

FOR THE FARM AND HOME.

Corn Not Good for Horses.

Corn is the bane of the farm horse, as it is also the horse doing any other sort of work, not because of not being sufficiently nutritious, but because it makes too much fat and not enough muscle.

Diseases of the Plum.

Of all enemies the curculio is perhaps the greatest, and among the diseases the black knot is well known. There is also a tendency of all wild ones to rot on the trees when brought into cultivation.

Causes of Bitter Cream.

The Country Gentleman, upon the subject of bitter cream, gives the following as some of the more important causes: Ragweed in the pasture. This is a frequent cause just now, when cows are fed in stubble or mowing lands.

pails, of the churn, and leaving curd in the scums or corners. Putrid caseine has a bitter flavor and very rapidly communicates to milk and cream appropriating nearly the whole of it.

Household Hints.

Fruit stains upon the hands may be removed by rubbing with the juice of ripe tomatoes. Starched shirts will iron easier if you let them dry after starching so you have to sprinkle them before ironing.

To brighten the inside of a coffee or tea-pot, fill with water, add a small piece of soap, and let it boil about forty-five minutes.

To remove grease from wall paper lay several folds of blotting paper on the spot and hold a hot iron near it until the grease is absorbed.

To set colors in blue cambric, dip it into a solution of saltpetre, using two or three cents worth to a pailful of water. Salt will injure the fabric.

Lemons are a very cheap luxury for those living near cities, or having easy access to rapid transportation, and can be kept fresh for months by putting them into a clean, tight jar or cask, and covering them with cold water. Keep in a cool place, out of the reach of sunlight, and change the water often not less than every third day; every second day is better.

Farms and Garden Notes.

A putrid caress polluting the air of a pasture will spoil not only the milk of the cows running there, but also the entire contents of the vat into which the tainted milk is poured at the factory.

Turkeys are great foragers, and will gather their entire food from the fields during the summer, at the same time destroying myriads of grasshoppers, bugs, and other insects that prey on vegetables and grain crops.

There is no better food for young pigs, after they have learned to eat, than good thrashed oats. If given dry and alone, the pigs will chew at them till they get all the kernels, but they will swallow little or none of the husks.

To keep flies from the stable, suspend cotton waste, pieces of tow, a sponge, or any other absorbent material, and keep it moist with common carbonic acid, which is very cheap by the gallon, and the odor of which is wholesome.

Those who have grapes should be careful to watch for insects and signs of disease. Sulphur should be dusted with the bellows over the leaves in case of mildew, while lime should always be used freely on the ground around the plants.

A Maine farmer, whose tree was burdened with an extra large crop of apples last season, thinned out the fruit and cut away some of the small branches. To his surprise he secured a larger crop than ever before, and the quality was also superior.

An easy method of killing pliantain, dandelion and other weeds in a lawn is to place a little sulphuric acid, with a stick, on the crown of each plant, carrying the acid in an open mouthed bottle with a long handle so as not to touch it with fingers or cloth.

We have seen fowls stagger, unable to walk when started, and suddenly fall over. This is vertigo. The lower lobe of the brain is diseased. To cure this, give three grains of bromide of potash daily. You will be surprised to see how quickly relief will come.

It is necessary to keep one eye on the weeds while looking after the work with the other. It is astonishing how fast they grow these damp hot days, and unless constantly warred against, how soon they overgrow everything! Down with the weeds.

The animal that is obliged to compete for its food among the herd and eat after it has been befouled and trampled cannot thrive. Give the animals well ventilated, clean and quiet quarters. Fatten them in the stalls, allowing them out for exercise, but never feed them in the yard.

It is the easiest thing in the world to have horse radish. Plant a few roots in moist soil, and, like the poor, it will be always with you. But to secure fine roots cultivation, manure and the removal of old stock every spring are all essential. Don't leave any large roots for another year as they will be worthless.

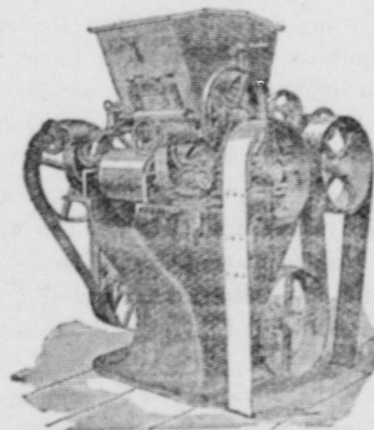
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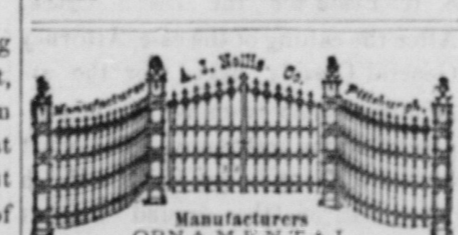
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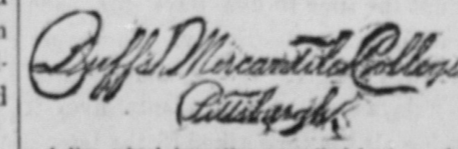
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