

Farm and Household.

The happiest men who live are those who cultivate the soil.

Preserving Fruits.

The time is at hand, says the *Ohio Farmer*, when housewives become anxious about laying in a stock of fruit in an unperishable condition. This is a part of the business of the farm that all parties are interested in, and a few words here, by the way of advice and suggestion, will not be out of place.

Technically, "bottling" and "canning" are different. Putting the fruit in glass jars or bottles, with either corks or lids, and fastening them down by atmospheric pressure or otherwise is called bottling, while putting the fruit in tin cans is canning. These terms are often confounded or used interchangeably. Bottling is the more common process in domestic operation, and for home use is more simple, and on the whole, less expensive, as the bottles or jars may be used for several years, and when put up with care the fruits are quite as good as when put into tin cans.

The first requisite in bottling is to have a good variety to retain flavor. Strawberries come so early that they are difficult to keep with perfect flavor, yet put up with care, air tight, they can be kept. The bottles should be buried in the cool earth, either in a box or simply in the ground, kept from the light and as cool as possible. In this way they retain their flavor nicely and make a delightful change on the table later in the year. Cherries, raspberries, whortleberries, and blackberries come on the order named, and should be put up and treated with equal care.

Peaches should not become soft before putting up. Hale's early retains its flavor as well as any variety, though its coming so early makes it more difficult to keep, but if buried in the earth, as before described, there is much less danger. The yellow varieties, though less delicate in flavor possess more of the peculiar peach flavor (hydrocyanic acid), and are generally preferred as best retaining the peach taste. The white varieties should all be put up when quite hard. The stone increases the peach flavor, and hence many prefer to put them up whole. Those who talk of saving the labor of paring by taking off the skin in very strong hot lye or caustic soda, do not know how much of the richness of the fruit is destroyed. Pare them by all means, unless for pickling, when the fuzz may be rubbed off with a flannel cloth or crash towel.

For domestic use, all the sugar needed to flavor should be made into syrup and put into bottles or cans when the fruit is put up. Cook the fruit in a porcelain lined vessel or brass kettle; cook until heated thoroughly through, so as to expel the air; put hot into the jars; fill up with the prepared syrup, boiling hot, and put in corks or put on covers when as hot as possible. A quarter of a pound of sugar to a pound of prepared fruit is about right. If corks are used cover them right away with a preparation of rosin and tallow, to prevent the passage of air through them. Well fitting corks are used for two inch mouth bottles. The melted rosin and tallow should be ready and convenient, and the corks or tops of jars dipped into it while hot. As 'good' fruits as we ever ate was kept in this way. Glass jars with covers easily adjusted will keep fruit very nicely, if put up with care.

Peaches, pears and plums, also tomatoes, and cucumbers, may be kept perfectly by packing them in fine salt, in stone jars, allowing them to make their own brine. They must be kept covered with salt until the brine made by the salt and extracted juice covers them; then kept under this brine till wanted for use, when they must be soaked in several waters until fresh enough to put into vinegar. We have eaten fruit kept thus for two years. It makes a change grateful to some appetites, especially to lovers of pickles.

Farm Wagons.

Of the common height, four wheels 3 feet 8 inches, hind ones 4 feet 4 inches, are too high and heavy for small farm teams, weighing less than 1,200 pounds apiece. Whatever may be the correct theory on the leverage of long spokes on solid level ground, we care not, as our only trouble in hauling farm stuff on the hard roads has been in the up-hill and the down. We find four wheels 3 feet 2 inches, hind wheels 3 feet 8 inches high, much easier to work with than a four wheeler. It gives a low draft a lifting hitch on the wagon up hill and a lighting one down hill. A brake for it is unnecessary. As they go over the seals their weight is 150 pounds less. Climbing over the hills, every extra pound against the owner. If a load is stalled on the road, we always lower the hitch to lift the load, and draw down on the team to increase their foothold, and move on without more delay. The usual size wagon may be just right for large horses and tall men, but farmers' boys and teams generally are neither large nor heavy. The pitcher on the field determines the amount of the day's work. A low wagon is easier to load, therefore quicker loaded, with a shorter fork handle than common. The hay and grain rack with eight inch side pieces may be made level by putting a low guard over the hind wheels. This, too, helps the man on the ground and will go to the field and bring a given number of shocks of hay or grain quicker than a high built wagon or rack can, thus making make hay while the sun shines. It is lighter on muddy roads; if the team sinks the downward draft is less on the low wheels. If they fill up with dirt they hold less than larger ones. They are not good to back heavy loads—the wheels hug the ground. "You can't make a farm pay with too many legs under the kitchen table."

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Around the Fireside.

On Anger.

Many a household ever thought of the uselessness of anger? May not one discontented or dissatisfied be decidedly without anger? Can not house, horse, or domestic be managed as well by quiet resolves? And yet how it moves about like a coin among the masses, and steals into the family circle, from mamma with that wrinkled brow, to the little miss who gets to her seat at the table with a positive frown of disgust? How closely Mrs. A. who belongs to no church, watches Mrs. B's, who belongs to a church, and comforts herself with the thought that she at least is not inconsistent. Alas for the home piety that preaches not daily by example.

Once, when a very young girl, I was impressed by the manner and words of a good woman. She sat swaying back and forth with a puzzled look on her sweet face. She was thinking how to get rid of a petty annoyance. Arising, she rang the bell. A servant entered in a noisy way.

"Sarah, you may sit down."

The girl threw herself sullenly on a chair awaiting her face.

"I'm sorry to have to find fault in you, Sarah."

"O, yer needn't be, for I'm quite used to hearin' yer scold."

"I don't think I have ever scolded you. I try to watch myself against that sin—Have I ever scolded you?"

"Well, ma'am, not to say ravin' scoldin' as some do, but yer tells me things and makes me ashamed of myself."

"I want to be kind to you, poor girl, for you are a stranger in a strange land. I was going to ask you to try and be more pleasant to the children. It is now a whole week since a smile has been of your face. Now must I lose my good girl or keep her?"

Sarah looked down, and said: "I think ma'am, if I did my work well, I might look grave like if it suits me."

"Don't you see my little girl will catch your sullen ways. No, Sarah, you must be cheerful, pleasant girl if you are to stay; and now I want you to decide for me."

"I'll stay, ma'am." And as the tears filled her eyes, she added: "Yer are the best mistress in the world."

Years passed and Sarah remained a cheerful servant, till a wise fellow took her for a wife, and many tears fell for the loss of a faithful servant. Who shall count the value of words ifly spoken?

A Few Hints to Parents.

Teach your children those things they will need when they become men and women. As women they should understand how to cook, how to make a bed, how to preserve cleanliness and order throughout the house, how to ornament their rooms, to renovate and preserve furniture and clothing, how to sing, to play various games, that they may cultivate the house hold. They should be taught how to swim, how to ride, how to drive, how to do business, and how to preserve health. The mother should entrust money to the girl, with which to buy articles for the household, that she may learn its value. Think what a man and woman need to know in order to be healthy, happy, prosperous and successful, and teach them that.

Teach your children how to work; how to obtain a living by their own efforts. Teach them the nobility and dignity of labor, that they may respect and honor the producer.

Explain the reason why. The child is a little walking interrogation point. To it is all new. Explain the reason. Your boy will some day repay this trouble by teaching some other child.

Teach your children the evil of secret vice, and the consequences of using tobacco and spirituous liquors; teach them to be temperate, orderly, punctual, neat, faithful and honest.

Encourage your children to be careful of personal appearance; to return every tool to its place; to always pay debts promptly; to never shrink a duty; to do an agreement.

Give your children your confidence in the affairs of your business. They will thus take interest and become co-workers with you. If you enlist their respect, then their sympathy and co-operation, they will willingly endeavor to take up your work, and you will have done what you should have done perfectly what you have commenced.

If you are a farmer do not overwork your children and thus by hard work and dreary life drive them off to the cities. Arise at a reasonable hour in the morning, take an hour's rest after meals and quit at five or six o'clock in the afternoon. Let the young people indulge in games and other amusements, and have a happy time during the remainder of the day. There is no reason why a farmer's family should be deprived of recreation and amusement any more than others.

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