

FARM NOTES.

FALL PLOWING.—Except the highest sandy soils, all level land will be benefited by fall plowing. When well plowed, and to a proper depth, the plowed ground will not wash even by the heavy southern winter rains. That the land will leach and lose its fertility is a mistake. Nothing will be lost in any case except the nitrogen, which exists in the form of nitric acid or the most soluble nitric salts, and, as a rule, there is no danger of this because of the almost entire absence of this form of nitrogen in the land. On the contrary, it is for the purpose of developing this scarce plant-food in the soil that fall plowing is desirable. The turning over of the soil is a change of the abundant inert nitrogen, which is mostly combined with the carbonaceous organic matter in the soil, into soluble nitrates, and this process goes on slowly during the fall and early spring, and where the ground is not frozen even during the winter. Consequently the land is brought into a more fertile condition by the fall plowing, and besides this gain, there is another of much importance, viz.: the spring work is forwarded so much, and the crops may be put in so much earlier.

TREATMENT OF CELERY.—Celery, whether self-blanching or otherwise, can be grown with much or little labor, but like other vegetables, the more care that is given, the better will be the result. There is a certain crispness and delicacy of flavor which can only be imparted by banking generously with earth. Previous to banking some attention is necessary.

Buy a few pounds of straw paper, cut the sheets into ten-inch strips, and wrap each plant in a paper jacket, then hill up almost to the top of the papers. After a little practice, this can be done as expeditiously as the ordinary tying up. This wrapping should be done when the plants are perhaps a foot high, keeping the loose end of the paper in place with a handful of earth, thrown on with a garden trowel, until the row is finished. Care should always be taken in hilling up to give a broad base to the hill, as the soil will need to be drawn up higher, later on, if the plants have grown far enough above the paper to make it necessary. Persons raising celery on a large scale, for ordinary market purposes, would hardly care to take this trouble, but if only a few hundred for family use are grown this plan cannot be too highly recommended. There are two advantages gained by this process: 1. There are no crooked stalks, as is often the case when the plants are tied up. 2. It prevents earth-worms from nibbling the stalks, which they are sure to do in a wet season.

SMALL SAVINGS.—A rather irritable farmer annoyed by the fowls on his grain mow, picked up a club and slaughtered a dozen of the hens. To him wife's remonstrance he declared that the fowls were a great damage and of so little value as to be of no account at all. The woman was, however, able to show in reply a goodly roll of bills she had stowed away as the receipts from the poultry and eggs she had sold. Chickens, as a rule, are wasted to a great extent for want of the care that might easily be given to them, and as regards the little food they may steal, this is not one-tenth as much as is stolen by rats and mice without any complaint or notice. More-over, the waste of small grain and other food that might be turned into products, is sufficient to amount to a very pleasant sum of money every year.

THE Scotch creepers are a short-legged breed of fowls, compact, excel in breast meat, cannot fly high, lay well and mature early. There are two varieties, the white and the barred. They are nearly as large as the Plymouth Rock.

FARMERS AND FAILURES.—Pin up two facts to be considered when you are discouraged: There are fewer business failures among farmers than among any other class; more men begin without capital and become owners of good business in farming than in any other vocation.

THE Dorset sheep are very prolific. They were shown at several fair fairs last year, the ewes having lambs at their feet, and nearly all had twins. They also produce lambs in the spring.

DIGGING post-holes, repairs and hauling gravel should be done before the ground freezes. It entails twice the labor to defer such work until later. Now is the time to make all repairs.

A HOLSTEIN heifer was exhibited at the Bangor (Me.) Fair that yielded about fifteen quarts of milk daily. Considering that she was only 2 years old the yield was extraordinary.

FILES of brush or stubble afford harboring places for the insects, and they can be better destroyed by burning such material early than to decay it until the ground is frozen.

WHEN a limb is cut from a tree it should be as close to the body as possible. The cut should be a smooth one, without bruising the bark, and the cut surface should be covered with some kind of cheap paint mixed in oil.

SIX thousand ducks are annually marketed from the farm of a prominent yet unostentatious farmer in Massachusetts, who comprehends the idea of handling his flock in a way to yield him a return quick, with little expenses for their keeping.

If you can't plow your land to kill weeds mow them down, which will prevent them from going to seed. Under no circumstance allow a single weed to seed.

DAHLIAS should be well staked, or the limbs will fall over if they make heavy growth. If stakes cannot be procured tie the limbs together with string.

HOUSEHOLD

VIRGINIA SPONGE PUDDING.—One pint of milk, two ounces of butter, two ounces of flour, two ounces of sugar, three eggs, 1 tablespoonful of vanilla. Put the milk on to boil, rub the butter, flour and sugar together, and stir the hot milk into them until it is a thick batter. Then remove from the fire and let it cool. Beat the yolks of the eggs well and add to the batter, then beat the whites to a stiff froth and mix in gently. Pour in a pudding dish and place in a pan of hot water and bake three-quarters of an hour.

SAUCE.—Half cup of butter, half cup of powdered sugar, quarter cup of cream, four tablespoonfuls of wine, one tablespoonful of vanilla. Beat the butter to a cream, add the sugar gradually, beating all the while. When light and creamy add the wine gradually. When all is beaten smooth, place the bowl in a basin of hot water, stir until the sauce is smooth and creamy and no longer. This is an excellent dessert.

MERINGUE PUDDING.—Lay pound cake an inch thick in the bottom of a dish and pour over a glass of sherry.

CUSTARD.—One quart of milk, sweetened, yolks of four eggs, pour over and bake.

MERINGUE.—Whites of the eggs, two cups of sugar. Put on top and bake a light brown.

TAPIOCA PUDDING.—Put a tea-cupful of tapioca and a teaspoonful of salt into a pint and a half of water, and let it stand a couple of hours where it will be quite warm and not cook. Pare six tart apples, take out the cores and fill them with sugar in which is grated a little nutmeg and lemon peel, and put them in a pudding dish; over this pour the tapioca, first mixing it with a tablespoonful of melted butter and a little cold milk; bake one hour. Eat with sauce.

FIG PUDDING.—½ pound of figs, ½ pound of suet, one-half pound of bread crumbs, 3 eggs, 1 nutmeg, 1 tablespoonful of brandy, 1 teaspoonful of cream of tartar, 1 cup of milk; steam three hours.

SAUCE.—½ pound of butter, ¼ quarter pound of powdered sugar mix for cake until light, 1 egg, one-half cup of milk. Set on the fire and let come to a boil, stirring all the time; as soon as boiled, take off the fire and season with wine.

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Boston thinks of establishing free Winter baths.

Catarrh

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ORANGE SOUFFLE.—Make a soft custard of one pint of milk and the yolks of five eggs. Take two large oranges; grate the rind of one, pare and slice them thin and put them with the grated rind in a dish; pour the custard over them. Beat the whites of eggs stiff, sweeten them well, and flavor slightly with vanilla; put this on top of the custard, smoothing it over with a knife. Put the dish in a pan filled with hot water and set in a quick oven till brown.

MONDAY'S PUDDING.—Take any pieces of stale cake that you happen to have; cut them into small strips, and dip them into any kind of home-made wine; lay them in a deep dish, and pour over them a soft custard made of one pint of milk and two eggs. Or you may make the custard with one pint of milk and the yolks of three eggs. Beat the whites of the eggs with three table-spoonfuls of sugar, adding any little flavoring that may be liked, which is then placed over the top of the pudding.

COMEDY CORNER.

LOVE'S warning cry. "Don't Jack, you'll hurt my vaccination."

WHEN the prisoner heard the sentence, he was visibly moved—by a policeman.

"FOOLING with dynamite is getting to be as dangerous as trying to thrash an Editor," says a paper from a Western town.

"HE's not what you'd call strictly handsome," said the Major, beaming through his glasses on a homely baby that lay howling in its mother's arms. "But it's a kind of face that grows on you."

"IT's not the kind of face that grew on you," was the indignant reply of the maternal being. "You'd be better looking if it had."

"WHAT are the elements?" asked a Texas teacher of a pupil. "Air, fire, water, and whisky." "Why do you call whisky one of the elements?" Because when he comes home full of whisky ma says he is in element.

"HABIT" is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change "a bit." If you take off still another the whole of "it" remains, and taking off another it is not "it" totally used up. All of which goes to show that if you wish to get rid of a habit you had best throw it away all together.

"WHERE d' you think," said she, "The World's Fair ought to be?" He drew her to his side, and bugging her replied: "I'm satisfied, my dear, To hold the fair right here."

WIFE—"Can't you take me to the Yahoo Restaurant some evening, my dear?" "No, darling, it is indiscreet." "Then, dear, why do you bring home its marked napkins in your pocket?"

"A PRUDENT man," says a Frenchman, "is like a pin, his head prevents him from going too far."

"NO, PAPA, I do not wish to marry yet. What I want is a man that does not drink, smoke, chew, snuff, go out nights, gamble, bet, or over-eat, in short, a man with no vices, and who is always good." "My daughter," said Mr. Dusenberry, "you are only a stranger here. Heaven is your home."

"IT'S NO use feelin' of the wrist, doctor," said Pat, when the physician began taking his pulse. "The pain is in me head entirely."

"HULLO!—What's the matter old man? Toothache? tut—tut. Have it out! If it was mine, I'd—"

SUFFERER—"If it was yours! Yes, so would I."

SAID the rich and quiet loving citizen, "If a man bores me and I don't like him, and I want to keep him away from me, I don't snub him. I just lend him \$5."

AN OLD BACHELOR is a traveler on life's railroad who has failed to make the proper connections.

A PHRENOLOGIST says fullness under the eye denotes language. When the fullness is occasioned by another man's fist, it generally denotes very bad language.

The difference between a porous-plaster and a lottery ticket, is that the plaster draws something.

WHY does asparagus resemble long sermons? Because the ends are most sought after.

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THE only persons who do not like to see the redeeming qualities of the human race, are the pawn brokers.

If there is any one who should be "rapped in slumber," it is the man who snores.

WHEN a girl talks about "two strings to her bow," does she mean his suspenders?

A NEW style of door mat has just been devised for editorial sanctums. It bears the inscription "come again," and is intended to lie outside the door. (P. S. The editor lies inside.)—BUNDETTE.

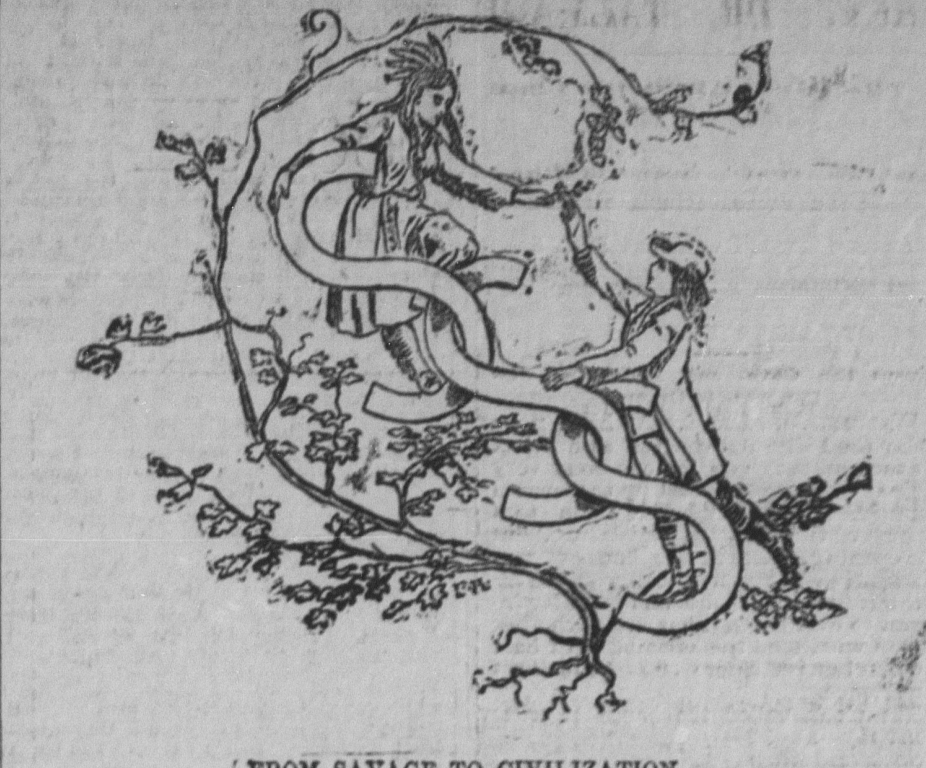
WIFE—(to sick husband)—"A gentleman is down stairs and wants to see you, dear."

SICK HUSBAND—"I am too sick to see any one."

WIFE—"It's the minister, John."

SICK HUSBAND—"I'm not sick enough to see him."—Life.

A SWELL New Yorker has a curious finger ring with the ten commandments engraved on it, it's characters are so small that it requires the aid of a microscope to read them. Friends who know him well, are of the opinion he has lost the microscope.



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