

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

They soak their potatoes before frying them in Russia.

Manna make the man, and nowhere can good breeding so readily be seen as at the table.

A New England experimenter finds that feeding apples to milk cows invariably lessens the flow of milk.

On light, spongy soils it will benefit horses to allow them to go unshod for a while, especially when they have tender feet.

Remember that the woman throws on her horse surrounding the sunshine or the shadow which exists in her own soul.

Teething, feverish children can often be quieted by bathing in warm water in which a large teaspoonful of salutaris has been dissolved.

Grass seed is not easily killed, and for that reason may be sown as early as may be desired.

Quite a large amount of early lettuce may be grown by sowing the seed in a cold frame, and thinning the plants out while they are very small.

A gilded palm leaf fan with a pocket or bag of silk, velvet or plush attached to it makes an odd but pretty receptacle for photographs, cards or fancy work.

When a wash boiler begins to rust and is still too good to cast aside, make a good sized bag of strong muslin or old bed ticking, put the clothes to be boiled into it, and so save them from rust.

Fences cost on most farms each year more than taxes, and they are becoming more and more costly as material gets scarce.

Before using new earthenware, place in a kettle with cold water, and heat gradually until it boils; then let it remain until the water is cold; it will not be so liable to crack if treated in this manner.

Most farmers have learned that cut hay or even straw, wet and sprinkled with meal, is better feed for working horses than whole grain and hay.

In this shape the nutriment in the feed is easily assimilated.

Tomatoes trained to stakes give the sweetest fruit and remain in bearing the longest; but many cultivators who grow for size and quantity only, believe they have the best results when growing them on the level ground.

A calf will thrive on milk after the cream has been taken off. It is better fed to them sweet and warm, as it chills the stomach and draws from the vitality of the animal to warm the cold milk just from the creamery.

Divide your rhubarb plants at the roots and make a new location for them. This should be done in the fall or very early in the spring.

Tables that have been neglected may be bleached by spreading on them overnight a layer of wood ashes made into a mortar like paste with water; then brush it off and scrub.

For breakfast fritters, take one cup of cold boiled rice, one pint of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, two eggs beaten light, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, stirred into the flour, and enough milk to make a thick batter.

Boil parsnips until tender, then strain and mash fine. Warm in a stew pan a little milk, a lump of butter, pepper and salt, then add the parsnips; place in the dish in which they are to be served, smooth the top nicely, brush over with beaten egg and put in a hot oven to brown.

In order to guard against flies, the stable should be thoroughly cleaned often. A sprinkling of the floors with a mixture of a teaspoonful of carbolic acid and two gallons of water, will disinfect the stall, while the manure heap may also receive an application with advantage.

To compel Brahmas and Cochins to roost high is cruelty. They not only have difficulty in getting on but also in getting off. All roosts should be made low and on the same level.

This is how the Germans are said to get rid of rats: A mixture of two parts of well-bruised common squills and three parts of finely chopped bacon is made into a stiff mass with as much meal as may be required, and then baked in small cakes, which are put down for the rat to eat.

A good way to keep a cow's tail still while milking, is to provide a rope strap long enough to pass over the animal's hips, and hang down over her tail.

The rope may be ever so old, as strength is not needed, but should be three inches or more in circumference, as it must have weight. It can be changed from cow to cow as fast as you can walk.

Too many housekeepers think they need not sweep oilcloths or floors if they are going to wash them; the result is a cloudy, half-cleaned look.

Once in a while, every fourth week, perhaps, the water used for washing stained or hard wood floors should be hot and have a tablespoon of turpentine and the same of oil in it, the cloth to be wrung out of this and used to wipe the floors.

The true French polish is one pint of spirits added to a quart of an ounce of gum copal, the same of gum arabic and one ounce of shellac.

This polish is used for plain wood that has been stained in imitation of natural wood.

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