

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

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Here Stables Should Be Comfy—Farm Savings—Various Methods, Notes and Recipes for the Farmer and His Wife and His Children, and The Two Felix.

Stables for Horses.

To stand in a narrow stall day after day is not conducive to either comfort or health, writes Henry Stewart. It cramps and stiffens the muscles and wears the animal. A large stall in which the horse may be left loose is far better for the animal which is able to move about and exercise the muscles. A single close stall should be cleaned every morning, as the droppings collect in a bunch and the liquid soon forms a puddle. But this does not happen in a box or loose stall, and if sufficient litter is used to keep the horse clean, the manure may remain in the stall until it is a foot deep. If a peck of land plaster is scattered over the floor occasionally and litter enough to keep the horse clean and dry is used, the stable will be much less odorous than one with the common stalls cleaned every day; and indeed from all odors whatever. These loose, roomy stalls are excellent for mares and colts. The manger should be raised high enough to prevent manure being dropped in it. The use of such stalls for horses and cows both during several years past has proved convenient, comfortable and economical, and it completely avoids the common danger of horses being cast and injured, as is likely in the common narrow stalls with hatter fastenings.

Save Everything.

The saving of the various substances that are supposed to possess no value, by adding them to the manure heap, amounts to a large item in the course of a year. There is nothing grown on the farm, either by seedling for the crop or voluntary growth of weeds, that will not contribute something to the fertility of the soil if the materials are appropriated to the purposes for which they are adapted. Even weeds can be made useful in enriching the soil.

Cutting Potatoes for Seed.

There is no more sense in calling the small, immature tip end of a potato the "seed end" than in applying that name to the snout of an ear of corn, says the Mirror and Farmer, and it would be more rational to cut off the tip end and throw it away and plant the body of the potato; and this is done by some of the best farmers. If the object is to get the most from a given amount of seed, cut to one eye and put one in a hill. But it is probable that two of these pieces in hills a little farther apart would give more per acre.

On cold, wet soil, small pieces are more apt to rot. Some varieties spread or bush more than others, and some will produce several stalks from one eye. It is an axiom that like produces like, and if we want large potatoes we should plant large ones. Not whole, necessarily, for we do not use the whole tree when we graft, yet we get the perfect fruit; nor do we hear of potatoes growing in slices from cut seed. There is no vegetable product that may not be improved by seed selection, and all results in potato culture which seem to favor small potatoes or oppose large ones for planting, are probably due to some outside cause that is not taken into consideration. The arguments against planting whole tubers are, that they give too many plants in a hill, thereby crowding them and insuring a large proportion of small potatoes; and whole potatoes are more apt to remain sound, and in that condition they furnish no food to the young plant.

Shipping Dressed Poultry.

The prices obtained for poultry will depend largely on the condition in which they are when they reach the market, and the owner should endeavor to make them as presentable as possible. Dressed poultry should be killed by sticking them in the throat, through the mouth, the point of the knife touching the brain, which will kill them instantly. The bird should then be quickly stripped of feathers while warm, and then carefully picked over for pin feathers. No scalding should be done, but the "dry" picked process should be adopted in all instances. As the crops should be empty no food should be given them within twenty-four hours of the killing time. When the pin feathers are all removed throw the chicken into ice cold water, to remain an hour; then take it out, wipe dry, and pack in clean boxes or barrels, using straw between the layers, but no paper. Simply pack the birds, and do not remove entrails, feet or head.

An Extraordinary Cow.

George W. Kirker, who lives nine miles east of Delano, and two miles west of Poso, Cal., has a cow that takes the bakery for milk and butter, and shows just how profitable the dairy business is in that section. Mr. Kirker has kept a close account with her cowship for a year past, giving her credit for all the milk, and keeping account of all butter sold. The sales of the year amount to \$115, which is proof enough of the profits. The cow is a full-blood Jersey.

Blood Will Tell.

As evidence that "blood will tell" the Texas Stockman cites the fact that only in the extreme north and south ends of Texas are "straight Texas calves" found. When one is found among a bunch of feed cattle it can be told from those containing a little improved blood by the effect the feed has. The grade calf improves rapidly on feed while the Texas calf remains in the same old rut. The Texas cow and the Mustang pony both require the infusion of new blood to make them any account.

Egyptian Cows.

A Kern county, California, farmer states that last June he sowed 800 acres of land with Egyptian corn. In October he harvested 300 acres of it, obtaining thirty-six sacks or about two tons per acre. Into the remaining 500 acres 800 head of cattle were turned, and in about a month they

had trodden it all down so that it looked like a field of harvest-past corn-stalks, but the ground was covered almost white with the threshed out kernels. Twelve hundred hours were then turned in, and they are said to-day to be the finest, largest, laziest and fattest hogs in the state.

Lime Fertilizer.

Lime has the advantage of being beneficial at all seasons, though its effects in the soil may not be immediate. It never injures land if properly applied, and though its results may be unsatisfactory at first, yet the effects are lasting, the time supplied this year proving beneficial in the future. Lime is cheap and should be used freely.

Household and Farm Notes.

The average duration of the cow's service as a milker is estimated at eight years among the well-managed dairies, but individual cows often milk well until aged.

Manure is more valuable when the liquids and solids have been saved together. Neither is a complete fertilizer alone, but together they supply all the demands of crops.

A Vermont fruit-grower suggests that as wire netting is not costly it might pay to cover cherry trees and other fruit trees that have their fruit eaten by birds with such wire.

A Warren county, Iowa, farmer has just finished digging potatoes. Out of 400 bushels taken from the ground in the past few days only five bushels were found to have been frost bitten.

Silk, of all grades and colors, can be washed in clear water which is poured off from grated raw potatoes. Dip a piece of silk in this water and wipe them on both sides with a coarse towel.

Bright yellow butterflies are among the most decorative things that can be made out of silk muslin. Perched on a picture frame or—by daylight only on a lampshade, they are lovely artistic bits.

A good way to wash kid gloves. Spread out the gloves smooth and neat. Rub toward the fingers with a flannel dipped in milk and well soaped. Then rub well and dry. The gloves will be soft and clean.

To roughen the surface of glass, place some emery powder upon the surfaces of one glass and moisten it; take another glass and rub the two surfaces together. This will make the kind of glass used for transparent states.

Two gardens is neglected on the farm, and many farmers do not cultivate a plot for a garden. The luxuries of farming can only be obtained by those farmers who grow vegetables and fruits as well as staple crops of grain and grass.

An Iowa farmer states that the easiest way to raise willow, whitewood and silver leaf poplar trees is to open a furrow, lay long branches in it and cover them with a plow. Being surrounded by moist earth the branches do not become dry even in times of drought, but send up sprouts that become trees. In a dry season cuttings taken from these trees do not form roots.

Scrap-Book Recipes.

REMEDY FOR POISON.—A dessert-spoonful of made mustard mixed in a tumbler of warm water, if drunk immediately, is a simple but efficient remedy for poison.

SAUCE FOR PUDDINGS.—Cream one cup of sugar with half a cup of butter; add half a cup of hot, not scalded, milk; beat one egg, and pour on top, favoring to taste.

VINEGAR TAFFY.—Two cupsful of brown sugar, one-half a cupful of butter, four tablespoonful of molasses, two tablespoonful of water and two of vinegar; boil twenty minutes.

FLAX-SEED STRIP FOR COLDS.—Boil flax-seed until water becomes slimy, then strain, sweeten with powdered rock candy and juice of fresh lemons. Dose, wineglassful when cough is troublesome.

WHEAT GEMS.—One-half tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of sugar, two eggs, one cup of milk, 1 1/2 cups of wheat flour, a little salt, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one-half teaspoonful of soda. This recipe makes twelve gems. It can be doubled for a larger quantity.

CARAMELS.—One cupful of molasses, two cupful of sugar, boil ten minutes; then add one tablespoonful of flour dissolved in a very little milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one-half a pound of chocolate; boil about thirty minutes; pour into a buttered dish, and when partly cold, mark into squares.

DRIED PEA CHOPS.—Soak over night some dried peas; in the morning boil them, mash them with a lump of butter, pepper, salt and a bit of mint chopped fine; add bread crumbs and a beaten egg; stir well, form into chops, dip in beaten egg and bread crumbs and fry till brown; serve with sliced lemon or mint sauce.

BEEF SOUP.—Boil one small beef bone in about four quarts of water; when it has boiled three hours add two onions, two turnips and four potatoes, chopped; two tablespoonfuls of barley; two tablespoonfuls of rice, season with salt and white pepper; boil one hour longer, and just before serving add a tablespoonful of chopped celery.

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A Prayer. Father of light, if we could only know in surely that the little good we do Served in its way to help some other soul, And that our pitious habit here below Of hoping with our aching hearts want true Would some time bring us to the longed-for goal, Then would our way seem hopeful, clear and sweet, And we would journey on with willing feet. Is it so much, this guerdon that we ask? New fear as heavy as new-broken wings Hamps on us, lest we do unconscious wrong; But if upon us groping and faintly, Came the clear light that this assurance brings, There would be comfort for us sweet as song, And radiance, and the breath of peace be there, Like soft leaf-whisperings echoing everywhere. —Francis E. Sheldon.

He couldn't say. "Who's running this hotel, anyhow?" asked a landlord of a traveling man who wasn't disposed to accept the situation as meekly as he might have done. "Who's running this hotel?" "That's what I said."

"Well, I can't say. I haven't made up my mind yet whether it's the cockroaches or the nocturnal insects that make sleep nothing but a fantastic dream of hope. You'll have to figure it out for yourself." —Merchant Traveler.

Progress of Cremation. There are now thirty-nine crematories in various parts of the world. Italy has twenty-three, America has ten, while England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden have one each. In Italy there were two crematories in 1876; the number rose to fifteen in 1877, and in 1888 the number was 226. Since 1876, 1,177 crematories have taken place in Italy, while the combined numbers from all other countries brings the total only to 1,269.

An Early Riser. "Pat, you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning."

"Indeed, and O! am sorr. It's a family trait O! do be thinkin'."

"Then your father is an early riser, too, eh?"

"No feyther, is it? Faix and he roises that early if he'd go to bed a little later he'd make himself gettin' up in the mornin'." —Richmond Dispatch.

Naughty, Not True. Young Curate (on a parochial visit) —You go to Sunday-school, little girl? Little Girl.—Yeth, thir.

Y. C.—I hope that the little girls and boys whom you meet there never do or say anything naughty.

L. G.—Well, thir, Bobby Brown said yesterday that Billy Thomas was a damn fool, but then he thir, you know —Truth.

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CAUSE OF HIS GRIEF.—Lady (to small boy, who is crying)—What is the matter, my little man?

Boy.—We were playing ball, and I broke that pane of glass over there.

LADY.—Well, I guess the lady will not care much about it.

Boy.—Taint that; the ball went through and she won't give it back.

WANTED PROOF.—Tommy (down in the street)—Oh, pa, put your head out of the window a minute.

Pa (putting his head out of the window) What is it, Tommy?

Tommy.—Nothing, except I have got a bet with Johnny Jones that his bald place is bigger than his pa's bald place.

Short man (nervously)—"Did you hear Brown say he owed me a licking?"

"Yes; but that's all right. Brown never pays what he owes."

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HIS RESIDENCE.—Sentiment and poetry are good in their place, but the best of things are sometimes misapplied. Good rhetoric may be very poor history.

"Where did George Washington live, after he retired from public life?" asked the teacher.

No one seemed to know. "Was it at Washington or Mount Vernon?" suggested one.

Still there was no reply. "Come children," she insisted, "Some of you must know."

"I know, teacher!" piped up the smallest scholar. "He lived in the hearts of his countrymen."

IN THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.—Professor—I again call your attention to the too common use of trite expressions. Mr. Quills, can you not find a fit substitute for the well worn phrase, "he died a natural death?"

Mr. Quills (about to graduate as managing city editorial correspondent-in-chief)—Well sir, I suggest "he died without medical aid." How would that do?

Professor.—It is excellent, Mr. Quills.

SHE HAD OUTGROWN IT.—A lady who teaches a select school for girls, in looking over the copy book of little Fanny, aged 11, discovered an envelope addressed to that young lady.

"I hope, Fanny," said the teacher, holding up the envelope, "that this does not contain a love letter."

"Why, what an idea," replied Fanny, "I have outgrown all that foolishness years and years ago."

MONEY TALKS.—Passenger on far Western railroad.—At what station is the dining car attached to this train?

Conductor.—We don't have dining cars on this line. We will stop at Muggs' Crossing for lunch.

"What do they have for lunch usually?"

"Well, you can get a sandwich, or a cup of coffee, or even a piece of pie—all depends on how much money you've got."

RISE AND FALL IN FALSE TEETH.—Pete.—The price of everything fluctuates. Now you would think there would not be much change in the price of false teeth, wouldn't you?

Ed.—I should think not.

Pete.—Well, that's where you are mistaken. I called on a talkative young lady last evening, and I was bewildered at the rapid rise and fall of false teeth.

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