

FARM NOTES.

HINTS ABOUT HORSES.—It costs more to keep a poor horse than it does to keep a good one.

Change the feed of your horses often enough to make them relish it.

Improper feeding is the cause of nine out of ten cases of sickness among horses.

Every time you worry your horse you shorten their lives and days of usefulness.

Sweat and dust cause your horses' shoulders to gall. So do poor, ill-fitting collars.

The temperature of water for horses is not so much of an object as the purity of it. While it is best to have the water cool, it is more important to have it free from all impurities.

Affection cannot be pouched into animals. Kind treatment insures the affection of an animal, while rough treatment is sure to cause its wrath.

When horses are suffering from the bites of flies or stings of other insects, sponge the parts that cannot be protected by nets with water in which insect powder has been mixed—a tablespoonful to two gallons of water.

Of two colts similar in disposition and sense, one may develop into a steady and valuable family horse, while the other may be anything that is vicious, treacherous and unsafe—all because of a difference in the men handling them.

Plenty of whitewash should be used, not only for the brighter appearance, but also as a disinfectant. Hot whitewash on the inside of stables, barns, poultry houses and pig quarters, will aid in preventing vermin and insects.

The horse which can plow an acre while another horse is plowing half an acre, or one which can carry a load of passengers ten miles while another is going five, independent of all considerations of amusement, taste or what is called fancy, is absolutely worth twice as much to the owner as the other.

SABLE SHEEP.—It has always been a question whether it is possible to breed a flock of black sheep, and an extensive flockmaster of Australia is testing the matter by sending all his black lambs to a range by themselves. These cannot truthfully be called freaks of nature, as some claim, or if so there would be less of it. Still, here is something about it not well understood. Black lambs may not occur in a flock in generations and then recur of a sudden. If a black ram be used in a flock of white ewes, more than nine-tenths of the offspring will be white. Cases often occur where both sire and dam are black, and the lambs white. As something does not come from nothing, black blood must be diffused through most flocks. Where wool is to be dyed a deep color, it is claimed that the "basic pigment" of black wool being already provided, it absorbs less dye and makes more enduring color. However this may be, there is a serious objection to black sheep because their coats absorb more rays of the sun than white, affecting them by heat more readily and more seriously.

Now that the season is over it is not out of place to call attention to the fact that if the disease is to be prevented next year something must be done with the refuse (stems, decayed tubers, etc.) and not allow it to be carried over through the winter. The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station has been at work in the endeavor to enlighten the farmers in regard to this disease, but remedies during the growing season may be too late, and in order to avoid the difficulty all tops, leaves and decaying tubers should be burnt in order to destroy the spores. Do not throw them on the compost heap, as the manure will only spread the disease another season.

BEES NEAR A HIGHWAY.—Bees should not be nearer a highway than one hundred feet, or to a house where there are small children. An apiary can extend up to a highway with safety, provided there is a high board fence, or hedge intervening. This obstruction causes the bees to aim high in their flight, which takes them out of mischief. It would be better for all bees on a farm to be in a high board enclosure, so that breezy animals would not be in danger by upsetting their hives. It is generally the result of carelessness, when horses are killed by them.

According to the *American Agriculturist*, the milk supply of New York city affords an income to those furnishing it of \$10,000,000 at 24 cents a quart. Over 200,000 cows are milked to obtain this supply, and \$60,000,000 of capital is invested, exclusive of the railroads and of dealers. Milk is drawn from five states, and some of it is hauled 150 miles by the railroads. With vigilant Milk Inspectors and an active Dairy Commissioner with his deputies, New York is getting a supply of fairly good milk and honest butter.

Professor Robinson, who has tested the matter, claims that when cows are denied salt for a period of even one week they will yield from four eighths to seven eighths per cent. less milk, and that of inferior quality. Such milk, he says, will, on the average, turn sour in less time than milk drawn from the same or similar cows receiving salt, all other conditions of treatment being equal.

Waldo E. Brown says: There are thousands of acres sown in wheat each fall that it would require but a glance of an intelligent man to know that on them a crop of wheat could not be grown that would pay expenses—old washed clay hillsides, flat wet land, or it may be land that has been plowed late and the seed put in with a badly prepared seed bed.

The *American Sheep Grower* states that "if a few dry cows or heifers are kept in the field with sheep the dogs will seldom molest them. We have found sheep in the morning huddled so close around and under a friendly old cow that she could not get away from them. She had saved their lives."

CRAB PIE.—Procure the crabs alive and put them in boiling water with a little salt. Boil them for a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes, according to size (the best test of their being sufficiently cooked to their color—they are done when of a fine red color.) When done pick the meat from the claws and cold pick the meat from the body. Chop all together and mix with bread crumbs, salt, pepper and a little butter. Put all into a shell and brown before the fire or in an oven. A crab shell will hold the meat of two crabs.

BISCUIT GLACES.—Cook one pound of sugar and a pint of water together for five minutes; then add a tablespoonful of vanilla sugar and the well-beaten yolks of six eggs; whisk over the fire for a moment, and strain in an earthen or china bowl. Beat until stiff and cold; then, if you use it, add four tablespoonfuls of brandy. Whip one pint of cream, stir it into the mixture, then fill it into paper cases or small biscuit molds. If in molds, pack in rough lye and salt and freeze for about one and a half or two hours. If in paper cases, place them in a freezing cave for two and a half to three hours.

OYSTER SALAD.—Bring to a boil a dozen and a half of oysters in their own liquor, to which two tablespoonfuls of good strong vinegar have been added, with white and red pepper and salt for seasoning; drain, and cut the oysters in dice so as not to injure their appearance. Wash a head of celery and cut the edible parts in dice; mix with the oysters, and keep in a very cold place until ready to serve, when cover with a mayonnaise or salad dressing.

SERVING BANANAS.—A favorite way of serving bananas in New Orleans is to cut them lengthwise in two pieces, dust them with powdered sugar, a little lemon juice and bits of butter, and to bake them in the oven for twenty-five minutes. They should be baked with the butter once or twice while baking, and serve hot in the dish in which they are cooked.

RICE WITH CHEESE.—Boil half a pound of rice; drain and shake dry; put a layer of this in a pudding-dish, season with salt and pepper, and dot with bits of butter. Grate a quarter of a pound of cheese, and sprinkle each layer of rice with the cheese. Let the last layer be of rice. Whip one egg with a gill of milk, and pour over all; sprinkle with crumbs, dot with butter and brown in the oven.

GRAHAM CRACKERS.—One quart of graham flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of baking powder, two tablespoonfuls of butter, milk to make a stiff dough. Knead five minutes. Roll thin and bake ten minutes.

Sugar Cane From Seed. A new field of investigation in regard to sugar cane cultivation has just been opened up. At a meeting of the Luncheon Society, England, Mr. D. Morris referred to the question of the production of seed in some varieties of the sugar cane. It was pointed out that, although well known as a cultivated plant, the sugar cane had nowhere been found wild, nor had the seed been figured or described, it being the generally received opinion that having been propagated entirely by slips or cutting, it had lost the power of producing seed. Spokelets, however, received at Kew, had been carefully examined, and the seed found. Mr. Morris anticipated that by cross-fertilization and selection of seedlings the sugar cane might be greatly improved, and much importance was attached to the subject, as very material issues are connected with it.

The time is approaching when the festive rabbit will be after the tender trees. To head him off, smear the trees with a wash made as follows: Quarter bushel of lime, one-half pound of copperas and one-half pound of glue; add the glue and copperas dissolved to the lime after slaking, and apply now with a brush.

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CAULIFLOWER IN BATTER.—Take the cold head of a cauliflower that has been well cooked, but is not flabby or overboiled. Trim the cauliflower into small heads about the size of the top of a wine-glass, lay them in a pie dish, and sprinkle with a little pepper and salt. Make a very light baking batter. When it is well beaten up pour over the cauliflower and bake in a brisk oven. This is a very delicate dish, but is not liked where highly seasoned cooking is preferred.

RASPBERRY BUNS.—Mix six ounces each of ground rice and flour, rub in a quarter of a pound of lard, the same of white sugar, and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Make into a stiff paste with the yolk of an egg and a little milk. Divide into small balls; hollow each, and insert a little raspberry jam; close up neatly and dip into beaten white of the egg; flatten a little and place on a tin in a sharp oven. They will crack during the baking and show the jam through.

SPICED BEEF.—Eight pounds of beef, silver side or round, one-quarter pound of salt-peter, one ounce of coarse sugar, one ounce of black pepper, nutmeg, mace and cloves, one ounce altogether, one-quarter pound of salt, one-quarter pound of treacle. The dry ingredients to be well rubbed into the beef, the treacle to be added four days after it has laid in pickle, turn the beef daily for a week or ten days; it should then be baked in an earthen pan filled to about two-thirds of the beef with water. Bake four or five hours.

BREAD BALLS FOR SOUP.—Cut the crumbs of a stale loaf into small pieces, put them in a basin, and pour over them enough hot water to moisten without making them too wet; let them cool; chop an onion, lay it in the frying pan with a large lump of dripping and some chopped parsley, and fry to a light brown; mix it with the bread, and when cool, add two well beaten eggs, salt, pepper and sufficient flour to bind; make the mixture into small balls, and drop them into the boiling soup about fifteen minutes before serving.

CAULIFLOWER CROQUETTES.—Trim pieces of cold cauliflower heads about the size of a shilling, mash some potatoes with butter, cream or milk, and one or two eggs, whipped to a froth. Roll the cauliflower in this mashed potato paste, form into croquettes, egg and bread-crumbs and fry.

SPONGE CAKE.—One and one-half cups of sugar, two even cups of flour, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix and add one-third cup of hot water. Bake in a quick oven. This, when baked in a thin layer, makes a nice roll jelly cake.

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