HOUSEHOLD.

STALE BREAD.—A great deal of bread is thrown away by those who can ill afford it from the lack of knowledge how to utilize it. On the farm, in most instances, of course, stale bread is not wholly lost, for if wet a little it makes good food for the poultry, or may be given to the pigs, but this is not the best way to utilize stale bread. It makes delicious griddle-cakes when soaked soft in cold water. Three small slices with water enough to cover them should be sufficient when the milk and flour are added to make about two quarts of batter. Some prefer to put in some egg, while others like them fully as well without. When the bread is soaked soft, make it fine with a spoon, add the milk and sufficient flour to stiffen enough so that the cakes can be easily turned. If sour milk is used, add to the batter one even tablespoonful of cream of tartar dissolved in a little water, and an even teaspoonful of soda. If you do not use sour milk, use twice as much cream of tartar as soda. French toast, always a favorite dish with children, can be made of thin slices cut from a stale loaf and moistened in milk and eggs—two eggs to a pint of milk—and then fried on a griddle with a mixture of butter and lard, or butter and beef-drippings, and may be eaten with sugar or syrup, like griddle-cakes. Pieces of bread which are not too hard can be made into a resemblance of turkey dressing. Cut the bread into dice, and if you have a quantity of gravy from which fat can be taken, left from any kind of roast, (though a piece of butter will do as well), thoroughly grease the bottom of a spider, put in the bread, with some little chunks of butter and plenty of seasoning; then pour enough boiling water on to moisten it, cover tightly, and, in a moment, it will steam through, and you can stir it, and either brown a little or have it moist like dressing. It should be eaten with gravy over it, and is a good substitute for potatoes. The littly dry, hard pieces and crusts which always accumulate can be put on a pie-tin in an oven that is just hot enough to dry and make them a light brown, then roll them fine and put away to use in making croquettes, frying fish, etc. Even these slightly browned crumbs make excellent griddle-cakes with the addition of one egg and a handful of flour and milk to make a batter. Stale bread may be utilized in making a custard pudding also. The fact is, that where economy is the rule bread will not be thrown away.

As heartburn is usually a symptom of some form of dyspepsia, to prevent it thoroughly it will be necessary to cure the disease. But great temporary relief may generally be obtained from the use of anti-acids, such as magnesia, lime water, etc. The great thing is to prevent it by the use of a proper diet. Dispose of pastry as you would if you knew it to be half arsenic. Let others eat all the sweet things. Take a large proportion of animal food, though not salt or smoked meats. Salt and water or vinegar and salt, over the stomach and bowels, with plenty of friction, should never be forgotten.

To remove a cinder from the eye it is recommended to send a flax seed in after it. The glutinous substance which it forms with the lach rymal secretion, envelopes the irritating body, which is carried out thus encapsuled. Travelers on railroad trains who are peculiarly liable to receive cinders into the eye, should carry a small supply of flax seed with them against these accidents.

HANDSOME picture frames may be made at home, by glueing ears of rye or oats, tiny shells, beans or acorns, upon a simple wooden foundation. Then coat the frame and ornament with white paint. When this is thoroughly dry, cover with metal paint, either gold or bronze, and if well arranged the effect will be most satisfactory.

To break a new shoe, put it on and button it up. Then put it into a pan of warm water deep enough to reach the lower button. Wet it nearly through; then wear it till dry, working the foot now and then. It will not hurt the looks of the shoe, but will soften the leather, shaping it to the foot. If the shoe squeaks, the sole is stiff, and for this grease it well, heating it over the stove.

To produce a pure black upon wood, pour four quarts of boiling water over one ounce of powdered extract of logwood; and when the solution is effected add one drachm of yellow chromate of potassium, and stir the whole well. Repeat the application of this mixture until the wood is black.

DISCARDED broadcloth suits can be used as coverings for chairs in a most useful way, and particularly on small bamboo or cane chairs that have become worn. Work a stripe of poppies on momie cloth, to pass down the centre of the back and the seat of the chair. On either side cover with the cloth.

IT is said that by the following simple method almost instant relief is afforded: Put five drops of chloroform on a little cotton or wool in the bowl of a clay pipe, then blow the vapor through the stem into the aching ear.

SOME people prefer hot lemonade to the usual form, but it is only recently that we have seen it recommended in diarhœa. Dr. Vigouroux recommends a glass of hot lemonade every hour or half hour, agreeable and efficient for diarrhœa.

A PLEASANT remedy for a cough is lemon honey. It is made of the juice of three lemons, one pound of sugar, quarter of a pound of butter and six eggs. The mixture is boiled and taken hot.

LUMBAGO may be quickly relieved by binding a piece of oil skin cloth, such as is used to cover tables, over the loins, outside of the flannel shirt. Profuse prespiration is produced which rapidly relieves the pain.

FARM NOTES.

POTATO CULTURE.—A farmer says in the Rural New Yorker: My plan of raising potatoes is as follows: Manure broadcast in December or January—not later. Plough the manure under as soon as the ground will admit in the spring. Harrow well and plant in drills, three feet apart, pieces of potato cut to two eyes, one foot apart. Cover with a plough when just coming through the ground; crossharrowing, killing all the weeds that have started. Then cultivate often until the vines are too large to work in. I am entirely satisfied that manure applied broadcast in January is worth at least four times as much as that put on at the time of ploughing. I keep one lot especially for potatoes and raise nothing else on that lot. I use manure every year, in December, thirty loads to the acre. Of course the ground is getting very rich and mellow by constant manuring and tilling, and that is just what potatoes want. I can get in this way, say, 200 bushels per acre; and am always sure of a crop. I have no trouble whatever with grubs, and I think this is because I apply the manure when I do.

THE carcass of our sheep should be made valuable by its ability to reproduce itself annually in a valuable market lamb, and to sell, when its turn shall come to be turned into money, for a sum which would afford a profit upon the cost. The fleece, as a secondary consideration, should be made as valuable as possible. To secure these results the skill of breeders should be brought to use to improve all of our sheep up to this standard.

OIL is fatal to every insect it touches, and sulphur is very offensive to them. A mixture of four ounces of lard and one of sulphur, well rubbed together, and with the addition of one ounce of kerosene oil and one drahm of creosote, will be found an excellent remedy against all sorts of insects vermin, while the liberal use of kerosene oil on poultry roots will free the fowls of their tormentors.

THE practical benefit to be derived from raising good stock depends, among other things, upon the treatment received at its owner's hands. Blood and breeding and rare natural capacity are powerless to contribute to successful stock-raising unless accompanied by the co-operation of humane thoughtfulness, intelligent management and regular care. Merit is not proof against neglect, starvation and abuse.

WHEN one recalls the fact that the eggs used in this country every year, imported and domestic, have been estimated as worth $112,000,000, and that the chickens eaten by our people are worth at least half as much, so that we consume annually in fowls and eggs $168,000,000, the importance of well-managed poultry shows is apparent. Every effort made that tends to the improvement of domestic fowls is of widespread importance.

LOOK out for frozen combs colds nights, especially in the large combed breeds, such as Minorcas, Leghorns, etc. A frozen comb would mean the loss of not a few eggs just at a time when they are most valuable. As a general thing where reasonably warm houses are built this can be avoided by keeping the doors and windows closed, which can be safely done if a building be properly ventilated, opening them once or twice a day to thoroughly air the house.

As an example of what some men can do with an acre of land by judicious management and the skillful application of chemical manures we learn that a Scotch farmer recently harvested a crop of greentop Swedish turnips which weighed over fifty tons per acre. But this record is outstripped by another Scotch farmer, who has a crop of turnips calculated to average eighty tons per acre; the roots of good shape and weighing from sixteen to seventeen pounds each.

A FARMER of many years experience gives some of the many causes of the deficient hay crop. He says it is the close cut of the mowing machine and the dull knives pulling up the grass roots; also the scratching and harrowing of the remorseless wheel-rakes held down to get the last spear, followed by the close pasturing in the fall. Moral: Raise up the cutter-bar and keep sharp knives for the good of the team, if nothing else. Above all things, keep off stock in the fall. Also use top-dressing.

THE honey extractor is simply a can containing a revolving frame. Into this revolving frame the frames of honey are placed and rapidly revolved, or whirled around, by turning a crank. The centrifugal force throws the honey from the cells without breaking or in any way injuring the combs. The combs can then be returned to the hive to be again filled with honey.

PROFESSOR HENRY, of the University of Wisconsin who is well known as a conservative and careful agricultural experimenter, advises, where cornstalks are to furnish the principal rough food, the following as a day's ration for a cow, to be fed at two or three feeds: Corn stalks cut, fifteen to eighteen pounds; clover hay, five pounds; bran, six pounds; corn meal, four pounds.

COTTONSEED-MEAL should be used only in sufficient quantity to balance coarse grass and rough forage. If fed in this manner it will assist in rendering the food more digestible, and also supply those elements that may be lacking in the rough food. It may be alternated with linseed-meal if preferred.

WHERE trees are sent long distances and from any cause appear shriveled or dry, do not despair, for they can often be saved. Do not plant them as soon as unpacked, but bury the tree, root and branch, in moist earth for a few days, until the wood plumps up naturally.

DUCKS generally commence laying early. They thrive best in flocks of four or five to one drake. As ducks, especially Pekins, lay a large number of eggs in a season, they are very profitable. Water is not necessary for the successful breeding of duks.

WHEN the field is covered with dried grass and weeds it should be burned over in order to avoid having the seeds carried down by the rains. By so doing many seeds will be destroyed and the field will have a clean appearance.

A SAUCE that is good for almost all kinds of boiled puddings is made by beating one-quarter of a pound of butter and the same quantity of sugar together till they are like cream. Then mix a wine-glass of brandy, rum or wine with them.

THE prettiest way to arrange curtains in a doorway is to have two instead of one, and to tie these back with ribbons or handsome bands which are manufactured expressly for the purpose. The curtains should be tied back quite high and not in the old style.

The first bread is supposed to have been made by the Swiss lake-dwellers, at a period to which no date can be assigned, although it may have quite closely approached historic times. Specimens of the bread, which was baked between two red-hot stones, have been found in the form of little circular cakes, four or five inches in diameter by an inch and a quarter thick. Wheat and barley were the cereals used, but a cake made from poppy-seeds has been found among the ruins of the lake-dwellings. The grains were imperfectly ground, or crushed, in stone mortars, and the bread was unleavened.

The knot or nautical mile is variously reckoned at from 6076 feet to 6125 feet. According to the standard of the British Admiralty the knot is the length of the minute of longitude at the equator, or 6086 feet 1 1527 statute inches, or 1855 metres. The mean length of latitude, sometimes reckoned as a knot, is 6076 feet 1 151 statute mile, or 1852 metres. A marine league is three of these sea miles.

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Little Boy—"Yes, sir, if I don't bring home more fish than I've ketched so fer."

AN ITCHING PALM.—Indignant custom house official—"What! You attempt to bribe me?" Sir, you can't force money into my hand."

Passenger—"Which hand is it you don't want any money forced into, your right or your left."

"WHAT would be the duty of such a painting as that if it were brought from Paris?" asked a young New York painter of his friend, pointing to a picture on his easel. After his friend had looked at it critically, he replied: "I think it would be the duty of whoever had it in charge to pitch it overboard."

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SOMEWHAT IMPATIENT.—"When am I going to get that new suit of clothes I ordered three weeks ago?" asked Gilhooley of his taylor, Herr Schneider.

"Choost so soon as you pay for dot oder suit I makes you last year."

"But, my good fellow, I can't afford to wait that long."

THE CANDID FRIEND.—Fritz married a very ugly girl, and on meeting his friend Rudolph, the former asked: "How do you like my wife's looks?"

"Jeewhillikins! She must have a lot of money," replied the candid friend.

"Is this the mail car?" asked a passenger. "Yes, sir," replied the humorous conductor, "this is the smoker."

WE left our sanctum at midnight last night, and on our way home we saw a young lady and gentleman holding a gate on its hinges. They were evidently indignant at being kept out so late, as we saw them bite each other several times.

HUMOROUS.

IT WAS THE CLEAR STUFF.—A farmer living out on the Gratiot road bought a gallon of whisky as he was trading the other day, and while he was absent from his wagon some one substituted a jug filled with water. Back he came next day, walked into the grocery with the jug, and setting it down with a bang, he exclaimed:

"Here's that whisky and it's frozen as solid as a rock."

"No!"

"Try it and see."

The groceryman took a stick and jabbed away until satisfied that such was the case and then said:

"Well, it's queer, and I'll make it all right. That must have come from the barrel that I sell for medicinal purposes."

TIME ENOUGH TO LIE.—There is a young man studying law in a Texas lawyer's office, and the young man is not very regular in his habits. Yesterday the old lawyer said:

"Why didn't I see you in court yesterday?"

"Because I wasn't there, I reckon. I was confined to my room with the toothache," was the response of the incipient Blackstone.

"Come, now," said the lawyer good naturedly, "you have plenty of time to lie after you have passed your examination and been admitted to the bar."

WANTED IT CHANGED.—Ethel and Maud were taken in by the nurse for their first glimpse of a little baby brother, whose age was numbered by hours. Ethel did not seem at all pleased, and in answer to a question she replied, with no little disdain: "No, I don't like it. I wouldn't have such a red-faced baby. If I was mother I would send it back and change it." She knew that her mother, when dissatisfied with some purchase, frequently returned it to the store and exchanged it for something more to her taste.

FIRST Farmer—"Ever been up ter the city?"

Second Farmer—"Once."

First Farmer—"Only once eh? Got took in, did ye?"

Second Farmer—"Yes, but I'm gettin' even on them there city folks now."

First Farmer—"Ye are! How?"

Second Farmer—"I'm takin' in city boarders."

DOING A GOOD DEAL.—Friend (to amateur humorist)—"Are you doing anything for *Texas Siftings* nowadays, Charley?"

Amateur Humorist—"No, I haven't sent anything to *Texas Siftings* for over a year."

Friend—"You don't say so! Why, that is doing a good deal for the paper, Charley. They ought to pay you well for it."

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"Yes," he replied, "I have noticed advertisements of that kind."

"Well," she said, as she prepared to wash a sinkful of dirty dishes, "it ain't house work, you bet!"

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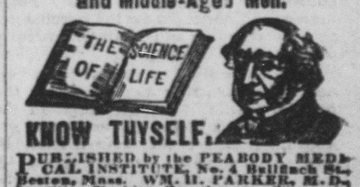

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