

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Dampness, more than cold, brings disease in the poultry-house. Next to the buttry on a well managed farm for labor comes that for manure.

Celery is not only delicious but healthful, and every farmer should raise sufficient for home use. Seth Green advises those who think of engaging in fish culture to begin in a small way and conduct first experiments as cheaply as possible.

There is no more convenient way to start a small number of early plants of cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, etc., from seed than in boxes placed in the kitchen windows.

It is cheaper and better to feed cows well during the severe weather, and thus keep up the flow of milk, than to attempt to bring them up again after falling off.

Cotton seed meal is cheapening the cost of linseed meal. Every animal on the farm should be fed an allowance of linseed meal at least three times a week, and the difference will be noticed.

An English gardener advises trapping ants with bones upon which some meat has been left, and dipping occasionally in hot water. For "slugs and wire-worms," he uses pieces of potato carrot.

Cattle should not be permitted to feed on clover land in the early spring, as the crop will hardly be able to develop in full vigor if this be done. Neither should stock be permitted to graze on it late in the autumn, as this renders it liable to winter killing.

There is no better saving's bank on the farm than the manure heap. It is a receptacle upon which every ounce of waste material may be placed, and the daily savings of small amounts accumulate into valuable deposits in the course of twelve months.

In horse breeding it is important that the mare should be perfect as far as possible. In fact, some consider it more so, and especially in this the case with the Arabs, who for centuries excelled all other nations in their breed of horses.

Curatants have much less sweetness in them before they blossom, or tassel, as it is usually called. Analysis shows this, and the cow, given her choice of the two, usually prefers the variety of chemical science. The stalks improve until the ears are fully formed or begin to harden.

It is recommended to steep dried clover in hot water till swollen and soft, and then feed it to cows in winter, as they require green food, and this is the best substitute for grass. The clover should first be passed through a hay cutter and cut into short lengths before steeping.

It is a remarkable fact that, although we have in this country the best breeds of cattle to be found in any portion of the globe, yet the majority of farmers have no system of breeding, and use in the dairy cows that give only one third the quantity of butter and milk which could be derived from an animal of well known milk and butter breeds.

The culture of nut-bearing trees is fast becoming a leading industry in the horticultural world. Experience has proven that nuts may be raised successfully in many of the Northern States, while the climate of the more Southern States opens up an avenue for large revenues from nut culture. Sharp business horticulturists are already improving their opportunities.

It is true that the longer a hog is kept, the greater the likelihood of loss from disease or accident; but so far as the loss from disease is concerned, the risk is rendered more than proportionately greater by wintering. The change from green to dry hard food is favorable to the development of disease. Disease is also apt to be induced by the severity or the wealther.

In case of sheep suffering from cold or lack of food the wool will sometimes stop growing, and when it starts again the place of stopping and starting will be distinctly marked on the wool fiber by a bad place. There is nothing like uniformly good condition, with no sickness given to the system of the sheep, for producing a uniform fiber, and the best possible wool.

An experienced poultryman thinks the cause of failures in the many attempts to keep fowls in large numbers is due to a lack of care. A farmer will rise at 4 o'clock in the morning to feed and milk his cows, will carefully clean the stalls and prepare beds for the cows, and his work does not end till late, but he will not pay so much work for the hens; yet they pay five times as much profit, in proportion to the labor and capital invested as cows.

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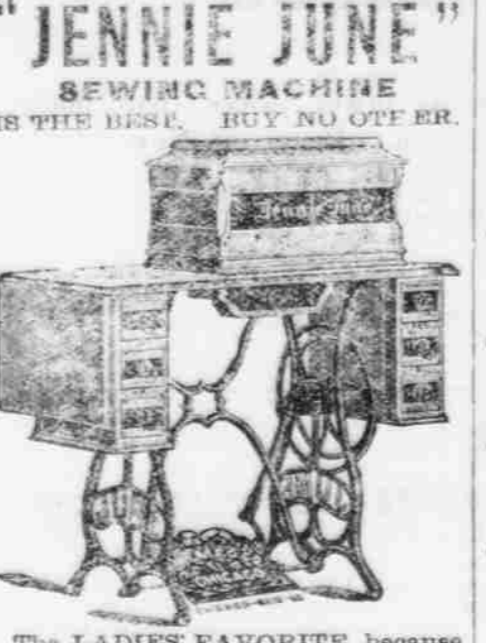
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The girls that are wanted are home girls, Girls that are mother's right hand, That fathers and brothers can trust to, And the little ones understand.

There is one branch of stock raising which is not by any means overdone, and that is the raising of mules.

Profit in Males. A Kentucky breeder, who has been engaged in raising mules for thirty years, makes the following suggestions:

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My Ship.

I stood on the shore of a lonely sea, Where the silence was never stirred by a word or message that came to me, Or hope of happiness yet to be, Or where no sound but the waves were heard.

And the clouds in the sky were all grey, And the sun was hidden behind the hills, And the seagulls' crying was harsh and shrill, I called out, but no word came back.

And they all sailed swiftly away from me, And the boat was silent and grey; No ripple of sunlight illumed the sea, Where a deepening shadow lay, With no sign of a brighter day.

One ship sailed over the bar of fate And came toward the whitened sand, Alone unlooked for, while I did wait, Above and tired and desolate.

It brought a message of cheer and hope, And my sadness fled swift away; And the sun grew bright o'er the distant slope, And the silver replaced the grey.

Christianty was introduced into France in the fifth century. A Louisiana (Mo.) man had the high-coughs for fourteen consecutive days. The manuscript of a famous sermon which John Knox preached in 1565 has been sold lately for \$1,040.

According to the Australian Consul at Yokohama, the earthquakes of Japan destroy a city every seven years, on the average. The eyes of poisonous snakes have been found by Dr. Benjamin Sharp to have elliptical pupils, while in the harmless species they are circular.

Cardinal Wolsey, who had risen from his lowly station as the son of a butcher to be the High Chancellor of England under Henry VIII, died in 1530. The first country to issue stamps for cheap postage was Great Britain in 1840. An unused stamp of that date is worth about \$300. The rarest postage stamp known to collectors was issued by the Postmaster at Brattleboro in 1846.

In feudal times, when a country was about to engage in war, the king summoned his vassals; these, generally the chief nobles, summoned their retainers or liegemen, and the latter called out their farmers and yeomen. The army consisted of freemen, each armed at his own cost or the cost of his superior. Napoleon Bonaparte was at the height of his power in 1811, at which time the French Emperor extended from the borders of Denmark to those of Naples, and his kinsman held the thrones of Holland, Naples, Westphalia and Spain. What a contrast to the sovereign sway that exercised the loneliness of his exile and death ten years later at St. Helena.

A well-posted railway man says that the obligatory testing of a locomotive on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, in an ordinary day's run, involves a waste of steam requiring a consumption of 280 pounds of coal to renew. He estimates the whistling expenses of that particular railway at \$15,000 per year. There is a similar waste in the blowing of the whistles of stationary and steamboat engines. It is a matter worth the serious study of practical railroad men, whether they cannot devise a cheaper noise with which to give notice of the approach of trains to stations and grade crossings. Captured Elephants. Mr. Sanderson, superintendent of government kheddahs, succeeded on the 14th of last month in capturing an immense herd of elephants, numbering no fewer than 140. This is the largest capture on record, and represents, it is estimated, about a lakh of rupees. The scene of the capture is only six miles from the Tora headquarters station of the Garo hills. The stockade in which the elephants are inclosed is immensely strong, but is being further strengthened against the pressure of so many powerful animals, by being backed up with heavy timber supports while an extra stockade is being prepared into which some of the elephants may be admitted before the trying-up process with tame elephants commences. The main stockade is literally tightly packed with elephants of all sizes. Colonel Graham Smith, commissary general, who is paying an official visit to the kheddahs, was with Mrs. Graham Smith, fortunate enough to be present at this most exciting capture, and to witness a scene unparalleled in kheddah operations. Unfortunately, during the drive one elephant, breaking back, escaped, and in doing so killed one of the hunters. The Milkmen of Naples. In a review of Mr. Lee Meriwether's book, "Tramp Trip," the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette says: As milk is supplied direct from the cow in Naples, the visitor regards the milkmen as exceptional types of innocence. But mark the discovery of this sharp-eyed observer: "It happened," he relates, "that when I came across my cow-man one day he was milking for an Italian. I was surprised when I saw the Italian suddenly step up and squeeze the cow-man's arm, and still more surprised when, as a result, I saw a stream of water spurt from the cow-man's sleeve. I mentioned this incident to the American Consul, who told me that it was quite a common trick. Cow-men keep a bag of water under their coats, letting it down into the milk through a rubber tube concealed in the sleeve. When detected he strugs his shoulders and says nothing."