

RAGOUT OF LIVER.—Heat three or four spoonfuls of nice dripping in a frying-pan, add an onion sliced, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley and three as much minced breakfast bacon; when all are hissing hot lay in the liver cut in pieces as long and wide as your middle finger, and fry brown, turning often; take out the liver and keep warm in a covered hot water dish; strain the gravy, rinse out the frying-pan and return to the fire with the gravy and an even table-spoonful of butter worked up well in two of browned flour. Stir until you have a smooth, browned roux, thin gradually with half a cupful of boiling water and the juice of half a lemon, add a teaspoonful of minced pickle and a cent half teaspoonful of curry powder wet with cold water. Boil sharply, pour over the liver, put fresh boiling water in the pan under the dish, and let all stand closely covered ten minutes before serving.

LARDED LEG OF MUTTON.—Cut half-inch wide strips of fat salt pork into lengths of four inches. With a narrow-bladed knife, make horizontal incisions in the meat to the bone, and where this does not oppose the blade, clear through the joint. Roll these "lardons" in a mixture of pepper, mace and vinegar and insert in the holes made by the knife. If you have a larding needle the task is easier. Set the meat in a dripping-pan, dash a cupful of boiling water over it, and roast ten minutes for each pound, basting often. Ten minutes before taking it up run over with a mixture of a teaspoonful of butter and two tablespoonfuls of tart jelly. Strain the gravy, pour off the fat, and thicken what is left with browned flour, season with salt and pepper, boil up and serve in a boat.

FRIED CHICKEN is always relished, and is especially nice with a cream sauce. Clean a young chicken, divide it in quarters, season the pieces with salt and pepper and sprinkle with a flour; place two ounces of butter in a frying-pan on the fire, and, when quite hot, put in the pieces of chicken and fry a golden-brown; arrange the pieces on a dish, pour around them a sauce made as follows and serve hot: Mix a tablespoonful of flour smoothly with a gill of cold milk and add half a pint of warm milk; melt one ounce of butter and season it with a little salt and pepper; turn the milk into the butter, beating all the time, and as soon as it is thick pour it around the chicken.

COCONUT CAKE.—Two cups of prepared flour, one heaping cup of powdered sugar, half a cup of butter, half a cup of milk, three eggs, one grated coconut mixed with a cupful of powdered sugar and left stand two hours. Rub butter and sugar to a cream; stir in the beaten yolks, the milk, then the frothed whites and the flour. Bake in jelly-cake tins; spread the coconut and sugar between the layers and on top.

MALIGA CAKE.—Two cups of sugar and a half cup of butter; heat to a cream and a half cup of sweet milk mix three cups of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, beat the whites of seven eggs to a froth, stir all together and flavor with lemon; bake in three cakes; then take the whites of three eggs and beat with pulverized sugar as for icing; save out enough of this for the top of your cake; into the rest add one coffee-cup of seeded raisins, chopped fine, and flavor with lemon, spread between your cakes and put together.

SPINACH.—Pick over a peck of spinach, wash well and throw away the stalks. Boil twenty-five minutes in slightly salted water; drain and rub through a c Linder with a wooden spoon or potato-betle. Season with pepper, salt, a teaspoonful of white sugar, and set over the fire while you stir and beat in a great spoonful of butter and a pinch of nutmeg. Beat and toss to a smoking creamy mass and put in three tablespoonfuls of milk or cream. Boil up and dish. Lay sliced boiled eggs on top.

FLAN.—Line a fluted flan-mould with good puff-paste. Then lay a piece of white paper as a lining for the crust and fill the mold with bran to keep it in proper shape. Scalloped the edge of the paste to imitate leaves and put it in a quick oven to crisp. When the puff-paste is crisped, take out the paper and bran and fill the mold with either preserved pears,

cherries, gooseberries or apricots as preferred.

APPLE CHEESE CAKES.—Pare, core and boil sufficient apples to make a half-pound of pulp when cooked; add to them a quarter of a pound of sifted sugar and the same of butter, four eggs, the rind and juice of one lemon; melt the butter and leave out the whites of two of the eggs; stir the mixture well; line some petty-pans with puff-paste, put in the mixture and bake about twenty minutes.

COFFEE CAKES.—One cup of sweet milk, two of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder worked into enough flour to make a stiff dough; roll out thin and sift ground cinnamon on the sheet and roll up into a roll; cut off slices from the roll and place, on tins. Before baking sprinkle rather thickly dry white sugar on top of the slices.

RICH CHOCOLATE PUDDING.—Beat to a cream six ounces of butter, add a quarter of a pound of grated chocolate, three ounces of sugar, and, by degrees, the yolk of eight eggs, with a quarter of a pound of grated brown bread. Pound together to a powder a quarter of a stick of vanilla and eight cloves; add these to the pudding stirring in at last the whites of eight eggs beaten to a froth. Butter a mold well pour in the pudding and boil an hour and a half. Serve with sauce.

POTATO HILLOCKS.—Whip boiled potatoes light with a little butter and milk and season with salt and pepper. Beat in a raw egg to bind the mixture, shape into a conical heap; set in a greased pan, and as they brown glare with butter. The oven must be very hot. Slip a cake turner each hillock and transfer to a hot platter.

For a cement for filling faults in castings, take iron filings, free from rust, ten parts; sulphur, one half sal ammoniac, 08. These are mixed with water to a thick paste, which is rammed into the "faults." This becomes strong when the iron filings are rusted. The parts which have to be cemented are treated before the operation with liquid ammonia, so as to be perfectly free from grease.

FARM NOTES.

SHEEP RULES.—Under the heading a "floater" says: "Never frighten sheep if possible to avoid it. This does not apply to the old ram, with mischief in his eye and thunder and lightning in his horns. Sow rye for weak ones in cold weather. A little rye is good for puny animals of other descriptions. Separate all sick, weak, or thin ones in the fall and give them special care. If a sheep is hurt, wash the wound, bath with turpentine and coat with tar. That night give your neighbor's dog a dose of lead. Keep a number of good bells on your sheep. It will make them feel good. Do not let sheep spoil wool with chaff or burrs. Cut tag locks in early spring. This is a matter necessary. For scours give pulverized alum in wheat bran.

Prevent by taking great care in changing from dry to green feed. Take care of the lambs—keep them thriving. A lamb should feel all over in one spot as a sheepskin. Keep one two-year-old ram to fifty ewes. This is for the looks of the thing, carefully select breeding ewes: cull out all the old and inferior stock for market. Keep at the head of the flock a thoroughbred male; feed well breed judiciously.

The best plant at present known for consolidating by entangling of its roots, the loose soil of a newly made embankment is, according to M. Cambier (of the French Railway Service), the double poppy. While the usual grasses and clovers need several months or the development of their comparatively feeble roots the double poppy germinates in a few days, and in two weeks grows enough to give some protection to the slope, while at the end of two or three months the roots which are ten to twelve inches long, are found to have entangled so as to retain the earth far more firmly than those of any grass or grain. Though the plant is annual, it sows itself after the first year, with a little care, the bank is always in good condition.

There is time in spring on ground entirely naked to sow oats or some other rapidly growing vegetable, to be turned under in May as a green manure. Oats are probably best for this purpose, and in most cases a good seedling will cost but little money. At the height of eight or ten inches,

which they speedily reach in fair soil, they furnish an amount of plant food evenly distributed over the surface that cannot be got in any way so cheaply and the fertility thus obtained is immediately available. If phosphate or other concentrated manure be drilled in with the oats it will benefit the succeeding crop even more than if saved and applied to that directly.

Don't expect your hens to lay well if you do not keep a plentiful supply of pure, fresh water before them at all times. When you remember that about ninety per cent of an egg is water, one necessity of giving them plenty of it is evident. Watch such little things. Your hens will respond generously to kindness.

Chickens for shipping to market should be dry pickled, and care taken to remove all pin feathers, and avoid tearing the skin. For packing, use clean, hand-threshed rye straw. If this cannot be obtained without some trouble, clean oat straw will answer. Place a layer of straw at the bottom of the box, then one of poultry, packing snugly, backs upward, filling all vacancies with straw so that the cover will draw down snugly on the contents.

The first planting of anything in spring should be covered very lightly. While the soil is cold from deep freezing or ice water during winter the sun warms it only a little below the surface. There is always moisture enough in early spring to bring seeds up and once they are germinated the plants will give their roots all the needed covering by striking down into the soil when this is better for their growth.

Ashes, or potash salts, will be found excellent for the fruit trees, now that they are throwing out leaves. Later on an application of super-phosphate will be of advantage.

Sheep graze very closely, and should not be allowed on grass that is backward in growth or where the mow is not well covered, unless such grass be undesirable.

As the young grass is beginning to shoot keep a close watch on the onion crop. Of all crops the onion soonest succumbs to the intrusion of grass and weeds.

By ensilage and partial soiling a fifty acre farm can be made to keep fifty cows and team.

ONIONS are always grown on old ground, and as a preparatory crop carrots are the best. Four or five pounds of seed to the acre is best, as much of the seed fails to grow, from the effect of the smut or from some similar cause which destroys the vitality of the seed before it breaks through the soil. Plow as shallow as possible—not over four inches—deep plowing being the cause of scullions. The blight is caused by lice, and will show during a spell of very hot weather.

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