

FARM NOTES.

AN expert in the cheese business re- bukes the cheesemakers of this coun- try for using unsuitable materials for greasing the rind of new cheese.

A CONVENIENT FARM MAP.—A farm map is an in-titulation which often proves very useful to the owner, but here is a novelty in that line worthy of note and imitation.

BETSY AND THE BABIES.—A floating paragraph sensibly declares that, after all, the good wife and the boys and girls are the best things on the farm.

BEGONIAS AS WINDOW-PLANTS.—And now we are told that begonias grown as single specimens and carefully handled to ensure good form and thriftiness, make fine plants for the window.

It is better to apply the manure thick than to attempt to make it go as far as possible by spreading it on in thin layers.

SHADE trees are seldom matured and trimmed. The use of the pruning shears will give shape and symmetry to the trees if they are attended to when they are young.

IN summing up some of the results of his work with fadders, Dr. Goessman, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, says that their milk and cream records show that the fodder corn, corn stover and corn ensilage, when fed pound for pound of dry water, in place of English hay, compare well as far as the quality and the quantity of the milk and of the cream obtained is concerned.

EXPERIMENTS are being made at the farm connected with the New Jersey State Experiment Station, in New Brunswick, with different breeds of cows, to ascertain the cost and value of the products of the different breeds.

WINTER dairying will gradually force progressive dairymen into more intensive systems; better cows, better maintained, and on fewer acres, and possibly with the silo; rolling in some of its forms will take the place very largely of the summer pasture of wide range.

THIS is a good suggestion from an English exchange: By all means, let us have linseed cake made from clean seed, free from injurious and non-feeding weed seeds also in a fresh wholesome condition, but do not put an unreasonable value upon the actual percentage of oil, and let the general character of the cake and its composition, as shown by a full analysis, regulate the market value.

THE village butcher who buys the farmer's hogs and retails them from the block in almost every instance makes a greater profit than the grower dare think of. The farmer can save some of this profit to himself by learning to make a fancy article of meat for summer use. Do it, and quit howling about hard times.

LOOK out for your outdoor celery in these days. If not properly protected it will be apt to freeze solidly, and that is not a good thing for it. Keep it warmly covered and in the dark. If you find it necessary to furnish the roots moisture to prevent it from wilting be careful to avoid wetting the foliage, as it is very apt to induce rot.

Do NOT disturb the onions or onion sets if they are frozen. The handling of them when they are in a frozen condition is detrimental. Allow them to gradually thaw, and keep them where they were originally stored.

Many have doubtlessly heard of the famous traveling sales of Australia. Similar curiosities have recently been found in Nevada, which are described as almost perfectly round, the majority of them as large as a walnut, and of an iron nature. When distributed about upon the floor, table or other level surface, within two or three feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward a common center, and there lie huddling up in a bunch like a lot of eggs in a nest. A single stone, removed to a distance of three and a half feet, upon being released, at once started off, with wonderful and somewhat comical celerity, to join its fellows; taken away four or five feet, it remained motionless. They are found in a region that is comparatively level, and is nothing but bare rock. Scattered over this barren region are little basins from a few feet to a rod or two in diameter, and it is in the bottom of those that the rolling stones are found. They are from the size of a pea to five or six inches in diameter. The cause of these stones rolling together is, doubtless, to be found in the material of which they are composed, which appears to be loadstone or magnetic iron ore.

A recent compilation of statistics relating to electric railways in the United States shows the number now building or in operation to be sixty-one, employing 538 cars, and having a total mileage of 380. There are 250,000 persons employed in the United States in lines depending solely on electricity.

The longest distance over which conversation by telephone is daily made is between Portland, Me., and Buffalo, N. Y., about 750 miles. There are more than 170,000 miles of telephone wire in operation in the United States, over which 1,055,000 messages are sent daily. About 300,000 telephones are in use in this country.

While the use of electricity in London for illumination is steadily increasing, the use of gas is also rapidly on the increase, the demand for the latter for heating and cooking being greatly in excess of former years.

It is an old saying that every one must eat his peck of dirt. Those who use the milk that comes from a cow covered with filth, and milked by a man whose hands have not been washed clean for a quarter of a century, get their share of dirt in quick order.

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HOUSEHOLD JANUARY IN THE HOUSE.—There is no harder time to the mother and the housekeeper than the first few weeks of the new year. "The house has been almost literally 'turned up-side down.'"

A number of new articles have made their appearance, furniture, bric-a-brac, books or toys, have found a welcome in the house. The children have been obliged to stay in the house almost all the holiday week perhaps, and it has required all a mother's, arts and some of Job's patience to keep them in order and supply means for their enjoyment.

Do not try to accomplish too much, things will right themselves in time. There are long evenings still and a great deal can be accomplished then. Save a short time every day for personal improvement either by an hour's chat with a friend—I do not mean pouring over papers—but friendly and entertaining talk that does not include the neighbors, or by an hour's intercourse with some author through his book.

For the table, furnish some fruit once every day, oranges, bananas or apples, for city people lettuce and cress are to be found, and an abundance of celery, which is very healthy. For prepared dishes there are a number of good puddings to be made, and we will add a few to help on the bill of fare for the month of January.

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