punces, and says that bonanza means "good fortune or good luck."
Bonanza is indeed a Spanish word, and very naturally came into use in Nevada or California. But it does not mean "a big scheme," or "good luck." It is a nautical—sea-going—word, and means fair weather at sea. If the reader will refer to St. Matthew, xliii, 26, he will read that after the Lord rebuked the wind and the sea, "there was a great calm." And if reference is next had to the Spanish version of the New Testament, he will find the phrase there given, "una grande bonanza." It is easy to understand how the word came into its figurative use—as meaning a happy, calm and good hope, after a weary struggle.

A postmaster in Bradford county undertook to manage things after the fashion of the Mohammedans, and he left the door of the postoffice unlocked one night. A single trial convinced him that Mohammedan system would not work in a Christian country. He locks his door and has bought a dog.
A scientific writer tells how water can be boiled in a sheet of writing paper. We don't doubt it. We knew a man who wrote a few lines on a sheet of writing paper that kept him in hot water for three years.

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with pain" is the sad cry of many a victim of rheumatism or neuralgia, and frequently other diseases, such as indigestion and liver troubles, are directly traceable to rheumatism or neuralgia. These diseases, for some unexplainable reason, are rapidly contracted, and in many instances are the direct cause of much sickness which so often their real origin is to be mistaken for other diseases. In curing rheumatism, neuralgia, sick headache, and in many cases of kidney and liver troubles, Athliphors has wrought wonders. Those who have used Athliphors, and who only truly herself, are best qualified to speak of its merits. I have taken nearly all medicines going to take Athliphors if it comes on but again.

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Words of Wisdom.

Our thoughts of to-day are our actions of to-morrow.
Never find fault until it is perfectly certain a fault has been committed.
Do not herald the sacrifices you make to each other's preferences, habits and tastes.
Let all your mutual accommodations be spontaneous, whole-souled and free as air.

If people would take more trouble about living, they would be less troubled when dying, they would be less troubled by their physical characteristics or external considerations, will fail of happiness.
Consult one another in all that comes within the experience, observation or sphere of the other.
A hesitating, tardy or grum yielding to the wishes of the other, always grates upon a loving heart.

Human things must be known to be loved, but Divine things need to be loved to be known.
Human life defined by a line is as uncomfortable as would be the human figure defined by a wire.
How sure it is that if we say a true word, instantly we feel that it is God's, not ours, and pass on.

Politeness is money which enriches not only him who receives it, but also him who dispenses it.
If life, like the olive, is a bitter fruit, then grasp both with the press, and they will afford the sweetest oil.
Never reflect upon a past action that was done with a good motive, and the best judgment at that time.

They who marry for traits of mind and heart, will seldom fall of perennal springs of domestic enjoyment.
They are the safest who marry from the standpoint of sentiment rather than of feeling, passion or mere love.
It is not enough in this world to "mean well." We ought to do well.—Thoughtfulness, therefore, becomes our duty.

The beautiful in the heart is a million times of more avail in securing domestic happiness than the beautiful merely in person.
Genius is like the flame of a taper, for while it gives forth light to the world around, it consumes the body which sustains it.
No matter how grandly and purely we live to day, there is no denying that we may live more purely and more grandly to-morrow.

If military glory is a sun which is sometimes veiled with clouds, the glory of civilization is a sun which never ceases to shine.
Things that are not done at the right time are nearly sure to force themselves upon us when we can least bear the trouble of them.
True honor is that which refrains from doing in secret what it would not do openly, and where other laws are wanting, composes a law upon itself.

The keeping of the week is a necessary preparation for keeping the Sabbath.—Those who do not work cannot rest, just as those who do not rest cannot work.
Don't always search for the serious of things. The man who has no eye or ear for the ludicrous is an unhappy mortal. Next to virtue, the fun in the world is what we can least spare.
Avert your gaze from the crosses of the future; you see them without the softening, sustaining grace that accompanies them when they reach you. Let your efforts tend to bearing the cross of the present moment.

He who is passionate and hasty is generally honest. It is your old, dissembling hypocrite of whom you should beware. There's no deception in a bulldog. It is only the cur that sneaks up and bites you when your back is turned.
The greatest loss of time is delay and expectation which depends upon the future. We let go the present, which we have in our power, and look upward to that which depends upon chance—and so relinquish a certainty for an uncertainty.
The recognition of virtue is not less valuable from the lips of a man who hates it, since truth forces him to acknowledge it; and though he may be unwilling to take it into his inmost soul, he at least decks himself out in its trappings.

The wise man has his foibles as well as the fool. But the difference between them is that the foibles of the one are known to himself and concealed from the world; and the foibles of the other are known to the world and concealed from himself.
This and that may be right and true, but public opinion says we must not do it. We must act and walk in all points as it prescribes, or we shall be lightly esteemed; certain mouthfuls of articulate wind will be thrown at us, and this what mortal courage can front?
Beautiful it is to see and understand that no worth, known or unknown, can die, even on this earth. The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden under the ground, secretly making it green. It flows and flows, it joins itself with other veins and veinlets; and one day it will start forth a visible, perennial well.

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There is no medium through which disease so often attacks the system as by Constipation, and there is no other ill flesh is heir to more apt to be neglected, from the fact material inconvenience may not be immediately felt from irregular action of the bowels. When there is not regular action the retention of decayed and effete matter, with its poisonous gases, soon poisons the whole system by being absorbed into it, causing piles, fistula, headache, impure blood and many other serious affections. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS will immediately relieve, and one bottle positively cure or relieve any case of Constipation.

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