

FARM NOTES.

POTATOES SINGLE EYES.—The potato is not a seed, but a part of the root of the plant, and the future crop depends much more on the soil and cultivation necessary to produce a vigorous plant than on the size of the piece planted.

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sometimes the wood dies back for a few inches from the point cut, it is desirable to leave two buds.

THE faulty plums which will fall before ripening should be carefully destroyed, as the egg deposited in the fruit which caused it to drop from the stem will develop into parasites, which may utterly destroy the whole plum crop.

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HOUSEHOLD.

FOR FRANGIPANNI CREAM take one gill and a half of cream, one tablespoonful of flour, one tablespoonful of orange flower water (less if strong), two of brandy, or one of sherry and one of brandy.

THE hog is the only animal kept on the farm without some provision for a regular supply of pure water. And when this is considered it seems strange that there is not more diseases among hogs than there is.

ROYAL CUP CAKE.—Beat a cup of butter or one-half cup lard, to a cream with two cups of sugar.

AN EXCHANGE makes a good suggestion in saying that "a much heavier sod and larger growth of either pasture or hay is obtained by sowing different kinds of grass seed on the same field, as each kind will find the kind of soil and plant food best adapted to its vigorous growth."

THE young fruit trees will send up many shoots that will need trimming off and this should be done as soon as they make their appearance.

MARSHALL P. WILDER says that he has grown melons on the same patch for ten years; the ground has a southern aspect. He prepares a compost of manure, soil and guano, which he spreads on the land in addition to manuring the hills.

IF NOT pruned, a Concord vine will set more fruit than it can mature. The object in pruning is to lessen the amount of fruit, thus securing larger clusters, larger berries, better quality, and enabling the vine to mature its crop earlier.

CHOCOLATE CREAMS.—Stir into the white of an egg confectioners' sugar until of a sufficient consistency to roll into balls, and mould into the shape of chocolate-cream drops.

HOTCH POTCH.—Three or four pounds of loin chops put into a saucepan with about three quarts of boiling water. Peas, haricot beans, carrots, one-half a turnip, parsley, a little bit of cabbage and some green onions are added.

WHEATEN GRITS.—A recipe for the preparation of this cereal, sometimes known as "cracked wheat" has already been given in this series.

COOKING STRIPED BASS.—The striped bass, which are now unusually fine will prove toothsome if stuffed with highly seasoned mashed potatoes and baked in a pan with larding of salt pork.

TRY these little Holland pretzels: Make a dough of half a pound of flour, half a pound of sugar, the yolks of two eggs a tablespoonful of sour cream and a tablespoonful of coriander seed.

ICED APPLES.—Pare, core and slice ten apples of a large, tart kind. Bake them till nearly done. Put them away to get entirely cold; then prepare some icing as for apple meringue, and first pouring off all the juice lay the icing thickly on the tops and sides as much as you can.

CURRENT SHRUB.—Boil currant juice and sugar in proportion of one pound of sugar to one pint juice, five minutes. Stir it constantly while cooling; when cold bottle it. Use like raspberry shrub, one spoonful or two to a tumblerful of water.

A FRUIT MACARONE.—Cut oranges across, beginning at the blossom end. Slice a small pineapple and alternate with the layers of orange in a glass dish. Cover the top with grated cornmeal.

TO SERVE AGAIN.—Boiled or fried fish can be reheated with two table-spoonfuls of cream, a dessertspoonful of butter, a chopped onion, a teaspoonful of sugar and three table-spoonfuls of vinegar.

The Last of the Strike.

UNIONTOWN, July 26.—It is evident that the strike is broken, yet there is considerable kicking going on among a few men in this vicinity.

One by one they are going to work and those who are objectionable to the operators are staying away and yelling "Black leg" at the ones who are permitted to work.

All the works in this section are running, and while the force was not full to-day the desired number will be an hand to-morrow, and by Thursday the business people of Uniontown ever known, will be over.

The Pinkerton men will leave the region this week. Sheriff Miller will go to West Leisenring to-morrow, and it is thought that the services of all deputy sheriffs will be dispensed with.

LOCK HAVEN, July 26.—During a thunder storm to-day lightning struck the railroad track leading into the Clay mine at Farrandville. Mine Boss Wm. Ross and James Mull were prostrated by the shock, while all the men at work in the mine were badly stunned.

Virginia it is stated, is steadily reducing her tobacco area, but is as steadily improving the quality of the production.

A Train Wrecker Hanged.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 22.—David Hoffman was hanged here to-day for wrecking a Missouri Pacific passenger train on the night of the 11th of January last, at Dunbar, a small station on the Missouri Pacific, ten miles west of this place.

Hoffman passed a good night, having retired early and sleeping soundly all night. He ate a breakfast of fruit and a few delicacies and ascended the scaffold with a firm tread.

Hoffman's co-conspirator in the train wrecking is serving a ten years' sentence in the penitentiary, having turned state's evidence. The militia company was called out to keep order, but everything passed off quietly.

Shallenburger, the child murderer, during the hanging of Hoffman, was very restless, having heard the current rumor that a mob was being formed in the county to clean out the jail, which has up to the present failed to materialize, though some anxiety is felt as to what the night may bring forth.

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