

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Give the cows to winter warm water if you can.

Egg shells will settle curd as surely as sugar, but they do not impart the richness and flavor.

To make paper stick to a wall that has been whitewashed, wash in vinegar or saleratus water.

A little kerosene on flannel answers very nicely to rub up furniture. The odor quickly evaporates.

One great mistake in attempting to raise poultry upon a large scale is crowding them too much.

Walls and all vessels used in chambers should be thoroughly rinsed in cold water, never in hot or lukewarm.

Very warm, light blankets and feathered beds are now made from the waste feathers of domestic fowls and game birds.

Do not use carbon oil lamps with the wick turned down low, in bedrooms. It produces asthma, heart and throat diseases.

Always hang a broom up when not in use. Put an ordinary screw eye in the end of the handle, if no better way suggests itself.

It is said that a person troubled with an oily face can keep it clean by washing it vigorously with a towel, instead of with his hands.

Five minutes soaking with ammonia and water will clean the dirtiest frying pan so that rinsing and wiping is all that is needed.

A good way to kill out sorrel is to salt sheep on it. Care should be taken never to allow the sorrel to feed, as it can be carried to other points in the manure.

There never was a time when so many minds were at work, or so many efforts made in various directions to advance the science and practice of agriculture.

Crows distribute many tree seeds such as acorns and nuts, by plucking and carrying them away, dropping them again at some distance from the point of gathering.

Garlic must give way to business management on the farm. The farmer would study the markets, and be ready to take advantage of opportunities by the merchant.

A good fortune awaits the man who will devote some practicable plan for marketing horses raised on the western ranges, so they will not be discarded by the breeding iron.

In case of fainting, place the subject on his back, perfectly level, and apply ammonia to nose. Give a gentle stimulant when the patient can swallow, and keep the extremities warm.

Use the soot from the stove pipes and chimneys. It is excellent for flowers and young plants. Mix it with water, and apply with a watering pot.

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

Remove the seeds of large green peppers and fill with cooked tomato pulp and mixed mushroom, seasoned with butter and salt, and bake in a hot oven. They are very appetizing.

Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take out of clothing, no matter how hard or dry it may be. The spot should be saturated two or three times, then washed in soapsuds.

The question of how to procure pure water, is an important one. Where impurity is suspected, the safest plan is to boil the water before using, as it is sure to take away the bad effects that might otherwise ensue.

'Book farmers' are not laughed at as much as formerly. They are the ones who deem the cultivation of the earth a noble work, and that all the light that can be brought to bear upon it will be none too much.

Millers all advise cutting wheat early, as it makes a larger proportion of flour, but as early cutting may shorten the weight, and as millers pay the same as for late cut, farmers will mainly go on getting all the weight they can.

The cherry is one of the fruit trees that can be recommended for shade in pastures along roadsides, as the hardy varieties are not affected by the tramping of stock or passing of vehicles, that would prove injurious to most other fruit trees.

Always turn eggs twice a week, if they are to be kept for future use. Eggs for hatching will keep two or three weeks if turned half over daily. They should be in a place of moderate temperature, where they will neither freeze nor be too warm.

Of the varieties of ducks the Pekin stand confinement the best, but they are not so tame as the common kinds. They grow very large, often reaching eight or nine pounds each, and yield feathers of a white color, and which are equal to goose feathers.

Equal parts of strong ammonia water, ether and alcohol form a valuable cleaning compound. Press a piece of blotting paper under the grass spot, moisten a sponge with the mixture, and rub it. In a moment it is dissolved, sponged and absorbed by the sponge and blotter.

Care should be taken to cook acid fruits in vessels without metal lining—Ezthen or enameled ware is best. Tin is not safe. The lead in solder used with the acid in rhubarb, for instance, forms an oxalate of lead, a dangerous poison. Brass or copper is objectionable on account of verdigris.

For roast turkey make the stuffing of four ounces of finely minced sausage meat, four ounces of slightly dry Vienna bread soaked in milk and pressed dry, a tablespoonful each of minced parsley and onion; salt, pepper and grated nutmeg to taste, and two eggs. Mix thoroughly and stuff the turkey with it.

To polish glass and remove slight scratches, rub the surface gently, first with a clean pad of fine cotton wool and afterward with a similar pad covered with cotton velvet which has been charged with rouge. The surface, under this treatment, will acquire a polish of great brilliancy.

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