

Farm Notes.

It is a mooted question whether sweet or sour cream will yield the most butter, but it is generally conceded that the latter makes the best butter.

Sheep and chickens both do better when allowed access to a plentiful supply of fresh water. It is an odd and absurd notion that they do not need much water.

A field of grass where I sowed salt three years ago remained green throughout the dry weather when the grass on other fields was dry and brown, says a correspondent.

According to a practical farmer, the increase of a flock of sheep will cover the cost of keeping it, leaving the wool clear profit; or the keeping may be charged against the wool, which will not exhaust it all, leaving the lambs clear profit.

A change in food will be relished by the sheep just as well as by any animal on the farm. Nature is a pretty sure guide in such matters. There may be and is a choice of food among those that sheep will eat with a relish, says an exchange, but it is a mistake to feel that they do not relish.

Small fruit trees can be protected from mice in winter by this means. Melt up your old tin cans, so that the solder will be all melted off; then wrap the tin loosely around the tree snug to the ground. This protection can be applied to small fruit plants when set out as a guard against out worms.

The quantity of air breathed by cattle, although varying much with their size, is probably about five times as great as that breathed by adult persons, who breathe a cubic foot in about three and a half minutes.

When the potter's ware is boiled for the purpose of hardening it, a handful or two of bran should be thrown into the water, and the glazing will never be injured by acids or salt.

If any part of your body is frozen get some tallow, melt it, pour it upon a cake of ice, and let it cool; then rub the frozen part with the tallow. It will relieve the itching and take out the frost.

When molasses is used in cooking it is a great improvement to boil and skim it before using. The raw, rather unpleasant taste of the poor qualities of molasses is much improved by this process.

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Moths are very destructive to the cloth and felt used in a piano, and may be kept out of it by placing a lump of camphor wrapped in soft paper, in the inside corner, care being taken to renew it from time to time.

Bone plates placed at the side of the dinner plates for the reception of fruit and vegetable skins, cores, pits and various things that are often laid on the tablecloth, are very popular with tidy housekeepers.

One of the most injurious customs in regard to eating is the practice of serving fruit at the beginning of breakfast. The best medical testimony pronounced acid of any sort butiful if taken when the stomach is empty. A more judicious custom provides fruit at the close of the meal.

The startling declaration comes from the International Tuberculosis Congress at Paris, a body of distinguished and renowned medical men, that "the greatest enemy of the human race is the cow." Beef, milk, butter and cheese contain, according to this sentence, germs of a disease that may be lurking in the cow or her brother the ox, and this disease is thus sowed and developed in the human system.

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This declaration of learned doctors has a tendency to destroy relations of the utmost confidence which has existed in the human heart for ages towards the bovine race.

In spite then of the anathemas of doctors we propose to stand by the cow. On the principle that, where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise!

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The Eyesight Ruined by the Use of Chewing Gum.

"Some one ought to have a law passed prohibiting the sale of chewing gum," said an optician to a newspaper reporter the other day.

"Why, does chewing gum hurt the eyes?" asked the scribe.

"Does chewing gum hurt the eyes? Most certainly it does, and this is one reason why I am so antagonistic to it and denounce it. Not only myself, but every scientific optician, will tell you the same thing.

"Only the other day I had for treatment the case of a lady who came after eye-glasses, and I thought it was strange her eyes were in such bad shape, unless there was some other cause than mere failure on account of age; and it couldn't be that account, because she was just in the vigor of life, and very handsome. So I knew there must be some other cause.

"It is the same, to a degree, with tobacco users; but gum chewing is worse, as its victims chew more constantly and so keep up more irritation.

"If this habit is kept up as a craze, of course the effect on the eyes will be more evident still as there will be more cases.

For Baby's Mother.

Never tickle a child. It is dangerous and reduces vitality. Any unnatural emotion must be avoided.

If there is much sickness about the neighborhood boil the water which is used in baby's food, for boiling kills all the animalcules contained in the water.

Use cream, with hot water and sugar, in place of condensed or natural milk, as it is more easily digested than milk. If it is not water is added, then it will not require any warming process.

The whole bath is to be preferred to the partial bath. Nine-tenths degrees Fahrenheit must be the degree of heat, to be redded as the child grows older.

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The Demon of Despair.

Of all the evil spirits that are prone to enter in and take possession of the human heart, none is much more to be dreaded than the demon of despair.

"Have you never yet seen the day," wrote one friend to another, "when you were so near despair that you were ready to pray that you might lie down and die?"

"Never. I let no such word as despair into my creed," was the brave answer—an answer that seemed doubly brave to those who knew against what cruel odds this gentle, sensitive woman had for years been doing battle.

Then it was that the heroism of this woman who all her life had lived in ease and plenty, sheltered and cared for like a hot-house flower, began to astonish her friends.

But the days grew darker instead. There were times when every door of hope seemed shut and they scarcely knew where to turn for means to pay for the roof that sheltered them.

"The Lord never failed me yet," she said to one who wondered that she had not broken down under her burdens. Nor will he fail her though the days be darker still.

"Continual resignation, I begin to find," wrote Kingsley, "is the secret of continual strength," and true resignation is the highest form of faith.

Housekeeping Notes. The steamer is a kitchen utensil that is not used enough, for many kinds of food are better steamed than boiled, and the operation is better done in this way.

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