FARM NOTES.

It is too early to plant corn to feed to the cows next summer, but it is not too early to select the ground and manure it.

It may not pay you to build a silo, but it will pay you to look into the matter closely and see whether you will be the gainer by so doing.

Raise all the colts you can. It is an ancient saying that one strong, gentle old mare has paid off the mortgage on many a poor man's farm.

To reduce muck let it be exposed to the air for several months. If it is well mixed with air-slacked lime it will be in condition sooner than if heaped up and left undisturbed.

American swine breeders should breed more for quality of meat than for quantity of fat. European countries will continue to take more of our meat if the quality is to their liking. Good toothsome bacon and hams come of good breed as well as skill in curing.

There is such a thing as driving too slow on the road. Some people starve their horses because they are too merciful to drive them fast. They have them out on a journey when the journey should be finished and the horse in the stable resting and eating.

No lawn can stand cropping contin-ually without fertilizer. Wood ashes make the best fertilizer for lawns that abound largely in white closer white about the closer with a fig abound largely in white clover, while all lawns are benefitted by a mixture of wood ashes and superphosphate. In the fall the lawn should be well dressed spring chickens into quarters and parwith fine stable manure.

Lime has so little direct value as a fertilizer that if applied alone to land pieces of chicken, dotted with pieces of which is destitute of the elements of butter; next pour over it the water in vegetable growth, its effect would which the chicken was parbolled. Seascarcely be perceptible. But on soils of son and cover with the rest of the moderate fertility lime acts very bene-ficially. It changes the mechanical condition of both light and heavy soils icate brown. This is a most delicious and liberates latent elements of fertility dish. already in the soil. Nearly all ordinary soils, even those lying on limestone for-mations, are benefitted by applications of lime at intervals of three to five years.

CLEAN QUARTERS .- Pigsup to their eyes in filth and mud won't grow, won't do any good and will become diseased. They must have clean quarters. If they are confined in small outside pens, it is best to have their sleeping quarters in hot lard, dropping in a teaspoonful raised a foot from the ground with a at a time. slab stone as a step into the house. Use wheat straw for bedding, as oat straw

will produce mange, and change the

HOUSEHOLD. RAGOUT PICKLE. - Two gallons of chopped cabbage, two gallons of green tomatoes, twelve large onions, chopped or sliced thin, one gallon best cider vinegar, one pound brown sugar, one tablespoonful ground black pepper, half-ounce of tumeric powder, one cunce celery seed, one tablespoonful ground allspice, one teaspoonful ground cloves.

half-pound white mustard seed, one gill of salt. Boil cabbage, onions, tomatoes, vinegar, salt and sugar together until the vegetables are perfectly tender, then take from the fire and add the spices. Put into glass or stone jars and cover tightly.

COFFEE CAKE .- One cup of butter, two of sugar, one of molasses, five cups of flour, sifted, three eggs, one cup of strong, cold coffee, one-half pound of raisins, stoned and floured, one-half of currants, one-fourth of citron, chopped or sliced fine, one teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon, one of cloves, one-half mold to harden. nutmeg, grated, one teaspoonful of soda, good measure. Good cake bakers always cream butter and sugar thoroughly, sift flour and beat eggs separately very light, adding the whites

last A cough syrup which we have used in the family since my childhood, I also give thee: One-half sunce each of

senna, anise-seed and flax seed, one ashes, while trimming the ends of the young branches will induce them to Orleans molasses one-balf pint New send out shoots and thicken the tops, sometimes the working around the trees with a cultivator will give them a new start.

> eighteen ears of corn, cut off the grains, boil with their gizzards and livers. Have ready a deep baking dish; cover the bottom with cron; then put in the

the knife, press out the pulp, leaving the hull on the cob. To this pulp add half a pint of milk, the yelks of two eggs, a little salt, pepper, and a teacup of flour. Beat the whites of two eggs stiff, and stir them with a teaspoonful of baking powder into the fritter. Fry

Coffee used for nausea is sometimes quite effective. For that p strong infusion is made of the berries which have been ground and roasted; and it is sipped while very hot. This oftentimes acts exceedingly well; and rather better if a strong mustard plast-er is applied to the pit of the stomach fire at the same time.

STRAWBERRY CREAM.-Soak one-half box gelatine in one-half cup of cold water. Dissolve in one-half cup of boiling water, then strain. Mash onequart of strawberries, add a cup of sugar and rub through a sieve. Now add the gelatine water and stir until thick. Then add a pint of cream whipped. The juice of half a lemon is an improvement. This cream should be allowed to cool thoroughly, when it will be like a fine sponge in texture and of a beautiful pink color.

STRAWBERRY SPONGE .--- Cover half a box of gelatine with half a cupful of cold water, and soak for thirty minutes; then pour over it half a pint of boiling

s then pour over it half a pint of boiling water, add one cupful of sugar, and stir until dissolved; add one pint of the strawberry juice, and then strain into a tin basin; put this basin into a pan of cracked ice to stand until cold and thick, stirring occasionally. Then beat to a stiff froth, add the well beaten whites of the eggs, and beat until smooth; turn into a fancy pudding mold to harden.

TOMATOES WITH MILK GRAVY .- Scald some fine tomatoes and remove the skins; put them in a dish and sprinkle over them some pepper, salt and bits of butter; let them cook on top of the stove for fifteen or twenty minutes, take them off and turn them, dredge with flour, add some more butter and milk enough to make a gravy, also a slight pinch of soda, set them back on the stove and let scald for ten minutes. CARRAWAY SHORTBREAD. -Beat half a pound of butter to a cream, stir in half a pound of fine sugar, half an ounce of

carraway seeds, one ounce of blanched

CHERRY PUDDING.-Secure a cup of sour cream for this pudding and a generous pint of sweet milk, two large cups brimming full. Stir a quarter of a teaspoonful of soda into the milk, add two cups of flour in which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been mixed, add two eggs, lightly beaten, without sep-arating, half a teaspoonful of salt, the sour cream and another scant cup of flour. Beat the batter vigorously, and when it is full of blisters add a pint of unstoned cherries. Steam the pudding for three-quarters of an hour, and serve it with foaming sauce. Use a steamer that is larger than the amount of batter to give the pudding room to rise. It may also be baked in a round tin pan in a moderate oven.

FOR THE WEEKLY BRUSHING OF COT-TAGE MATTINGS .- After the dust is removed, pass a scouring cloth, wet with salt, over the most used breadths. It preserves the color. Most people do this only once a year, but there is no reason why the inexpensive salt should not be used oftener as a scourer. A long-handled brush sweeps closer than a broom on mattings.

TO SOFTEN & WATER-PROOF CLOAKplace it before the fire, instead of letting it dry cold, when wet. It will again become quite soft and phable after a thorough heating. It is only



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Other Things Besides Soap. MABY W. EARLY.

While soap is the most widely-used of all cleansing applications, there are others more potent and more pene-trating in their effects.—for instance, extract of lye, dissolved in hot water. This should be used with caution, however, as the hand would be much hurt or perhaps even excoriated by coming in immediate contact with the lye. If you have a greasy kitchen-table, or a very greasy floor, nothing can so effectually cleanse them as a little concen-trated lye, dissolved in hot water, and

rubbed on with a mop, or floor-brush. Dissolved lye will also clean stained marbleslabs in the nicest manner. I

have seen it successfully applied to washstand, bureau, and sideboard slabs that had become badly discolored. When you are going to make a pot of When you are going to make a pot of soap, it is a good plan to take out a little of the dissolved lye before you add the grease for the soap, or it would be well to keep a box of lye, broken up into lumps, expressly for scouring purposes, and dissolve some of these lumps whenever you wish to scour something unusually dirty or greasy. Dripped lye would also answer a good purpose for scouring, and would not be so stinging to the hands as the concentrated. Any old-fashioned country housekeeper, or fashioned country housekeeper, or negro "mammy," knowshow to prepare dripped lye.

Ammonia is one of the most power-ful and valuable of all cleansing applications, and it is susceptible of an astonishing variety of uses. In the first place it is a very valuable adjunct to the tollet. A spoonful or two poured into the bath renders it much more re-freshing as well as more cleansing. It is especially nice for washing the hair, serving to cleanse the scalp thoroughly of dust and dandruff. Nothing cleans hair brushes half so nicely as ammonia. Add a few drops to a basin of water, wash your brushes in this water, and they will come out as clean as when they first left the druggist's glass case. A teaspoonful of ammonia added to a quart of hot water and soapsuds will have a very cleansing and brightening effect on your silver, and will also wash your mirrors and windows in the nicest manner. There is still another use, and a valuable one for the ammoniated water after you have finished using it for bathing, or other cleaning pur-pose, after it has gotten cool, pour it over your roses or geraniums and it will stimulate them into fresh beauty and vigor. Again, in cleansing woolen clothes, wiping over old black silk, or

removing stains, I find ammonia of great value. Altogether, there are few things more serviceable to a housekeeper. Keep two bottles of it on hand, one of a refined grade to use in sickness, ---as for nausea, faintness, headache. etc., ---and a bottle of a coars-er kind for cleansing purposes. Salt is cleansing for some purposes

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bedding as often as is required. For The outside or run you may throw in old hay, corn fodder or any other litter that will keep the pigs clean and make manure. Cleanliness is the watchword in swine raising, and it is far better to guard against disease than to invite it. Putrid and fermented swill go hand in hand with dirty quarters. Where you find one you find the other.

SPRAINS .- From slipping the heavy or fast driving horses are especially liable to sprain of the tendens or ligaments, causing lameness. The parts are feverish, hot, tender and painful. In all cases of lameness in horses, the foot should be carefully examined, as nails, defective shoeing, or injury of the foot are the most common causes of in the back tendons, and if not of recent to a froth, and pour on the top; brown injury a high-heeled shoe will relieve the strain upon the tender tendon. In acute cases hot applications should be used.

GALLS BY HARNESS .- When the harness rubs the skin it should be softened by a good soaking with hot water and then well oiled with castor oil. A piece of sheep skin with the wool on it should be fastened on the tugs where they press on the skin. The galls may be dusted with calomel, which is the best application that can be made. It may be ap-plied by means of a puff made of cotton batting. Collar galls may be prevented by softening the collar as above suggested, and by washing the horse's neck every evening with salt water. Pads are objectionable, as they produce sweat-ing, which causes the skin to be chafed.

POULTRY FOR MARKET. - Before poultry is sent to market it should be well fattened, as there is a great difference between the price of fat and that ence between the price of fat and that of poor poultry, and in a fully stocked market good poultry, well fattened and well dressed, will always command ready sale at high prices. Therefore there is not only gain in weight by hav-ing poultry properly dressed, but also in price. Corn is the best for finishing off poultry as it gives a furner flash and poultry, as it gives a firmer flesh and llower color than buckwheat and other grains. Feed nothing from twelve to twenty-four hours before killing, so that the crops will be perfectly

empty. There is much to be learned about dressing poultry, says Field and Farm. For dry picking, kill by bleeding in the mouth, and immediately strip the feath-ers off clean while the fowl is warm, Example a bolling water; cover the kettle close and stew ten minutes. Add one pound of sugar, stand on the back of the stove where it is not too hot for fifteen min-utes.

using great care not to tear or bruise the flesh. Then have sh. Then hang up by the legs the flesh. Then hang up by the legs to cool off, the same as for scalded fowls. Some persons also do what is called half scalding, which is, after dry picking cleanly, to dlp in scalding water, then in cold. Turkeys, ducks and geese go through the same process in dressing as fowls, both scalding and dry picking. Some persons, after the ducks and geese are picked, to more thoroughly free Some persons, after the ducks and geese are picked, to more thoroughly free them from pin feathers rub them over which powdered rosin; due in scalding water and rub off the rosin and pin feathers; then wash thoroughly with warm water and brush with soan; there insee in cold water rinse in cold water and hang up until cold and thoroughly dried.

NUT CAKE. - One cup of butter, two of sugar, three of flour, one cup of sweet milk, the whites of five eggs, beaten separately, very light, one cup of chopped hickory-nut meats, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Lay some whole meats of the nuts on the icing of the cake.

QUICK PUDDING .- Two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, yelks of four eggs, lameness. In cattle or sheep the test may also be the most frequent seat of injury. If the heel cannot be put down upury the ground the strain is located into a pudding dish; beat whites of eggs into a pudding dish; beat whites of eggs in the oven.

> PUDDING SAUCE. - One cup of sugar, butter, the size of an egg, one egg; beat the butter and sugar to a cream, add the egg; set on the top of boiling teakettle, or some vessel of hot water, and stir until it is like cream.

LEMON SAUCE .- One teacupful of sugar, one-half teacup of butter, one tablespoonful of flour, all well mixed together. Add also grated rind of lemon and a pint of boiling water. Boil five minutes. When ready to serve squeeze into sauce juice of one lemon.

FROZEN CURRANTS .- Mash a quart of red currants, add two pounds of sugar, the juice of three oranges and glover and made up by the shoemaker. one lemon, let stand one hour, add a quart of water, stir until the sugar is dissolved, turn in the freezer and freeze.

RIPE CURRANTS.-Select large clusters of cherries, rinse them by dipping in and out of cold water, then place on a seive to drain. Amonize on a glass dish. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, sit on ice; serve in small saucers around a little pyramid of sugar.

top one quart of gooseberrles; put them in a porcelain kettle; add one pint of boiling water; cover the kettle close

CURRANTS AND RASPBERRIES (for tea or lunch)—To every quart of large, red raspberries allow a pint of ripe currants and a pound of sugar. Put on a preserve kettle, bring to a boil, dish and set in the ice—the juice should jelly.

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crickets. Flies are regarded as furnish-ing prognostications of the weather, and even of other events. Spaniards in the sixteenth century believed that in the sixteenth century believed that spiders indicated gold when they were found in abundance. Although a sacred insect among the Egyptians, the beetle received but little notice in tolk-lore. It is unlucky in England to kill one. In Germany it is said to indicate good luck to have a suffer such the sector. luck to have a spider spin his web downward to you, but bad luck when he

rises toward you. The grasshopper is a sufficiently unwelcome visitant of himself in this country, but in Germany his presence is further said to announce

strange guests. A Welsh tradition says, bees came from Paradise, leaving the garden when man fell, but with God's blessing, so that wax is necessary

in the celebration of mass. The ancients generally maintained that there was a close connection between bees and the soul. Porphyry speaks of 'those souls which the ancients call bees,' It is said that upon the backs of the

seven-year locusts there sometimes appear marks like a letter of the alphabet. When this looks like a W it is thought that war is imminent. German tribes regard stag beetles as diabolic, and all beetles are detested in Ireland, more especially a bronze variety known as 'goldie.' It is also believed that to see beetle will bring on rain the next

day.

LIGHT CAKE,-Half-cup of butter, half-cup of sugar, three eggs, beater separately, one cup of sweet milk, three cups of flour, three teaspoonfuls of bak-ing powder sifted through the flour.

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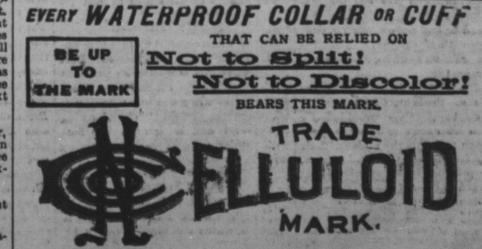


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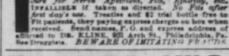
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