

FARM NOTES.

VERMIN.—These are the worst pests of the season, and need immediate attention before they do mischief by their rapid increase in numbers. The poultry vermin are encouraged by filth; they are also brought in and spread by rats and mice, and where these creatures abound it is impossible to keep the buildings clear of fleas and lice. The poultry house is the first point of attack. If the fowls are kept in or adjacent to the barn and stables, they should be removed, because they become a source of infection to other animals. Horses have been known to die from the effects of those intolerable but minute pests known as chicken fleas—small red mites which cover a person who carelessly handles the fowls in the evening, and who finds soon after that he is attacked by a fiery hot irritation produced by these pests over his whole body. For these reasons fowls should be kept where they can be kept clean and the house free from filth. Dry air slacked lime should be dusted over the whole house and kerosene oil drenched over the perches and nest boxes, especially in the joints and cracks. If these precautions are used, and the breeding place of the vermin destroyed the fowls will soon free themselves and keep clean. Calves can be easily freed from their pests. Perhaps some severe measures must be taken to destroy the vermin in their harbors, but once this is done it is easy to keep them at a distance. The skin should be dressed with a mixture of four ounces of lard, one ounce of sulphur, and one teaspoonful of creosote, well rubbed together. This must be done daily or it will not be effective. Cows should be treated in the same manner. And once the pests are dislodged the animals should be well washed once a day. This cleansing of the skin is a great help. It removes the dry, scurfy matter among which the vermin harbor and perhaps feed upon. When any lice are left it will be a good plan to pour a small quantity of kerosene oil upon the brush and work it into the animal's coat. This will very soon clear the animals of all the pest. It is an excellent method for horses should they become infested. The ticks upon sheep and lambs require harsher methods. These tough, leathery insects seem to be proof against all milder remedies than a strong dose of tobacco and sulphur. A pound of strong tobacco is steeped 12 hours in a gallon of boiling hot water; four ounces of flowers of sulphur is added and the liquor stirred several times. It is then strained and cooled to 120°, when either the lambs are dipped in it, or it is poured along the back and distributed along the sides, shoulders, and flanks in such a way that the wool holds it. This kills the ticks, but it sometimes sickens the lambs. Some farmers have found a mixture of buttermilk beaten up to an emulsion with a small quantity of linseed oil and kerosene oil, sufficient to give the whole a strong odor and poured over the body as above described, to be quite effective in dislodging the ticks. It must be repeated in two weeks to kill off the newly hatched wups.

The subject of potato culture was recently discussed by a number of prominent Massachusetts farmers. Mr. Hawden said: You may select the Early Rose, and take the eyes from the seed end, and also those from the opposite end, and use them for seed, and in the course of years you will find that you have two kinds of Early Rose, one of which will be two weeks earlier than the other. Ben J. P. Ware agreed that the eyes from the seed end will produce potatoes earliest. Mr. Hussey: I have tried this experiment, and am satisfied that eyes from the seed end will be earliest, but just as much the earliest the first year as the second. Mr. King: I used the seed end, but discard the buds. If you should plant the two ends side by side, I would guarantee, from experiment, that you would get them twelve days earlier from the seed end than from the other. James J. Gregory: In regard to this point I am pretty well satisfied that it is worth trying by all our farmers. My neighbor is a careful man, and makes everything go as far as any man can, and he is settled on the point. He plants from the seed end. Yet there is a difference of opinion on that point.

FEEDING HORSES.—The horse is more dairy about his food than any other farm animal excepting a sheep. No unclean refuse should be left in the feeding boxes to sour under the animal's nose. In warm weather the danger of this is greater, especially when meal with wet cut hay is fed. This is the best possible feed for a working horse, but if left to many hired men it will be unsatisfactory from over-feeding. Some people seem to think that there is in feeding a horse to stuff his manger full with hay all the time and give him large amounts of grain or meal. Under such management a horse will grow poor, as his appetite will fail, and with no appetite he cannot do efficient work.

A SUCCESSFUL TURKEY-RAISER gives us the following most excellent plan for raising turkeys. In the first place give two grains of black pepper when first taken off the nest, then feed them on custard made of eggs and milk (no sugar) until about 2 weeks old. After this give them egg corn-bread soaked in milk, alternated with scalded clabber, pouring off the whey. They will soon learn to pick up grains of wheat. I put ashes in the pen for them to dust in, and it is amusing to see them throw the ashes all over their bodies while they are waiting for the dew to go off the grass so they can start on a foraging expedition. I also furnished them lime to pick, and plenty of fresh water and milk to drink.

ALTHOUGH plaster is an excellent absorbent of ammonia, yet it is not equal to sulphate of potash (kainit), as the latter is more soluble and also more easily broken up from its combinations, thus enabling it the more readily to unite with ammonia (thereby forming sulphates) and preventing its escape.

Professor Watson Smith of Owens College, Manchester, Eng., says of dyes: "Formerly they used to rely principally upon vegetable dyes of animal origin. The vegetable or wood dyes, however, had to a large extent disappeared, and there were not many of these with which they needed to trouble their minds, because they had replaced and would be still further replaced by other materials. There were really only two of these vegetable dyes remaining—indigo and logwood—all other wood dyes having been already more or less replaced by coal-tar dyes. Lac dye had been entirely displaced, and the consumption of cochineal had been reduced to probably less than 200 tons per year. A great deal has been said against coal-tar dyes. They were told that these dyes were fugitive and poisonous, and that there could not be produced from them as fine a shade as Now all this was fallacious. If all that had been said against coal-tar colors was true, one would naturally be led to suppose that the consumption of them would decrease. But what was the fact? Why, in the last year the consumption of these coal-tar colors had increased more than 33 per cent. Trade last year was but all over the world—they hoped that this year it might be better—yet this increase of consumption had taken place, quite exclusively, he should say, in compound colors. No fabrics were now dyed in any of the pure colors, and the increase of consumption had taken place in judiciously blending these colors with themselves or with vegetable dyes. A card of "spring shades, 1887," being 150 different colors obtained from coal-tar, without indigo or any vegetable dyes, as shown. These colors comprise many bright and most delicate shades."

To avoid the difficulties and inconvenience attending the use of steam engines a strong company has been formed in Paris, Industries states, for the supply of compressed air to the users of dynamo machines for electric lighting. A central station has been provided, where engines of 3000 aggregate horsepower will compress the air for this purpose. The mains are already being laid, and the work is being pushed on with all possible speed to furnish motive power to the theatres, within the time allowed by the Government order, for the substitution of electric light for gas. With electric lamps and compressed-air engines, the maximum safety from fire will have been attained. The offices of the *Figaro* are said to be the first to be lighted by this means. The scheme is to be extended to the provinces, and Lille will probably be the first town to adopt it.

It is commonly stated and generally supposed that lanoline favors cutaneous absorption. But M. Aubert asserts that his experience is absolutely contradictory to this belief. So far from favoring absorption, he says, it prevents it almost wholly. In consequence of this, as lanoline does not spread over the skin, but adheres strongly to the part to which it is applied, and as it is not absorbed, he advises that it be used as a vehicle for antiseptic substances in surgical practice.

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"REV. MR. STICKER.—"So you don't think I practice what I preach, deacon?" Deacon Kicker:—"Well, considering that you've been preaching on the subject of 'resignation' for the last forty-nine years, I don't quite think you do."

"PA." inquired Bobby, who was reading the paper, "what is 'a stony glare'?"

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HUMOROUS. ONE day one of the officers of the cooking school came to one of the teachers with rather a splendid air, saying: "You are to have a new pupil today, a young friend of mind who graduated last year from Vassar. She is a very accomplished young lady and I think you will find her a valuable addition to the class. She is a girl of quick comprehension and very bright."

The teacher bowed and prepared herself for meeting a pupil who would never get her measures wrong, nor fail to see the niceties of all culinary philosophy. The first lesson of the Vassar girl, who was a pretty and well-bred young woman, was a demonstration lesson on meat cooking. She listened to the opening remarks with interest. She "begged pardon" to ask, "What is a skewer?" and watched the teacher with housewife interest. But presently, "Now separate the fat from the lean," said the cooking teacher, and the other pupils began the task. Poor Miss Vassar looked at the meat before her in despair. She had never observed it in its uncooked state before. There was no help for it. "I am so sorry," she said sweetly, "but won't you please tell me which is the fat and which the lean?"

A SURE THING OF IT.—"What interest can you have in reading the list of prizes in the Havana lottery? You never buy any tickets," asked Koscinko Murphy, on seeing Colonel Yergler perusing a paper. "I know that I never buy a ticket, but I have more real enjoyment than if I did," replied Colonel Yergler. "How is that?" "You see, I pick out a number. If it wins, I am as much tickled as a man can be, and go on a tear. If my number don't win, then I have saved the price of a ticket, and I celebrate my escape with the money I've saved. I am bound to win either way."

CULINARY ITEM.—Matilda Snowball is cook for the family of Col. Percy Yergler. Mrs. Yergler had unexpectedly received company, but was unprepared to entertain them. "Matilda, we will have a poor dinner I expect we will have to make an apology." "Make apology! How kin we make a apology! We ain't got no eggs, no butter, no nuffin."

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN.—Mamie Peterby, of Austin, Texas, became separated from her little brother while they were out walking. "What's the matter?" asked a kind-hearted gentleman, as he observed her perplexity. "Have you seen a gentleman anywhere walking unaccompanied by a lady?" asked Mamie.

TOO MUCH FUS IN THE FAMILY.—Johnny Fizzlepot is not as industrious at school as he might be, and his father endeavors to correct the evil. "So you were kept in again to-day at school for not knowing your lesson. Just walk into that room," said old Fizzlepot, hunting for a strap. "O, no, pa. Don't for heaven's sake let us have another of those scenes."

RUSSIAN COMPLICATIONS.—"The Czar has joined the Nihilists." "W-h-a-t!" "Not the present Czar, but his father, the one who was blown up several years ago. He joined in the other world the Nihilists that had been previously executed by his orders."

WORKING THAT WAY.—Old Lady (shocked): "You little boys ought to be at Sunday school instead of playing base-ball on the Lord's day." "Little Boys: 'It ain't time for Sunday-school. We've got half an hour yet."

You smoke a great deal, Gus," said a friend to Gus De Smith. "Yes," replied Gus, "particularly after dinner. I have got so in the habit of smoking after dinner that the dinner doesn't taste right when I eat it unless I have a smoke afterwards."

A TIMELY WARNING.—"Jimmy, you'd better stop slidin' down that cellar door," said one urchin to another. "What for?" "Cos yer wearin' out the seat of yer pants." "I don't care." "Well, you better. School's goin to commence purty soon."

A FISHING EXCURSION.—"My dear girl," said a fond father to his daughter, "surely you're not going to take all those trunks to Saratoga with you?" "Yes, papa, every one, and they are few enough." "But what in the world have you got in 'em?" "Bait, papa," said the dear girl brightly.

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MEDICAL ITEM.—"You are looking so badly, my daughter," said an Austin mother to her seven-year-old daughter, "that I shall send for Dr. Smith." "Don't send for him. He is already engaged to be married."

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