

Tuesday, November 28, 1871.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

Hens in Place of Dogs.

There is hardly a family that does not throw away enough table scraps to keep at least half a dozen hens, and many that keep a nuisance in the shape of a dog, that does no good, but costs more than a dozen good hens, complain that they can-not afford to keep hens. One dog in a neighborhood is a greater trouble to the neighbors than a flock of hens would be, for if hens are well fed at home they will rarely go away. But who ever saw a dog that was not a pest running across the newly-made garden, and sticking his nose into everything. Kill off the curs and give the food to the hens, and you will find pleusure as well as profit in so doing. We wish that there was a tax of one hundred dollars on every dog kept in the country. Those that are of value as watch dogs could be retained, while the host of snarling dirty curs would give place to some more useful and less troubleseme pet.

### To Settle Coffee.

The genuine article can be nicely settled by beating an egg and stirring it in a batch of coffee, just as it is browned. The coffee must be cool enough so as not to cook the egg. It must but be left near the fire long enough to dry. It settles the coffee as well as to use a whole egg every time it is prepared for the table and does not take near as many dozen in the course of the year. The coffee-pot should stand a few moments after being taken from the stove, or have a little cold water put

### Adulteration of Clover-seed.

A confidential circular from an enterprising German in Hamburg has lately come to light containing an offer to sell several tons of sand suitable for mixture with clover seed, the grains of which resemble the seed so closely that it is almost impossible to distinguish them by the eye. The writer of this circular announces that this sand is in great demand, especially in England for purposes of adulteration. Two colors are supplied, one for red clover and one for white:

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A man from Bay River was in the city yesterday, says the Newbern, N. C., Times, disposing of 12,000 pounds of leaf tobacco which he had grown on ten acres of ground, and for which he had been offered 10 cents per pound. This enter-prising farmer is from the North, and has lived in this section but little over a year, and on his first venture on ten acres of land will probably clear one thousand dollars.

## Apple Dumplings.

As the season for apple dumplings is at hand, it may not be out of place to say how they can be made so that every one, even of delicate digestive powers, it is said, can eat of them with impunity. Make the dough of about one part flour to six parts potatoes, boiled and mashed thoroughly and every lump removed. It makes a good paste and the dumplings can be enjoyed by every one without the fear of unpleasant results.

An English farmer possesses a novelty in the form of a cow with a wooden leg. The animal having lamed one of her hind legs, a skillful veterinary surgeon tried the experiment of amputation. The operation was successful. A wooden leg was provided, and the cow walks about very comfortably.

## To Relieve Frosted Feet.

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## To Remove Salt From Pork.

Take a piece of pork from the brine, and place in sour milk for a few hours then put in cold water a short time, and you will return it almost to its former

## To Keep Insects from Smoked Meats.

While smoking your meat, with chips or saw-dust, put on the fire a few red pep-pers. The fumes will prevent all insects from attacking your meat.

A correspondent of an Illinois paper published at Galesburg, says that he has cured several colts and cows that had been bitten on the nose by rattlesnakes, by rubbing spirits of turpentine on their heads

## Lemon for Cough.

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