

Agricultural

Damp Cellar Walls.
Tarring cellar walls to protect the contents from damp has long been a well-known remedy in England. In this, however, a fine day is the exception and not as here the rule, every precaution is requisite to protect walls from dampness and not less so when the damp is more effectual than the use of coal-tar, after being carefully prepared. The preparation consists simply in boiling the tar in any convenient kettle, until all the watery parts are evaporated and driven off by the heat. The tar is then laid on the walls with a common whitewash brush, one or more thin coats being used, and as the tar is always laid on in as hot a state as possible, without destroying the hairs of the brush, it can be spread on a rough surface of stone work with an even, thin coat, and the stone or bricks for ever after become impervious to moisture.

I have often seen buildings so covered, that were first plastered with smooth coat of mortar, and laid out in squares to imitate cut stone work, and on this coat tar takes remarkably well. It would not perhaps, be advisable to use tar for outside protection against the cold, but when the black color would be a serious objection and unsightly object, but for utility there is no substance so cheap and at the same time so efficient in its action as a protection to walls against dampness.

LEMONS FOR FEVER.—When persons are feverish or thirsty beyond what is natural, indicated in some cases by a metallic taste in the mouth, especially after drinking water, or by a whitish appearance of the greater part of the surface of the tongue, one of the best "coolers," internal or external, is to take a lemon, cut off the top, sprinkle on some sugar, work it up, add downward with a spoon, and then suck it slowly, squeezing the lemon, adding more sugar as the acidity increases from being brought up from a lower point. Invalids with feverishness may take two or three lemons a day in this manner with the most marked benefit by a sense of coolness, comfort and invigoration.

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