

FARM NOTES.

CURING HAY.—The old method of cutting and caring for newly-cut hay by hand required a longer time to carefully cure the product than is now requisite. By the use of the horse scythe, spreader and rake, grass can be cured quite as perfectly in one day as it formerly could in two days.

THE shape of eggs has nothing to do with the life germ, unless the egg is deformed. The shape of the egg conforms with the shape of the ovary and duct, hence we have long eggs, short eggs and round eggs.

THE quality of chicks cannot be judged until they are four to six months old. Something of what their general markings are can be told when two months old, and week by week the changes can be noticed.

IN the process of drying grass into hay most of the volatile oils which gives green herbage its delicate flavor and odor are lost. But some farmers have found that putting clover and other grasses in barns while rather green and mixing with them enough dry straw to absorb moisture, not only preserve the flavor in the hay, but a portion is communicated to the straw, making it much better for milch cows.

NEARLY all gardeners transplant cabbage plants, but a successful grower writes that he sows the seed in rows twenty-one inches apart, in order to allow of cultivating the plants with a harrow.

APPLE trees are often starved in other ways than by neglect to manure. The apple borer leads to starvation oftener than poor soil. The supply of food is cut off by every move the borer makes.

ONE poultry raiser protects his hens from lice by suspending over each hen a small bag of thin muslin filled with flour of sulphur, so that the hen will knock it in getting on and off the nest; or it may be occasionally shaken over her.

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blly as food for hogs. The narrow-leaved plantain possesses nearly the same nutritive value as timothy, while lamb's quarter and pig weed are both highly relished by swine.

EXPERIMENTS show that when cut hay and ground grain are fed to stock the cost of feeding is lessened sufficiently to prepare the food and grind the grain, and that the increased growth of the stock is noticeable when compared with those fed upon whole grain and uncut hay.

THE secret of one's success or failure in nearly every enterprise is usually contained in the answer to the question. "How earnest is he?" It is a curious fact that persons far from robust often outlive those of extraordinary strength and hard hood.

BANANA TARTS.—Take a rich, red banana and wrap in a thin fold of pie-crust, put into a brisk oven and bake until the crust is brown and flakey. Eat with powdered sugar or lemon sauce.

HOUSEHOLD.

PORTUGUESE FRITTERS.—One pint of milk, six ounces of rice, two ounces of butter, three eggs, some finely grated bread crumbs, rind of half a lemon, some orange marmalade, a small piece of stick cinnamon, sugar to taste.

ORANGE JELLY.—The juice of two lemons, two Seville oranges and one dozen sweet oranges, the rind of the lemons and two oranges, one pint of sugar a pint and a half water, two ounces of gelatine and the whites and shells of two eggs.

WHITE LEMON CREAM.—Boil the thin peel of two lemons in one pint of cream, strain and thicken with the well-beaten yolks of three and the whites of four eggs, into which half a teaspoonful of white sugar has been beaten.

SPANISH FISH.—You can vary a codfish dinner, either salt or fresh, by picking out the boiled fish into small flakes, then slice very finely a couple of onions and fry them in olive butter or salad oil, until they begin to color.

BUTTERED ORANGES.—Take eight eggs and the whites of four more, with four teaspoonfuls of rose water; strain through a bit of muslin or a hair sieve; add three-fourths of a pound of sifted sugar, mixing well.

rubbed on the orange skins as will absorb the zest. Set it over a gentle fire in an enameled saucepan and when it begins to thicken stir in a tablespoonful of butter.

BROILED CHICKEN.—Do not attempt to broil an old or full-grown fowl; take a young chicken split it down the back always; wipe the inside dry after removing the giblets, and place it on the gridiron with the inside down; keep it so until it begins to grow very brown, then turn it, but the moment the skin threatens to burn reverse it again.

HASHED MUTTON.—Mince an onion and fry it in butter to a brown color; add a tablespoonful of flour, stir well, pour in enough stock or broth to make the sauce, with a dash of vinegar, pepper, salt and spices to taste.

STEAK A LA VENISON.—Take a piece of rump steak three-quarters of an inch thick; trim it neatly and beat it with a cutlet-bat sprinkle it with pepper, dip in oil and broil over a clear fire.

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RICED CREAM.—One teaspoonful of billed rice. Mash the rice very smooth and add to it the stiffly beaten whites of six eggs and two heaping tablespoonfuls of white sugar; lastly add three tablespoonfuls of sweet cream, and a delicate flavoring of vanilla or rose.

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GERMAN millet, sown and lightly harrowed in, in the proportion of one bushel of seed per acre, makes an excellent crop for summer. But it must be cut as soon as it shall be in blossom for if allowed to ripen its seed it will become hard and woody.

THERE is no better disinfectant than copperas water. Make it rather strong, and with a small broom sprinkle it through the building and over the perches. It purifies the air, aids in preventing diseases and absorbs all bad smells.

Riot Nipped in the Bud.

PITTSBURGH, July 19.—A Uniontown, Pa., special says: "When the miners at West Leisenberg were on their way to work this forenoon, a party of Hungarian strikers assaulted them with stones. Pinkerton's men fell into line at once and the 'Huns' fled, but not until one of them had been knocked down and severely beaten with the butt end of a rifle by a detective. The wounded man was taken to Uniontown by his friends and an information for assault was lodged against his assailant."

who participated in the fracas, and lively times is expected when attempts are made to arrest them. There was a conference between the mine operators and John J. Scott, representing the workmen, here to-day, the result of which is not yet known.

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