

FARM NOTES.

POINTS OF A GOOD COW.—We are called on to give the points of a good cow and some suggestions which will aid a novice in buying satisfactorily.

A cow is in her prime when she is from 4 to 6 years old, and the best-paying time to buy is just after the birth of her second or third calf. Prominence and fullness of milk veins, and velvety softness of skin are good indications.

GRAZERS AND FERTILIZERS.—Fertilizers should be reduced for their greatest solubility by a rigid pulverization of the soil.

For hardening or rendering butter firm in warm weather use carbonate of soda or alum, made into powder. For 20 pounds of butter, one teaspoonful of powdered alum, one teaspoonful of carbonate of soda are mingled together at the time of churning and put into the cream.

No country in the world can equal west Texas for the raising of horses, is the verdict of breeders of the state who have had large experience in many countries.

In feeding calves remember they are not the most brilliant animals in the world, and it is questionable if they ever know when they have enough in more than a boy would in a green apple tree.

A PURE bred fowl of one of the egg-laying breeds, such as Langshans, Houdans, etc., will lay from twenty-five to fifty eggs more in a year than the danglehills.

CREAM should never be churned fast until it has thickened some, as it is likely to become frothy, especially in cold weather, as there is more milk taken off with the cream than in warm weather, where open setting is practiced.

PORK butter is classified under ten heads, as follows: Butter with fodder flavoring; butter with smoky, musty flavor; sour, oily butter; greasy butter; fishy, blubbery butter; bitter butter; stunted, speckled butter; all of which, save the fodder flavoring, are caused by carelessness in milking, and mismanagement in the butter after churning.

Do not value a hog because it does not eat much. A good hog has an excellent appetite always, and eating a large quantity of food means rapid growth.

To keep your hired men good natured while milking, call the milking a part of the day's work and do not expect them to work in the field till dark and then milk a dozen cows in the night.

HOUSEHOLD.

RECIPE FOR SCALLOPED CLAMS.—Scald the clams, drain off the liquor and chop them up very fine.

CURE FOR BITES AND STINGS.—An old woodman of Australia, who used to catch snakes for pasture, says that a raw onion bruised and applied as soon as possible to the wound is a certain cure for the bite of all venomous serpents of that country except the death adder, which he admits is so poisonous and its poison is so quick in acting that there is no known remedy for it.

LEMON PUDDING.—For this the crumbs of the stale bread must be used. Half fill a small baking dish with it, remove it to a basin and pour over it just enough hot milk to make it soft.

FOAM CUTTARD.—Pound six bitter almonds and boil them in two quarts of milk; or, instead of the almonds, use half a vanilla bean; add sugar to taste, and a little salt.

BOILED POTATOES.—Cut cold boiled potatoes in slices a third of an inch thick. Dip them in melted butter and fine bread crumbs. Place in the double broiler and broil over a fire that is not too hot.

If YOU have no pan expressly for baking fish you can arrange one in this way: Get a piece of heavy wire netting such as is commonly used in cellar windows; have it cut just large enough to cover the top of your dripping-pan, but not to extend over the sides; the fish may be laid upon this, and it will drain nicely and will be far more likely to brown as you like to have it than if it were laid in the bottom of the pan.

ONE way to make capersauce to serve with fish is to chop one tablespoonful of capers very fine, rub them through a sieve, and not wasting any part of them; mix with them a tablespoonful of salt, one ounce of butter, not melted but stirred and beaten until soft and light; sprinkle well with black pepper, and while the fish is very hot place the sauce over it and let it melt there, thin slices of lemon added to drawn butter giving a pleasing variation to that sauce.

PALM leaf fans are covered with silk or crotone and have a loose piece of the same material attached so as to form a bag. There are pompons around the edge at regular distances. They are hung against the wall, handle upward, and serve as receptacles for odds and ends.

SCRAMBLED EGGS.—Peel a large tomat, free it from seeds and chop it up small, also chop two slices of onion; put both into a saucepan with plenty of butter, and pepper and salt to taste; stir on the fire till the onion is quite cooked, but not colored, then throw in four eggs beaten up, and keep on stirring the whole till the eggs are nearly set; serve at once within a circle of bread sippets fried in butter.

JAPANESE bottles with long necks are made into hand-screens by ingenious young ladies and the manner in which it is done is by placing in the neck the handle of an open fan. The bottle and neck and handle may be covered with silk, thus concealing the joining point. The screen may be stood beneath a lamp to shield the eyes from the light.

BUTTERMILK is considered one of the best of summer drinks. Those who have a craving for something sour in warm weather will find the lactic acid which buttermilk contains very grateful to the stomach, and the staying properties of the drink will enable a person to undergo more fatigue than anything else that may be drunk.

WHEN CHECKS MUST BE PRESENTED.

Judge Biddle Delivers an Opinion Important to Business Men.

Judge Biddle recently delivered an opinion in the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1, Philadelphia, which is not only valuable to the merchants and bankers of Pennsylvania, but to every man who has dealings with banks.

Judge Biddle says: "The check upon which suit was brought in this case was drawn on the 26th of May, 1885, by Doughton, Wilkins & Co., and was made payable at the Shuckamaxon Bank of Philadelphia. The check was not presented for payment to that bank until the 29th of May, after it had suspended payment.

"The liability of the drawer cannot, it is apprehended, be delayed by circulating the check, and therefore to charge him, if the banker fail, the check in his hands within the period which has been prescribed to the party transferring the check to the holder, it is sufficient, whether the date of the check is to present it or forward it for presentment on the day next after its transfer."

HOUSEKEEPERS who are bothered by having white marble stoops, halls or walks to keep clean can save time and labor by having them washed with a mop which has been dipped in boiling hot water and soda. A good deal of soda should be put in the water and allowed to dissolve, it is astonishingly effective.

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We are all liable to err and every one who does not realize the full value of Taylor's Hospital Cure for Catarrh.

A CITY girl recently went to visit her grandfather in the country. She is fond of milk but refused to drink any while there. Her mother asked why she should not drink the milk. She answered: "I know where grandpa gets it, I saw him getting it."

"IT MUST take a long time to get to heaven," remarked a little Pittsburgh boy as he watched a funeral procession go past.

"Why, Willie?" asked his mamma. "Because the carriages go so slow."

SAVE all the small sweet potatoes for the pigs. Nothing will fatten pigs so quickly as sweet potatoes and they are very cheap when only the culls are used. They should not be fed to laying hens, but they are excellent for poultry intended for market.

A QUART of good milk should weigh about 2.15 pounds, or nearly 2 pounds, 3 ounces. If milk is weighed, this rule will give the monthly yield in quarts more exactly than measuring.

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FACETIAE.

"JOHN, I would like to invite my friend, Mrs. Smalley, to this evening. Will you be able to be in?"

"No, my dear; I must attend the meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters, to-night."

"Well, to-morrow evening?" "I have the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and you know."

"What about Wednesday evening?" "Oh! the Odd Fellows meet that night and on Thursday I have a meeting of the Knights of Labor to attend; on Friday the Royal Templars of Temperance; on Saturday there's a special meeting of the Masonic Lodge, and I couldn't miss that; and then Sunday night—let me see—what is there on Sunday night, my dear?"

"The Grand and Ancient Order of Christian Fellowship." "Why, I had forgotten. Am I a member of that—let me see—"

"But you have forgotten another society, John, of which you were once a member." "What's that?" "Your wife's!"

A NEIGHBOR of mine is quite annoyed by having all the travelling agents, etc., quartered on him for the night, and the more he entertains, the more are sent him for that purpose.

One cold night last winter, after he had stowed two guests in his front chamber and two in his lower bed-room, we heard another stop at his door and ring him up at 12 o'clock past.

This was entirely too much for human patience. "What do you want?" said he, opening the window.

"I want to stay here all night," came the answer from a voice on the sidewalk below.

"Well, stay there, then," was my neighbor's benevolent response, and down went the sash with a jerk!

CASE OF NECESSITY.—Scene in court—A small boy, caught in the act of shooting birds, has been arrested for truancy. Officer—"Thy son's honor is the young trunk and bird shooter!"

Judge—"I am deeply distressed to see you, so young a lad, so cruel. Do you not attend both day and Sabbath schools where you sing beautiful songs about the lovely birds and their little nestlings? And do not your own mother teach you when you say your prayers at night how wicked it is to shoot the dear birds?"

"Small boy—"Yes, sir." Judge—"Then you must be depraved indeed! Your extreme youth would certainly demand clemency. If you were an outcast, an orphan, I—Small boy—"Then, judge, I wouldn't ha' done it. 'Twas for mother's hat. That bird was ten times prettier'n the one in your wife's bonnet, 'cause I seen it last Sunday in Sunday school. She's my teacher." Judge—"Oh! Oh! you! A case of necessity, I see. You were shooting in mere, wanton sport; discharge the boy and bring on the next case."

HE: "But I'm afraid that I'm wearying you. Excuse me for mentioning it, but I think I saw you indulge in a suppressed yawn twice." SHE: "Oh, don't, I beg. Your company is so healthful." HE: "So healthful?" SHE: "Yes; Mrs. Stratton advises all girls in society to sleep, and do you know, your conversation is exceedingly quieting. Indeed, I was more than half asleep when you started to go. Pray sit down; in another five minutes I am sure I shall be in the land of dreams." But he didn't stop. He happened to think of an important engagement that could not be neglected.

LITTLE Fred's sister was married the other evening, and he was so much impressed by the ceremony that he sat in perfect silence until the bride appeared in her traveling dress and her weeping mother took his hand to lead him to her for a good-by kiss. Then Fred burst out: "Oh! oh! oh! must I go away?—am I married, too?"

My little nephew, aged 3, writes a lady, was fond of playing cars by running along puffing and whistling in imitation of the engine. One day he chanced to step in his way to the garage, and instead of requesting me to give him the right of way, remarked solemnly: "The engine will wait till that cow gets off the track."

BINKS (who has just arrived)—Who is taking the social lead here now? Miss Gayguy (with a touch of malice)—I believe Miss Passee is posing for belle of the beach. B.—Why, she was a belle here fifteen years ago, when I first commenced coming. Miss G.—That doesn't prevent her being the belle yet—the chestnut belle.

A few mornings since, at breakfast, in a rich Clifton home, a little tot paralyzed his maternal progenitor by exclaiming: "Mamma, I love you better than I love oatmeal." "Do you love that much, dear?" was the rejoinder. "Well, I ain't stuck on it."

"WERE you at the sociable last night?" "Yes, and I spent a very pleasant evening." "I heard Miss X was to sing there." "I suppose you enjoyed that?" "Ever so much. She had a sore throat and couldn't sing."

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