

FARM NOTES.

THE VARIETIES OF GRASS TO GROW.—It is customary to use a mixed seed for lawns, which is proper, but sometimes too many kinds are used, and the best grasses are crowded out by those not so desirable.

SEPTEMBER THE INCUBATOR MONTH.—This month is the proper time to begin hatching with incubators for broilers, says a practical poultry fancier.

AIM TO supply the market with something that is not usually provided in sufficiency. It is not economical to grow the crops that demand the least labor.

TRAP FOR SHEEP-KILLING DOGS.—This hint from a scrap-book item may prove useful. When dogs kill sheep they generally return in a night or two to regale themselves on the carcass.

POISONOUS POTATOES.—Last season was a very peculiar one for all vegetable growths, and the result of this is strikingly seen in its effects on the quality of a potato raised in some localities.

A CORRESPONDENT who has used stable manure freely on young peach, pear and apple trees which made four feet growth this season complains of no fruit, and desires to know the kind of mineral fertilizer to use.

MANAGING THE LAWN.—This fall is the time to manure the lawn, as the frost will pulverize the manure and render it fine. If fresh manure is applied in the spring it will sometimes do injury, unless before frost disappears.

A TENNESSEE farmer sold the proceeds of twenty-six sheep for \$230, or nearly \$9 per sheep. Of this sum only \$55 was from wool, the mutton and lamb bringing \$175.

FOOD given to a young animal is productive of greater gain, as growth adds to the weight and increase of size. The matured animal does not so readily appropriate the elements of growth, as the young are less.

HUMOROUS.

A LESSON IN PHYSICS.—Little Ike—"Uncle Rastus, does cold make anything git littler?" Uncle Rastus—"Yes, it do; cold will always contract; don't you 'member night 'fo' last Christmas de woodpile o' Parson Jones dat libs nex' to me swunk up in one night 't nex' 't nothin'?"

OPPRESSIVE SCIENCE.—Colonel Kaw of Kansas—"It's gittin' so that science, once the friend of man, is fast becoming his bitter enemy. Here some son-of-a-gun of a scientist has discovered that chloride of lime is a better antidote for snake bites than whisky."

A MAN was running down Bates street towards the river the other afternoon when a policeman confronted him and asked for an explanation. "They're after me!" gasped the man. "Who?" "The doctors."

SLIGHTLY INACCURATE.—"Say," said the hortic driver, after ringing his reminder-bell with great enthusiasm, "one of you fellows wants to pay your fare."

A HEAVY PUNISHMENT.—First Nurse—"Did you ever see a lion fed?" Second Nurse—"Yes, once I was standing too near the cage and the baby in my charge was snatched into the cage and devoured."

WAITER, 11.59 Thursday night—"Here's a fellow wants a beef stew." Restaurant keeper—"It'll be Friday in one minute, Billy. Give him a clam chowder!"

MASHER—"Gad! what a lovely young bather. Who is she?" Big stranger, quietly—"Mrs. X." "Any incumbrances?" "Yes, one." "Ah! how old?" (Courteously)—"Coming 26; don't look it, do I?"

HOUSEKEEPERS' LISTS.—It is often helpful, especially in the busy house cleaning time, to make a list of important things you mean to do or have done, as, for example, mending a broken chair, having a troublesome door planked, making a new rag bag, plastering a mouse hole, and various things of the sort, which will never be done if you do not make a list, and in all probability will if you do. Always scratch off the things which you have accomplished, and you will take great pride, if your list is a long one, in seeing it grow shorter and shorter, until all the troublesome, worrying little things are finally done.

IF you are to entertain, make a list of your dinner, tea or supper, as the case may be, and make it in season. If your guests are many, it may be well, sometimes, to make a list of guests, that you may plan to have congenial people together, for a great deal of the success of any gathering depends upon combination, not only of food, but of people as well.

SUMMER BUTTER.—Colonel Curtis says that butter may be made in the summer in a small dairy and packed away for winter's use if it is properly made. The first two days it should be kept in a temperature not above 55°. The butter milk should be well worked out, and the butter placed in glazed stone jars and then covered with brine and set in a cool, dry place, where there are no bad odors. The cream should be taken from the milk within twenty-four hours after setting. If left longer it will be damaged. The jars may be small. The sooner the jar is filled and the brine put on the better.

BANKING the earth around peach trees is no protection against the borer, as may be supposed. The only way to prevent the ravages of the intruder is to search around the trunks of the trees and kill the borer. This is an excellent time for such work and the trees should be looked over weekly until October.

The quality on intimacy which breaks down all the barriers to politeness should never be tolerated.

HOUSEHOLD.

RIGID HOUSEKEEPING.—"Yes," said Mrs. Benson, sinking into a chair, and fanning herself with slow movements of the palm-leaf, as if too tired for even that small exertion. "Yes, I never neglect my duties on account of the weather. I sweep this room every Friday, winter and summer, and I do it thoroughly, too, take all the furniture out, dust behind the pictures, wipe the windows. When I've finished the room is clean!"

"But," pleaded her visitor, "the grass comes to the front door, you stand far in from the road, there are no children to make a litter, and you keep the doors closed most of the time; the room cannot need sweeping so regularly." "It is my rule," said the inflexible housewife, "I don't believe in saving myself and neglecting my home. Nobody can ever accuse me of that sin."

"You are worth something to your home, and you lessen that value, when you are worn out soul and body, when you have only the remnants of your strength left for those whom you love most dearly, and when you grow old twice as fast as you ought. I believe in cleanliness, but not to the extent to worshipping it as if it were a graven image."

"My mother always swept the whole house every week, and I intend to do the same," persisted the little woman, quite unmoved by all the argument. To plead with her was a manifest waste of nervous force. Belonging to the school of rigid house-keepers, she preferred martyrdom to comfort, and from a lofty height surveyed less "thorough" fellow creatures.

SUMMER DELICACIES.—A most tempting and delicious dish is made of alternate layers of sliced peach, orange, pineapple, banana and muskmelon, with a cup of wine poured over it, powdered sugar sprinkled lightly on and the top dotted over with fresh berries.

IN THE new edition of "Fenner's Complete Formulary," under the Unclassified Preparations, a formula which will be appreciated by every good house-keeper who has salads, soups, or cold luncheons to prepare, and who may not be in close proximity to a fully supplied "corner grocery." Also, as this is the season when walnuts are in the proper state of growth.

Worcestershire Sauce.—The composition of this sauce is a trade secret, but a good imitation may be made as follows: Chop the green outer covering of unripe walnuts, 5 pounds; bruise them to a pulp in a mortar, pour upon them 6 pints of good strong vinegar, and after standing a day heat to boiling and strain with strong pressure. To the liquid thus obtained add 2 ounces garlic, 1 ounce black pepper, 1/2 ounce cinnamon, 1/2 ounce cloves, 1 ounce allspice, 1/2 ounce nutmeg, 1 ounce fine powder, 1 ounce black pepper, 1/2 ounce cinnamon, 1/2 ounce cloves, 1 ounce allspice, 1/2 ounce nutmeg, 1 ounce fine powder.

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STRING BEANS.—These should be young and tender; the ends cut off and the bean cut into inch lengths unless very small. Boil one hour; drain off most of the water save just enough to moisten; add a tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of salt and a pinch of pepper. String beans are very seldom cooked enough. For older ones, be sure that every particle of string is removed, and boil not less than two hours. Three will subdue the most obdurate bean.

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SWEDISH TIMBALS.—Beat two eggs very light, add one-half cup of milk. Pour this slowly on to one cup of flour; beat well. Add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of sugar and one tablespoonful of oil. Fry in hot fat, using a timbal iron to shape them.

THE iron will form the mixture into pretty brown baskets, which are crisp and delicious. The timbals may be made the day before they are intended to be used, but they are nicer if eaten when first fried. The timbal iron is expensive. The Swedish timbals are very popular this year, and are often served in place of patties.

ENGLISHMAN, to stranger—"Excuse me, sir, but aren't you a foreigner?" Stranger—"Foreigner? No, sir, I am an American pure and simple." "Ah! and what tribe do you belong to, please?"

There is gladness in the household; That darkened all the sunshine Of many a summer day, O, mamma's getting better, The happy children cry, And the light of hope shines bright again In the loving husband's eye.

There is a great deal of virtue in this world that is like jewelry—more for ornament than use.

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