

FARM NOTES.

POULTRY PARAGRAPHS.—Don't be "chicken-hearted," nor to greedily, in weeding out the culls.

Hens do not eat their eggs unless they learn the habit from having eggs broken in the nest. Never use stale or frozen eggs as nest-eggs.

In buying poultry for breeding purposes, go to some reliable breeder, who has his reputation at stake. It may cost a little more for the birds, but the buyer can depend on what he gets. Culls are expensive at any price.

To make a good, warm breakfast for forty fowls: Boil a heaping half-peck of potatoes; mash them; add one quart each of shorts and bran, a teaspoonful each of salt and pepper, and finish by adding hot water enough to mix into a stiff dough.

Fowls need far more care during damp, rainy weather than during the clear, cold weather of winter, or the dry, warm weather of summer. Dampness engenders numerous disorders, many of which are difficult to cure. Therefore, it is better to use preventive measures than to administer medicines when too late.

DAMPNESS in the stables is not easily avoided. When the animals are outside the windows and doo s should be kept open to allow currents of air to flow through. As a rule many stables need more windows, in order to admit the rays of the sun, which serve to dry the interior. In summer the windows can be shaded.

FAT on animals cost less than anything else produced on the farm, so far as depriving the land of fertility is concerned. The carbon really comes from the air, through the agency of leaves of plants, and is converted into fat by process through the body of the animal.

QUANTITY of food eaten does not indicate that an animal must necessarily thrive and fatten by reason of the bulk consumed. The quality of the food is more important. It is a tax to compel an animal to digest more food than it should, in order to thrive.

THE early vegetables are the real luxuries. To have them early the preparations must be made early. The garden plot should have been put into condition before now. Have the seed ready so as to plant as soon as the ground is warm enough and danger from frost is over. For late crops the ground should also be worked soon.

CHICKENS are as perverse as people, and just as a man will often drink vile liquors when he can get pure sweet water, so fowls will often abandon their drinking vessels and take their thirst for some dirty puddle. With them prohibition is the only safeguard.

EGGS FOR MARKET.—If your object is to keep hens for the purpose of selling eggs, do not have a lot of useless males to feed. wisely raises a poultry authority. The presence of a male has no influence whatever on the laying of eggs, and, if anything, he is a nuisance when not desired. Bear in mind, also, that eggs laid by hens not with males will keep three times as long as will those that contain the germs of chicks. The best laying breeds are small ones, such as the Leghorns, and more of them can be kept together than of the larger kinds. For eggs use the Leghorns, and keep no males. If you desire eggs for hatching make up a special yard for that purpose, but get rid of the males as soon as the hatching season is over.

OATMEAL FOR CALVES.—The best food for calves is one of the Spring studies that interests cattle raisers. Hence we make note of the fact that M. Mercier, director of the Commercial dairy farm of Karntten, Eastern Prussia, has found excellent results attend the employment of one-fourth pound of oatmeal per quart of milk, given to calves intended for the dairy when three weeks old, and gradually suppressing the sweet for the fresh skimmed milk from the centrifugal creamer. Later, he gives crushed barley or oats and linseed, gradually augmenting, so that when six months old they are receiving one pound of linseed and two pounds of grain per head daily. They are allowed the finest hay. He dusts about one good ounce of chalk per day on the rations.

WINTER-KILLING.—Trees are injured in winter more than is generally supposed. The injury is overlooked because of the fact that trees have a wonderful power of overcoming this injury. The cambium, or layer of young cells between the wood and bark, possesses the most vitality, and can longest withstand the effect of cold. The green outer bark may become ruptured and disorganized; the older wood with it may have its remaining vitality exhausted, leaving only a "black heart"; the body of the tree may be rent by fissures in prolonged cold weather, but so long as the buds and a thin film of cambium remain their vitality, the trees will live, and as spring approaches, the cambium, by the protected and well-rooted roots, begins to grow and form new wood and bark, while the displaced cells of the older bark again fill with sap and settle into their places. The dead wood is made useful for carrying sap, the gaps in the trunk close up, and no one but the observing horticulturist ever knows what a hard time the tree has had of it. It is only when the tree, or a considerable portion of it, dies, that attention is generally called to it. The killing back of unripe twigs occurs in most trees nearly every winter, but the greatest danger in the coldest winters is from the killing of the body. This is the point farthest removed from the most vigorous centers of life, and contains the smallest amount of cambium in proportion to its mass. It is therefore the weakest point, and needs its additional thickness of bark. But in orchard-culture, in trying climates, this is not sufficient, and we often find, after severe winters, that the body is dead while both top and root are alive. For this reason, low heads, and banking up with earth are recommended.

Spring Medicine

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FRUIT CAKE.—Two cups of butter, four cups of sugar, mix well; add two cups of milk, mix thoroughly; add beaten yolks of eight eggs, mix well; add eight cups of flour; beat to a stiff froth the whites of the eggs, and add to batter with another cup of flour, in which two good teaspoonfuls baking powder is mixed. Prepare a small cup of currants, one cupful raisins, one-half cup of citron, mix a little flour with them, add to cake; bake slowly for an hour.

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HOUSEHOLD.

TIMBALES. [By request.]—Mrs. Parloa gives the following methods of preparing timbales: "Line little dariole molds, with fine, short pie-crust, cut into squares a raw piece of fillet of veal weighing about a pound and a half; pound it to a paste, add five or six chicken livers, if you have them, if not, two large ones will do nicely. Fry the livers in a lard butter, add them to the veal, and pound the whole till it is a well-mixed paste; add three tablespoonfuls of rich gravy. Rub the veal paste through a sieve, add a quarter of a pound of ham cut in dice, season the mixture with salt, pepper and a few drops of onion juice; add a little rich sauce—only enough to prevent the mixture becoming dry. Fill the buttered timbale molds and let them bake twenty-five minutes. At the end of this time remove them from the oven, turn them out on a platter, and serve them with a nice, brown mushroom sauce. The recipe is excellent with macaroni substituted for the paste. Select long strips of macaroni (do not break them); boil them in water for ten minutes to soften them; begin at the bottom of the timbale molds and line them with the macaroni, curving it around to fit the bottom and sides. As soon as the timbale molds are lined with the macaroni, mask it with a little of the veal mixture mixed with the white of a raw egg; then fill the timbales with the mixture. Truffles and bits of tongue cut in ornamental pieces, are frequently used to decorate timbales. This little dainty enters are as often served without a sauce on a napkin as in any way."

CRISP SWEET CAKES.—Put a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda to one pound of flour, rub in six ounces of butter and eight ounces of castor sugar. Beat up a large egg, mix it with the flour, and add as much milk as will make a stiff dough. Roll out very thin and cut into round cakes, putting a slice of citron or a blanched almond on the top of each. Bake in a very quick oven till of a light brown. If stored when quite cold in a dry place and covered with confectioner's paper these cakes will eat as crisp after several weeks as when first baked.

FRENCH TOAST.—Beat one egg thoroughly, mix with it one teaspoonful of sweet milk and a pinch of salt. Slice fine white bread, take off the crust, dip in the mixture, allowing it to absorb a little, then fry in hot butter.

LEMON-LEA CAKES.—Rub one ounce of butter into one pound of fine flour; add two ounces of castor sugar, one teaspoonful of soda, and one of cream of tartar, the juice and grated rind of a large lemon, and a well-beaten egg. Mix to a moderately stiff dough with milk, and bake in patty pans or very shallow round tins. Split and butter while hot.

GRAHAM COOKIES.—One egg well beaten, one cup of sugar, one-fourth cup each of butter and sweet milk, one-half teaspoonful of soda, a little nutmeg, and graham to mix stiff. Mold them in flour, rub the top with white sugar and bake in a quick oven. Or if you have cream, use a cup of sour cream instead of the butter.

GRAHAM BREAD.—Place two-thirds quart of fine wheat flour and one-third quart graham flour in a pan, mix well with one tablespoonful of lard, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and one tablespoonful of salt; dissolve one-half a yeast cake in about a pint of lukewarm water, add the flour, knead well, let remain over night to rise; in the morning mold a little on floured board, using only enough flour to prevent sticking, place in greased tins, let rise in warm place about two hours, then bake one hour, or about that. This bread is a regular item in our bill of fare, thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

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