AGRICULTURE.

SHORTHORNS.—Putting on one side all the advantages which have accrued to the breeders of shorthorn cattle, by what in America is called the "boom," which has helped the breeding along, there is still the fact that when farmers want to rear their stock by hand, and make part of the return in dairy produce there has not yet been found the equal of the shorthorn for that purpose. Several breeds, under different circumstances, could be made into better beef, but they wont give milk at the same time; and several breeds under similar circumstances, would give more milk but they can't be made into good beef, and are consequently useless to feed out when barren or to rear as steers. The shorthorn can be reared out of the pail, bred or arable land, will give a fair amount of good milk, and can be fed easily in stall during winter into a salable condition.

FERTILIZER.—A stick of wood burned on the surface mostly passes off in gas, leaving only the ashes; but the same stick, if burned in a coal-pit, excluded from the air, forms a mass of carbon of nearly or quite its original size. Now, all decay of vegetable matter is a slow combustion, and when this is done under the soil, not only are the gasses retained in the soil, but more carbon is formed, and this carbon has the power to appropriate the valuable gasses always present in the atmosphere. The great value of clover as a fertilizer is due, first to the carbon furnished by the decay of the plant, and second to the fine mechanical effect on the soil which renders it porous, so that the atmosphere penetrates it and deposits plant food. It is clear that better fertilizing effects will result from the plowing of it down to decay in the soil. Ordinarily more can be made out of the tops than they are worth for manure, and if rightly managed, the roots will supply the needed fertility.

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This is the number actually reached this week by the Mason & Hamlin Organ and Piano company in the regular numbering of their world-renowned cabinet organs. Having commenced business in 1854, the average number of organs produced per annum has been 5,000, which is 100 per week for the entire 1,500 weeks of their business career. The Mason & Hamlin organs have been sent to every civilized country, and their sale never was greater than at the present time, averaging from 10,000 to 15,000 organs per annum.—*Boston Journal.*

COLONEL J. F. TRUE, of Kansas, gives an excellent article on cattle feeding and states that he weighed five head of shorthorn bull calves about one year old, and they averaged nearly 900 pounds, having made a growth of 75 pounds a month from birth. He fed 80 head of steers on corn and prairie grass from May to August, and they made a gain of 100 pounds a month each, which gain he attributes to their shorthorn blood. With a lot of steers sired by a shorthorn bull, as compared with some by a scrub sire, but all from the same stock of cows, and fed alike until two years old, the half-shorthorn steers averaged 1,450 pounds, which sold for 5 cents per pound, and the others averaged 1,250 pounds, which sold for 4½ cents per pound, or $16.25 per head difference. Mr. True says that the "quality" of a bullock is that which makes him susceptible of being fitted for the butcher in half the time, and less feed than is necessary to bring the coarser animal to the same degree of excellence.

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THE commonly received advice to orchardists to scrape the rough bark from old apple trees, has been contradicted, some having tried it and concluded that the practice did more harm than good. The rough bark is a protection to the tree from sudden changes of temperature. The benefit often claimed from scraping the trees comes from the greater attention paid to them in other respects by men who take the trouble. Whitewashing trees is equally ineffectual for good.

Monarch Potato Digger.

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DOMESTIC.

GREEN PEPPER PICKLES may be made after this somewhat unusual receipt: Half a bushel of green peppers, six heads of cabbage, two pounds of mustard seed, one of black and one of white, one-quarter of a pound of cloves and of allspice, two ounces of celery seed, one head of garlic. Remove the seeds from the peppers and cut in slices, chop the cabbage, mix the peppers with it, and sprinkle salt over all, and let it stand over night. In the morning drain the water from it. Put the spices, etc., in vinegar enough to cover the pickles. Let the vinegar come to a boil, cut the garlic in pieces and let it boil in the vinegar, but skim it out before pouring over the vegetables. Pack in a stone jar and cover with horseradish leaves, a cloth over them, and a tight cover over all.

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Scovill's Sarsaparilla and Stillingia, or Blood and Liver Syrup, will restore perfect health to the physical organization. It is, indeed, a strengthening syrup, pleasant to take, and has often proven itself to be the best blood purifier ever discovered, effectually curing scrofula, syphilitic disorders, weakness of the kidneys, erysipelas, malaria, all nervous disorders and debility, bilious complaints, and all diseases indicating an impure condition of the blood, liver, kidneys, stomach, etc. It corrects indigestion, especially when the complaint is of an exhaustive nature, having a tendency to lessen the vigor of the brain and nervous system.

REVIVING FLOWERS.—When flowers have been carried a long distance in close boxes or cases they often appear withered and worthless, but with proper treatment they may be revived and restored to their original beauty. Instead of being at once put into vases and exposed to the hot, dry air of the parlor, they should either be spread out on wet flannel or moss, and covered with a dish cover or an inverted box, or else put in pans containing moss and water or wet sand, in which they can be set upright, and then shut up in the dark for a few hours. If they do not regain their freshness under this nursing, there is no hope for them, but in all ordinary cases their recovery is certain.

CALF'S HEAD SOUP.—Prepare and boil the head according to the recipe given in cook books. When cooked, strain the liquor and set it away to cool. When, cool, remove the fat, fry an onion in a little butter, dredge some flour over it and stir until it is brown. Chop finely two carrots, one onion, one turnip, and some pieces of meat cut from the head, and put all in with the liquor; add half a dozen cloves, cayenne and salt, and boil two hours. Before serving, thicken with a little prepared flour; add half a tumbler of claret wine.

Farmers' Folly.

Some farmers adhere, even against the full light of fact and discovery, to the old fashioned folly of coloring butter with carrots, annatto, and inferior substances, notwithstanding the splendid record made by the Improved Butter Color, prepared by Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt. At scores of the *best* agricultural Fairs it has received the highest award over all competitors.

SPINACH A LA CREME.—Pick over and wash the spinach, and cut the leaves from the stalks. Boil in hot water, a little salted, about twenty minutes. Drain, put into a wooden tray or upon a board; chop very fine, and rub through a colander. Put into a saucepan; stir until it begins to smoke throughout. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter for a good-sized dish, a teaspoonful of white sugar, three tablespoonfuls of milk, salt and pepper to taste. Beat as it heats, with a silver fork or wire spoon. Flavor with a little nutmeg. Cook this until it begins to bubble up as you beat it. Pour into a deep dish, surround with sliced egg, and serve.

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CALF'S BRAINS.—Soak the brains in water till all the blood is removed, dry them in a clean cloth and then fry in butter or oil. Garnish with parsley and serve. Or, after soaking them, boil them in milk for twenty minutes, then drain from the milk and put them in vinegar for three or four hours.

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BAKED BERRY ROLLS.—Roll biscuit dough thin, in the form of a large square or into small squares. Spread over with berries. Roll the crust, and put the rolls into a dripping-pan close together until full; then put into the pan water, sugar and pieces of butter. Bake them. Serve with any of the pudding sauces.

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HUMOROUS.

IN good hands: He was a country young fellow, a little awkard and bashful, but of sterling worth of character. She was a Cincinnati belle and had sense enough to appreciate his worth, despite his awkardness and bashfulness, and was his fiancee. On a gloomy Sunday evening last winter they were standing in front of the window in the parlor of her home, on East Walnut Hills, watching the snowflakes rapidly falling outside. He was not up in society small talk and, being hard up for something to say, remarked as he watched the snow falling: "This will be hard on the old man's calves and sheep." "Never mind, dear," said she, slipping her arm around him, "I will take care of one of them."

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A DEPOSITOR dropped in at the office of the cashier one morning to get a note discounted. The official was absent, but in his chair reclined a plump, rosy-faced individual who was asleep. Turning to one of the clerks, and then glancing at the recumbent figure, the visitor observed:

"Appears to be on pretty friendly terms with Morpheus?"

"It is his habit," responded the gentlemanly clerk, "he always goes to sleep when he comes here."

"Has business, I suppose, with the cashier?"

"Oh, yes; he's one of the government bank examiners."

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A LITTLE girl was presented with a canary, on Sunday, and after bestowing the gift her uncle said, "Well, Effie, I suppose your bird will sing only hymns, to-day?" "I know he will," said the demure little miss, who had recently been reading about song birds and their habits. "What makes you so sure of it?" curiously asked the giver. "'Cause it's a him bird," was the naive reply.

ADORATION of and respect for blue blood can scarcely go beyond this. At a provincial law-court a case was being heard in which the defendant happened to be a noble lord. "The evidence, my lord," said the registarr, handing up the book, "that you shall give before this court shall be the real truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, *so help your lordship's God.*"

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"LAY off your overcoat or you won't feel it when you go out," said the landlord of a Western inn to a guest who was sitting by the fire. "That's what I'm afraid of," returned the man. The last time I was here I laid off my overcoat. I didn't feel it when I went out, and I haven't felt it since."

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A CAMBRIDGE youth wrote the following in a young lady's autograph album: "In the chain of friendship regard me as a missing link;" and after signing his name he added underneath by way of posteript: "But do not mistake me for Darwin's missing one!"

"THERE'S our Jeremiah, said Mr. Shelton, "he went off to make his living by his wits." "Well, did he succeed?" inquired his friend. "No," said the old man with a sigh and significantly tapping his head, "he failed for want of capital."

PICKLES are not considered a very elegant article of diet, and yet the æsthetic will often stoop to pick a lily. It is not, we presume, quite so æsthetic to chow-chow, but it is equally too too-oothsome.

"ADOLPHUS, let us leave the avenue and stroll along the margin of the river." "Not any, Evangeline. No more margins for me." [Adolphus had been speculating in futures that week].

THE ensilage question: Practical young belle to utterly-utter young man: "Algernon!" "What is it, my pensive lily?" "You ought to study up the theory of ensilage, Algernon." "And what is ensilage, my languid one?" "Oh, it shows how to keep green things green till the winter's gone, Algernon, and don't you wish to live till spring Algy?"

THE beggers of Boston are as utterly utter as the cultured masses. They ask not for cold victuals, but beg the favor of "some broken food."

WHAT will give a cold, cure a cold, and pay the doctor's bill when cured? A draft—(draught).

HE couldn't raise the mortgage on his building lots, and so, poor man, without becoming blind, he lost his site.

INDIAN FRITTERS.—Put three tablespoonfuls of flour into a basin, and pour over it sufficient boiling water to make it into a stiff paste, taking care to stir and beat it well, to prevent its getting lumpy. Leave it a little time to cook, and then break into it—without beating them first—the yolks of four eggs and the whites of two, and stir and beat all well together. Have ready some boiling lard or clarified dripping. Drop a dessertspoonful of batter in at a time, and fry the fritters of a light brown. They ought to rise so much as to be almost like balls. Serve them on a hot dish, with a spoonful of jam or marmalade dropped in between each fritter.

BROWN FLOUR MUFFINS.—One pint of tepid milk, one-half teaspoonful of salt, half a yeast cake dissolved in half a cup of warm water, one tablespoonful of molasses, half a cup of Indian meal, two cups of Graham flour and one cup of wheat flour. Beat well together. Let the batter rise half an hour before baking. Bake half an hour in a butter cake mould or in muffin-rings on a griddle. Serve hot.

RANAQUE BUNS.—One pound of butter, one and a quarter pounds of sugar, two pounds of flour, six eggs, four tablespoonfuls of ground cinnamon. Mix the cinnamon with the flour; rub the butter to a cream, then mix the flour with it. Beat the sugar with the eggs, then altogether as little as possible. Distribute this by the spoonful into rough-looking cakes on buttered tins placed at a little distance apart. This is a very nice lunch-cake.

ITALIAN CREAM.—Melt three-fourths of an ounce of isinglass in half a pint of milk, with a stick of cinnamon and a small piece of lemon peel in it, into one pint of rich cream, put some granulated sugar, the juice of three oranges, and then strain the isinglass in it when cold, and wipe them all together; when it gets thick put in a mould, place on ice in a very cool place.

One of the best electric light systems was recently introduced into the Court Theatre at Stuttgart. Quite unexpectedly the orchestra immediately showed signs that they disapproved of the new means of illumination, and they have petitioned the management to restore the old oil lamps. Tha orchestra state that the brilliancy of the electric lights have an unpleasant effect upon the nerves, and that it has become difficult to follow the baton of the conductor. To ascertain whether there may not be something substantial in these alleged grievances a committee of oculists and disinterested musicians have been officially appointed.

Some laborers taking clay out of the Ancholme Valley at Briggs, Lincolnshire, England, came recently upon a very ancient wooden way at a depth of about seven feet from the surface of the earth. It consists of heavy beams of oak laid transversely and fastned to the underlying glacial drift by oak pins. It is thought that this way extends nearly across the valley, and that it was built by neotithic men. At any rate there are six feet of clay on top of it, deposited by overflows of the Humber; above the clay there is a foot deep of peat, and on the stratum of peat the Romans had made roads.

The manager of the gasworks at Deventer, Holland, has had recourse to this plan for preventing stoppages in his ascension pipes: He inserts in the mouthpiece end of the retort, immediately after charging, a sheet of iron which fits the retort as closely as possible, and has in the middle a hole equal in area to the ascension pipe. The tarry vapors, heavy oils and carbon dust are for the greater part arrested by this pate, and thereby prevented from rising a few feet higher and condensing on the interior surface of the ascension pipe.

A man in New York city has invented what he calls a "Patent Artillery Fire Ladder" for use by fire departments in large cities. It consists of a mortar, out of which a ball weighing 120 pounds can be projected to and through the roof of a six-story building. To this ball is attatched an iron chain ladder which extends from the ground to the roof, is held in position by the imbedded ball. The bomb is also intended to batter down dangerous walls. The same inventor has also patented a similar ladder, which can be suspenbed from a bracket set in a window of the upper story of a building.

A man during a lifetime of fifty years, according to a paper recently read before the Academy of Sciences, Paris, sleeps away an aggregate of 6,000 days works, away the same period, eats away 2,000 days, walks away 800 days, is ill during 500 days, and amuses himself with the remainder of his half-century on earth.

STRING BEANS.—String beans make a nice dish if, after being boiled in the usual way with a small piece of salt pork to flavor them, you drain them carefully, and then add sweet milk or cream, a little butter, pepper and salt, just as you prepare peas.

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A CAT, when pursued by a ferocious dog, may not be feeling quite as well as usual, but, nevertheless, she presents a fur-straight appearance.

STATISTICS show that women commit suicide most frequently on Sunday. It is on that day that the humiliation of having to wear last season's bonnet is most keenly felt.

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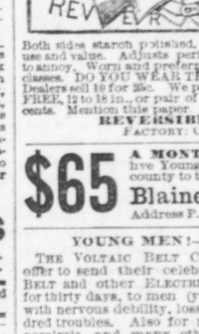

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