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**Agricultural.**  
**Harness Blacking.**  
 It is important that harness manufacturers should always keep on hand a good quality of harness blacking, not only for their own use, but to supply their customers, as their own reputation suffers from using an inferior quality. There are several kinds in the market, but that known as the French blacking is considered the best, and is more used than any other by manufacturers of the work. Harness blacking may be made by several methods, some of which are in vogue, and some are in process of being improved. The French blacking is made with soap compounds that will sooner or later ruin the leather and destroy the reputation of any harness manufacturer that uses them. Two methods are adopted in order to dispose of these worse than medicinal compounds; one is to give it some high sounding name and sell very cheap, "in order that it may be benefited by it," the other is to put it up in small quantities, and charge a large price, under the plea that the ingredients used are very costly and scarce. Both ways meet with success, and as the article is either inefficient or its injurious effects are not immediately apparent years will pass before the public become aware of its worthlessness. The fact that circulars advertising these mixtures contain the names of many prominent men is not always a proof of their merit. It is best, therefore, that harness makers purchase only of the kinds that have long been before the public and have earned a reputation, or that they manufacture their own blacking. The latter course is much the cheapest.  
 A good blacking is made of four ounces of hog's lard, 16 ounces of neatfoot oil, 4 ounces of yellow wax, 20 ounces of ivory black, 10 ounces of brown sugar and 16 of water. Heat the whole to boiling and stir it till it becomes cool, then add a pound of lard, then roll it into balls about two inches in diameter.  
 A cheap and good blacking can be made as follows: Soften two pounds of tallow in one pint of water, add three pounds of soap (castile is the best, but most expensive) in one part of water; after the glue has become thoroughly soaked, cook it in a glue kettle, and then turn it into a large pot, add a half pound of turpentine, and stir it until it is well mixed; then add a half pound of yellow wax cut in slices. Let the mass boil until the wax becomes melted, and add half a pint of neatfoot oil, and a sufficient quantity of lamp black to give it color; let it boil a few minutes, and it will be fit for use.  
 When a harness becomes soiled, it can be restored by the use of French polish. The ingredients are 4 pounds of turpentine, 6 pounds of turpentine and 3 ounces of coloring or ivory black. Beat the turpentine out in thin sheets with a mallet, then mix it with the turpentine and dilute it to water. While heating it must be stirred continually; the coloring matter is to be thrown in after the mass has become thoroughly heated. It is then thrown into another pot and stirred until it is cool and thick; if not stirred, the mass will crystallize and the parts become separated. When used it must be warmed, and a small quantity rubbed on the leather with a cloth, using but a little at a time and put on the skin.  
 After it has partially dried, rub with a silk cloth and a polish will be produced equal to that of newly varnished leather. This polish is also good for carrying a sufficient quantity of turpentine and coloring matter. Beat the turpentine out in thin sheets with a mallet, then mix it with the turpentine and dilute it to water. While heating it must be stirred continually; the coloring matter is to be thrown in after the mass has become thoroughly heated. It is then thrown into another pot and stirred until it is cool and thick; if not stirred, the mass will crystallize and the parts become separated. When used it must be warmed, and a small quantity rubbed on the leather with a cloth, using but a little at a time and put on the skin.  
**The Profit of Pork Making.**  
 There is, perhaps, no part of the farming economy in which farmers so much vary, as in the manner and expense of making pork. I saw last winter, at one porking place, a farmer, whose hogs, although well fattened, fell short of two hundred and fifty pounds per head, at two years old; while the spring pigs of another farmer, only nine months old, averaged one hundred and fifty pounds each; and the two-year-olds had been fed in the two years twice as much raw corn in the ear as the spring pigs had ever eaten in old corn meal which was always boiled with potatoes, pumpkin, &c. But the two-year-olds were of poor, dwarfish bred, born from an ill-kept, lank sow; while the pigs were Chester Whites, crossed with Berkshire. They were born large, from a well-fed sow; had large ratios of buttermilk, good pasture through the summer, and plenty of boiled, old corn meal and pumpkins. The experiments in early September of 1870, by H. L. Ames, of Barre, Vermont, prove that twenty per cent of the cooked food fed to pigs, deducted the water, was stored up in their increase. Sheep accumulated twelve per cent; oxen gained only eight per cent. But his pig was of a more deteriorated, dwarfish bred, nor of the big-boned, land-pine, porcine variety, and his breeding sows were never stilled in their parities.  
**To Keep Cellars from Freezing.**  
 An agricultural friend, at our suggestion, has tried an experiment with a cellar of an out-house in which, on several occasions, vegetables have frozen, although the cellar was fortified against frost by a process known to farmers as "banking." The walls and the ceiling were plastered over with four or five thicknesses of old newspapers, a curtain of the same material being also stretched over the small windows at the top of the cellar. The papers were pasted to the bare joists overhead, leaving an air space between them and the floor. He reports that the papers carried his roots through last winter, though the cellar was left unbanked, and he is confident that they have made the cellar frost proof.  
 We do not counsel the special use of old newspapers for this purpose. It is just as well to be better to use coarse brown paper. Whatever paper is employed, it will be necessary to sweep down the walls thoroughly, and to use a very strong size to hold the paper to the stones. It is not necessary to press the paper down into all the depressions of the wall; every air space beneath it is an additional defence against the cold.—*Scientific American.*  
**Washington Day in Erie.**—But comparatively few families in Europe wash fortnightly—scarcely any weekly. Their wash-day comes once in six or eight months, or better, it comes to a day after the soiled garments of half a year, and return as beautiful and fresh as eye can desire.  
**There is much music in the lay of the mocking bird.**—The musical people prefer the lay of domestic fowls.

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 NEW AND IMPROVED DRAWING ROOM COACHES ACCORDING TO THE LATEST PATENT.   
**GOING WEST.**   
 4:25 A. M. NIGHT EXPRESS (Monday excepted) for Toledo, Toledo, Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Dayton, Springfield, and Cincinnati.   
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**GOING EAST.**   
 1:00 P. M. NIGHT EXPRESS (Monday excepted) for Toledo, Toledo, Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Dayton, Springfield, and Cincinnati.   
 5:45 P. M. DAY EXPRESS (Monday excepted) for Toledo, Toledo, Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Dayton, Springfield, and Cincinnati.

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**THE "DOMESTIC" LOCK STITCH SEWING MACHINE.**  
 The "DOMESTIC" is a Shuttle Sewing Machine, which has been used for the last five years in the West, and is now introduced for the first time in this section. It runs faster than most, easier and more quietly than any, doing the lightest as well as the heaviest work done on any Sewing Machine.  
 ALL ARE INVITED TO CALL AND SEE IT.  
 Plain Machines - \$65.  
 Half Case - \$70.  
 All Machines have Blake's Patent Table.  
 Agents wanted in unoccupied territory. Address, BLAKE & CO., Scranton, Pa.  
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