FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

Novel Stuffing for Cushions.

A new material has come quite extensively into use in Germany, as a substitute for hair in the stuffing of saddles, etc., consisting of a mixture of flaxseeds and tallow. The advantage of this substitute consists primarily in the fact that the mobility of the seeds, one upon the other, prevents the packing or settling in any particular place, as often happens in saddles stuffed with hair, thus causing any given pressure to be readily and uniformly distributed over any given surface. The tallow serves the purpose, too, of keeping the leather flexible, and of preventing the absorption of perspiration protects the article itself, and prevents the back of the animal from becoming galled. Animals with sores or galled spots on the back can be ridden with saddles stuffed with this material without any inconvenience. The tallow also has the effect of preventing the rotting of the flaxseed, and is to be added in sufficient quantity to give requisite softness to the entire mass. An aromatic odor can be imparted by introducing oil of turpentine or camphor powder, and the durability considerably increased thereby. One part of the tallow, to from six to ten parts of flaxseed, may be used according to the temperature.

How to Catch Rats.

One of the pests of the farmer is rats. To keep them within endurable bounds is somewhat a difficult task, for a rat is as cunning as a fox, and almost as hard to catch; but there is such a thing as working strategy on it. A rat never digs a hole unless it has some projection to begin with, say a stone, a stick of wood, or any thing else that makes an angle with the ground; a cellar or room it will run around by the wall, and is decidedly averse to leaving it. From this habit we have a hint how to outgeneral it. The common steel trap is the best article for the purpose. Stand a box or barrel, or other article, within four inches of the wall, and in that open space set the trap without anything to hide it. The rat in following the wall will get into the trap rather than go around the barrel. When it is caught, smoke the trap with a piece of paper, shift your barrel to another place and set the trap as before.

It is said that if a man hides where crows frequent, and they see him go there, they will stay away until they see him leave. If two men hide and one leaves, the crows will go back to the one that is left, and this is because a crow cannot count. This is so with the rat; there is something in the combination of the wall, the trap and the barrel that it does not seem to understand.

The Simplest Known Cure for Diarrhea or Summer Complaint.

Take about one gill of rice and place in a spider over the fire, stirring it constantly until thoroughly brown. Do not burn it. As soon as it is thoroughly brown, fill the spider with boiling water and let it boil till the mass is of the consistency of thin paste. If the rice is not cooked perfectly soft, add a little more water and let it boil away again. Be careful at the last moment that it does not burn on the bottom. When cooked soft, turn into a bowl, sweeten with loaf or crushed sugar and salt to suit the taste. Eat in milk.

The editor of this paper has made use of the above remedy for nearly twenty years, has induced hundreds of others to use it and never knew of its failure to cure in a few hours. It is rarely necessary to repeat the dose. A remedy so simple, so harmless and so readily accessible should be published in every paper in the land .-Wenonah Advance.

It is said if farmers will turn their sheep into their potato patches they will not touch the potato vines at all, but will eat off all the weeds and grass to be found. This is a very important fact, as this practice will not only keep down the weeds and increase the potato crop but it will prevent the maturing of the weed seed, thus giving the farmer less to contend with the next year. There is a triple profit the grass and weeds consumed by the sheep cost absolutely nothing, and that which would otherwise be lost is saved, the weeds are kept down, when it is impracticable to do so by cultivating, because of the size of the potato vines, and the weeds are prevented from seeding.

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