Tuesday, October 31, 1871.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

### Destruction of Rats.

SEVERAL years ago, we took possesthe rats reigned supreme. The nights were made hideous unto us by their nocturnal rambles and gymnastics. The revels they held banished sleep from all but young eyes. A council of war was held on the side of the bipeds, and several remedies were proposed—but cats, cats, were considered the only means of defence; so two good-sized grimalkins were procured, and the conflict raged during a whole season. Many of the aged of the tribe went the way of all animal flesh, but the prolificness of the females was too much for their enemies, the cats. Another remedy was sought and found; copperas or sulphate of iron, is very obnoxious to rats. Mix it with whitewash, prepared in the common way, and add the copperas until it is quite yellow. Whitewash the whole cellar wall, sides and celling, giving two coats of it if the underpinning is not well covered at first. Scatter the green crystals of the copperas in every crevice and chink in the walls; throw it broadenst into the corners of the rooms, and your rats will make a grand stampede for other and more agreeable quarters. At least that was the result from our application of it. All night there was hurrying and scurrying in ratdom; a new home must be sought. The next morning the cats had rat sport in the wood-house and barn; the rats were attackted, and forced to surrender hors du combat. The cats could not eat all their spoils in one day. It is now six years since the copperas

whitewash, or rather yellow wash, was applied. Every Spring, crystals of cop-peras are thrown broadcast about the cellar, and no rat dares show his whiskerhead. Occasionally a timid squeak or a feeble gnawing is heard in the wall.

The sounds are from new comers, who
soon beats retreat. There is no gamboling among the old rafters—no plan ing ball with butternuts, as of yore, in the midnight hours. One huge cat, of the masculine gender, keeps watch and ward over the premises, but with all his watching and prowling around, he cannot feed himself, and is forced to seek his meals in the kitchen. In a closet where wee mice delighted to creep and steal jellies and sweetmeats, bits of the copperas were scattered, and not a trace of them is to be seen.

Last Autumn our neighbors were sadly troubled with rats; apples, parsuips, aquashes and potatoes disappeared mysteriously, or were devoured on the spot, but the contents of our boxes were untouched The copperas does not seem to poison them; no dead ones were found, excepting those brought in by the cats; but it appears to be obnoxious to them, and so they "vamouse the ranch."

The copperas is an excellent disin-

fectant; no better can be found for purifying old cellars, drains, vaults, &c. It is used every spring to sweeten the milk cellar, and a saucer of it always sits in the wash stands and sinks. It is very cheap-only six to eight cents per pound.

#### [COMMUNICATED.] How to Keep Fresh Meat.

A correspondent who says he has tried it sends the following:

To persons living at a distance from meat markets, the following directions for keeping meat may be of use. Cut the mest in slices ready to fry. Pack it in jars in layers, sprinkling with salt and pepper, just enough to make it palatable. Place on the top a thick paper or cloth, with salt half an inch thick. Keep this on all the while. I have kept meat for three weeks in the Summer, and the last was as good as the first.

## How to Preserve Clothes Pins.

Clothes pins boiled a few moments and quickly dried, once or twice a month, become more flexible and durable. Clothes lines will last longer and keep in better order for wash-day service, if occasionally treated in the same way.

A Candle to Burn all Night. When, as in case of sickness, a dull light is wished, or when matches are mislaid, put powdered salt on the candle till it reaches the black part of the wick. this way a mild and steady light will be kept through the night by a small piece of candle.

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ALFRED R. FISKE,

General Superintendent.

## READING RAIL-ROAD.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

Monday, May 15th, 1871.

GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM THE NORTH and North-West for Philadelphia, New York, Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Ashland, Shamokin, Lebanon, Alientown, Easton, Ephrata, Litiz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c., &c.

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Leave Pottaville at nine o'clock in the morning and 2:30 r. M.; Herndon at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Shamokin at 5:40 and 11:15 a. M.; Ashland, 7:95 A. M. and 12:35 noon; Mahony Utiy at 7:51 A. M., and 1:25 noon; Mahony Utiy at 7:51 A. M., and Railroad at 8:15 a. M., for Harrisburg, and 11:45 a. m. Railroad at 8:15 a. M., for Harrisburg, and 11:45 a. m.

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