

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. Still there is no getting around the fact that a large piece planted will start more vigorous sprouts than little slices. In patient experiments in growing potatoes for the past twenty years my greatest blunder has been in cutting sets down to single eyes. I was taught to do so and only abandoned it after repeated proofs of its fallacy. Much of the trouble comes from dry ground, which extracts the moisture from the cut side of the plant, where there is no skin to retain natural juices. Result: The set curls up, looks like a dried peach and does not grow. But the most mischief is done by heavy rains and wet ground. Cutting a potato induces decay. A large part of the skin (nature's protector) is gone, hence a large portion of the sets rot, and the few which do grow are so injured in vitality as to produce tiny spindling plants, a sure and easy prey to the voracious bug. The smallest whole potatoes are worth more than the largest cut down to single eyes to plant. Please pay no attention to the theory that the whole potato will send up multitudes of little sprouts from each eye. It will do no such thing, but will only send up such sprouts as it can vigorously support; the rest of the eyes remain dormant. I like large, whole sets best when they are very cheap. I want to ask readers to test by planting cut single eyes, side by side, in alternate rows with uncut small potatoes. I plow deep, spread with horse manure, hog manure or ashes; work with sulky cultivator four inches deep, and cover with some tool, one drill at a time.

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. A drink of clear water has the effect to cleanse the system of many impurities and pass them off in the secretions and if a hog is deprived of water entirely, or limited to what he can extract from the slops, which are already saturated with filth, and obliged to wallow in filth and sleep in dust, how can his system be healthy or his flesh fit food? The comfort of the animal should not be overlooked and no animal is comfortable that is suffering with thirst and sour milk and greasy dish-water and salt slops are not drink.

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, and thus prevent vacant spaces, which are only filled as nature occupies them with noxious weeds." This rule is, however, most applicable in the older geological formations, as where the supporting rocks are nearly horizontal the soils are homogeneous over larger areas.

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. The whole orchard should be gone over every week or two and all surplus branches be cut off as fast as they appear. This is much better than allowing them to grow to some size before cutting them off, and will not injure the trees so much.

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. Surface manuring he considered very important. He has no trouble with insects, as he gets up in the morning before they do.

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. In trimming, if only one bud could be left on every young shoot, it would be sufficient, but as

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. For this very reason hogs should always have the run of the plum orchard.

TO GET the best flavor to butter feed a fair proportion of corn meal and vary the diet with oats, middlings and bran, using the whole mixed with plenty of good clover hay. A proportion of linseed meal, with ensilage or roots, will also be found beneficial. The best method feeding, however, will not avail unless there is proper management in the dairy.

ONE of the best deodorizers in stables is ground plaster. It may be sprinkled about the stands and over the manure heap daily. It will absorb the odors and retain them, thus increasing the value of the dressing.

GIVE a little more attention to the meadows. They are drawn upon year after year with no return, and never yield what they should. In short, they become partially starved, and to be brought into the proper condition need a judicious tilling and manuring.

THE Southdown sheep are somewhat small, but have a great proportion of meat to wool. They are brown and gray faced, no horns thick, close wool between the ears, with fine form and are very hardy.

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. Mix and boil till the mixture leaves the sides of the saucepan. It should be like very thick cream. Beat in the yolks of four eggs, six or eight macaroons crumbled, or better still, an ounce of almond paste grated to crumbs, the peel of a lemon grated, four tablespoonfuls of sugar and a tablespoonful of any candied fruit (such as cherries, apricots, ginger, citron or angelica) cut very small. Set the saucepan in boiling water after the eggs are added, and stir till very thick. This will keep a long time if put into jars and covered with waxed paper, and a small quantity put into pastry tartlets and baked makes a delicious variety of filling.

ROYAL CUP CAKE.—Beat a cup of butter or one-half cup lard, to a cream with two cups of sugar. Grate in the peel of a fresh lemon; beat the yolks of three eggs, stir them in, then sift in three cups of flour, using just milk enough to make it a very thick batter. When the flour is in, whip the whites firm and add them, put in a pinch of salt and add two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in a buttered tin in a quick oven. I always keep a piece of cardboard—part of an old paper box will do—to cover over the cakes the first part of the time they are in the oven. This prevents the heavy streak that is sometimes caused by the crust forming before the cake has well risen.

OLD FASHIONED COOKIES.—Old-fashioned caraway-seed cookies are made of half a pound of butter and half a pound of sugar stirred together until they are as light as cream; three eggs beaten very light; one ounce caraway seed mixed with a cup of flour; knead this in, and then add as much flour as is needed to make a rather stiff dough; roll thin and cut in fancy shapes, and bake in a moderate oven. While hot they may be dipped in sugar.

GOLDEN PUDDINGS.—One cup of granulated sugar, one egg, one cup of sweet milk, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two and a-half cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Pour in a low square tin and bake twenty-five minutes. It should be served warm, with a sauce poured in as follows: Stir a cream one tablespoonful of butter and a half cup of sugar; moisten with a little cold water two tablespoonfuls of flour and pour a pint of boiling water to scald it, and then stir in the butter and sugar, beat the white of one egg to a stiff froth and stir in the sauce just before sending it to the table; flavor with lemon.

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. Dissolve in a bowl or tin some chocolate by placing it on the top of a tea kettle, or by placing it in another dish filled with boiling water, so that it will not burn, and when the cream drops are ready dip them in the chocolate, place on a buttered dish and set away to cool. It is less trouble to make the cream into a bar and pour the chocolate over it, and gives the same effect to the palate as rolling up the balls.

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. Boil this very slowly for one hour and a quarter. Season with pepper and salt. It should be a thick broth when done. It may be made of either fresh or cooked meat, and is a favorite Scotch dish.

WHEATEN GRITS.—A recipe for the preparation of this cereal, sometimes known as "cracked wheat" has already been given in this series. The steam-cooked is said to require no previous soaking, but all varieties are made more palatable and nutritious by lying in cold water for some hours before they are cooked.

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. They should be basted frequently while in the oven and fifteen minutes' time may be allowed to every pound of fish.

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. Break of little bits of the dough, roll them in round pieces and form them in little pretzels or rings.

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. Return them to the oven to just harden and be set. Serve with cream.

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 macarone.

TO SERVE AGAIN.—Boiled or fried fish can be reheated with two tablespoonfuls of cream, a dessertspoonful of butter, a chopped onion, a teaspoonful of sugar and three tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Boil ten minutes and serve for breakfast.

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. The men say the mine was literally filled with electricity.

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. At the time of the wreck Engineer DeWitt was instantly killed and a number of passengers were seriously injured.

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. He made an effort to say something but broke down. The trap was sprung at 10:24 and he was strangled to death in eight minutes. His body was cut down and turned over to the county coroner.

Hoffman's conviction in the train wrecking is serving a ten years' sentence in the penitentiary, having turned states 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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