

Accidental Discoveries.

Valuable discoveries have been made, and valuable inventions suggested, by the most ordinary accidents.

Mezzotint owed its invention to the simple accident of the gun barrel of a sentry becoming rusted with dew.

The shop of a Dublin tobacco dealer by the name of Handfoot was destroyed by fire.

Give Children Something to do.

An important point in managing children is to always have ready something for the little hands to do at those times which come quite often on rainy and other days.

How often we hear mothers or older sisters say to some little child who is full of desire to do right if it only knew how.

It is worthy of note that the work given to a child has a great influence in moulding the mind and taste.

The copious rains will make the grass grow, and the dry crop makes good, but rains make the weeds grow also.

PROFESSOR ROBERTSON of Guelph, Ont., states that a cow in full milk will shrink fourteen per cent.

FARM NOTES.

OUR SHEEP STATISTICS.—According to a recent report of the Agricultural Department, the total number of sheep in the United States, January 1, 1888, was 42,566,079.

When we consider the benefits derived by farmers from the golden rule of sheep, the above figures are not encouraging.

RENOVATING OLD TREES.—A writer in the Agriculturalist makes the suggestion that much time and labor are uselessly expended in renovating old and worthless trees.

WEEDS ARE THIEVES.—And those who procrastinate killing them on sight only encourage the purloiners of their crops.

WHEAT PER BUSHEL.—Here are some figures which may set farmers thinking about the weight of wheat—whether the standard is too high or their crops deteriorating.

CORN IN THE GLAZING STAGE makes the best fodder. If cut when the ear is hard the stalk is then to a certain extent woody.

AN excellent mode of riding animals of lice is to add one quart of kerosene to ten quarts of soap suds.

HENS CAN'T CHEW.—A matter-of-fact writer advises poultry-raisers not to forget to remember that all fowls between the ages of two days and twenty-one years are without teeth.

THE application of potash salts to fruit trees and vines seems to give better results than ashes.

IF IT can be done only occasionally it will be found that a thorough washing of the family cow will be of great advantage.

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HOUSEHOLD.

THERE are few housekeepers that do not understand canning fruit. It is not necessary to use any more sugar than just enough to sweeten to taste.

HOW TO CAN TOMATOES.—Select perfect tomatoes, not over ripe. Pour boiling water over them and remove the skins.

TO CAN PEAS.—Select peas with care, using only those that are green and tender. Select cans with care as for corn.

APPLES, pears, quinces, hard peaches and all fruits that need softening, should be cooked in water till tender.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE.—Dissolve one ounce of singlass in a tumbler of water; add three tumbler of new milk.

MAYONNAISE DRESSING.—Mix one even teaspoonful of mustard, one teaspoonful of salt and a teaspoonful of a half of vinegar.

TO CAN STRING BEANS.—Select beans that are tender and good, break off each end, or "string" them as kitchen parlance has it.

CHICKEN PIE WITH OYSTERS.—Boil a year old chicken till tender, line a dish with a nice crust, put in the chicken.

SQUASH BISCUIT.—One cup of sifted boiled squash, three cups of sifted flour, one tablespoonful of sugar.

BLUESHIFT are excellent in their season. As soon as you receive a blueshift, have it split and laid in cold water for an hour.

There never was an ugly man who did not excuse his looks by thinking that he was smart.

POOR humanity; the Lord made it weak, and provided a punishment for every weakness.

PERSEVERE against discouragement.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

We have recently seen articles by writers who are well up in floral matters—or, rather, who should be—which say that one should never allow water to come in contact with the leaves of flowering, or Rex Begonias.

ORNAMENTS VERANDAS.—For the past few months this subject has been given great prominence by the press floraliculturist.

There is a man in my town And he is very wise, sir. When e'er he doesn't feel just right One remedy he tries, sir.

Meat and vegetables are much better if served when they are done than if left to get cold before they are eaten.

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A DELICATE WAY.—"What makes you so thoughtful to-night, George?" asked Nellie.

LEMON SNAPS.—One cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, two eggs, one teaspoonful extract of lemon.

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