

ABOUT THE FARM.

Hints for Farmers and Busy Housewives to Appreciate.

Fowls need careful attention at this season if they are expected to lay during cold weather. Put them through the moulting season as quickly as possible by good feeding and plenty of exercise, taking care not to fatten them.

The careful economy shown by many owners of village and city lots in utilizing vacant spaces is a lesson to many who own more land than they can properly work, and allow waste places to go unused about the house and other buildings.

The pruning of Tea and hybrid roses should be left until early in Spring. Rose plants having flexible shoots should be bent down and fastened to the ground by pegging.

London has this year the luxury of strawberries five or six weeks, and now talks of getting this fruit from France and Spain to further protect the season.

It is useless to sow wheat when the soil is not in proper condition. To be in condition it should be compacted and moist near the surface.

It may not generally be known, but it is nevertheless true, that there is a forestry division in the department of agriculture. We hear little of it, and practically it accomplishes nothing.

Our people have never been characterized by the provinciality that prevents one country from learning by the experience of another.

steamboats. France and Germany have well organized forestry departments, and the expense attached to operating them is considered a wise governmental economy.

The sum allowed by the United States for the conduct of our forestry department is \$75,000 per annum. It can be fairly estimated that to build our present railroad system more than 100,000,000 acres, or one-fifth of our present forest area, were stripped during the last fifty years, and the next fifty will very likely call for more than double that amount, and it is quite true that the annual consumption of the forests equal twice the amount of material supplied by annual growth.

The clematis, next to the rose, bids fair to become the popular flowering plant of the day. It is entirely hardy, a rapid climber and a most profuse bloomer. The colors embrace the most beautiful tints, purple, lavender, scarlet and white, some of the flowers in the larger blooming varieties being quite six inches or more in diameter, and very showy.

Prof. Patrick of the Iowa Agricultural Experimental Station, has discovered a cheap, easy, simple and valuable process by which to test the per cent of butter fat in milk.

There has been an immense increase in the use of oats as an article of diet in the past score of years. It is becoming an almost indispensable article in many families.

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LIVING IN GREAT HOPES—Alice—O, Maud, I have had some tickets for tonight's concert given me. Shall you be engaged this evening?"

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If the truth were known many a boastful soldier has never been under fire except when discharged from the army.

A DESIRABLE QUALITY—Managing Editor—Don't you think, sir, this joke about the butter is a little thin? The Humorist—I hope so, sir.

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"Old Chabert," one of the best known socialist speakers in Paris, died recently. He spent his days denouncing capitalists, and always appeared in public wearing a blood red scarf.

An Indiana cow five years old, has given birth to eight calves. At three years of age she gave birth to quadruplets and the two following years to twins.

HALL'S CATARRH CURE is a liquid and is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

A new cannon just made by Krupp is forty-two feet long, can be fired twice a minute, and throws a two thousand pound shot twelve miles.

Dobbins' Electric Soap does not chap the hands, being perfectly pure. Many people afflicted with skin diseases have been cured by its use.

It is estimated that the number of passengers carried by all the railroads in the world averages six million five hundred thousand a day.

One greasing with Frazer Axle Grease will last two weeks, all others two to three days. Try it. It received first premium at the Centennial and Paris Exposition.

There is a dog in Philadelphia that has a mania for tearing off door-knobs and plates and wrecking the woodwork of the doors generally.

Willie, aged ten and Jemmy, aged six, were playing together. One of them was minutely examining a fly.

"I wonder how God made him," he exclaimed. "God don't make flies as carpenters make things," observed the other boy; "God says, 'Let there be flies,' and there is flies."

"I called to see about some verses called 'Burning Words' I sent here six weeks ago." "I remember them. They were too realistic—actually took fire."

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HIS ABILITY RECOGNIZED—"So you want a situation as a conductor, do you?" said the President of the road.

"Well, suppose your train should meet with a serious disaster, in which a number of passengers would be killed and a large amount of property be destroyed, what action would you take in such a case?"

"I would telegraph to the newspapers that the accident was of little importance, and then send word to the president of the road to sell the stock short."

"H'm" replied the President, "I'm afraid those are not the proper qualifications for a good conductor, but you are a man of ability, I see. We want a first class superintendent. You can consider yourself engaged as superintendent of the road at a salary of \$10,000 a year."

Sweet Girl—Mother, Mr. Nicefellow is coming to take me out riding this afternoon. I may go mayn't I? Mother—If he drives up with a span of spirited horses you may go, but if he comes with that broken down old nag he had last time you shant.

"My dear, a young man who comes with a pair of spirited horses expects to drive with both hands."

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