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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

Whitewashing.

A farmer's journal gives the following recipe for making a superior whitewash :-Take a clean, water-tight barrel, or other suitable cask, and put in it half a bushel of lime. Slack it by pouring water over it, boiling hot, and sufficient quantity to cover it five inches deep, and stir it briskly till thoroughly slacked. When slacking has been effected, dissolve it in water, and add a solution of two pounds of sulphate of zine and one of common salt. As it is often desirable to vary the monotony by introducing a variety of colors upon the premises, it may be important to know that a beautiful cream color may be communicated to the above wash by adding to it three pounds of yellow othre; or, a good pearl or lead color, by the addition of lamp, vine, or ivory black. For fawn color, add four pounds of umber-Turkish or American (the latter is the cheapest)-one pound Indian red, and one pound lampblack. For common stone color, add four pounds raw umber and two pounds lampblack. The value of the sulphate of zinc is that it makes the wash harden better after it is put on. Some also put in a half-pound of common alum; others substitute the alum for the zinc. There is no mode of making farm buildings attractive so cheaply as with whitewash, and, at the same time, of adding greatly to the preservation of the wood. The above wash cannot cost over fifty cents, and if liberally used it will add five hundred dollars to the market value of a farm. We can conceive of but few things more beautiful than clean, white farm buildings and fences, in contrast with the rich green of budding Spring.

A Floral Ornament.

In the Gardener's Magazine is related an interesting incident of a lady gardener who gathered a handful of the world renowned flowers "forget-me-not" (Myosotis Palustris), and, to preserve them as long a period as possible, they were put in a large soupplate, filled with rain-water. The flowers were placed near the window, so as to enjoy the advantages resulting from an abundance of light and sir, and the water was replenished when needful. In a surprisingly short space of time (three weeks I believe), white thread-like roots were emitted from the portion of the flower-stalks in the water, and they ultimately formed a thick network over the plate. The flowers remained quite fresh, excepting a few of the most advanced when gathered, and as soon as the roots began to run in the water the buds began to expand, to take the place of those which faded, and up to the middle of November the bouquet-if it may be so called-was a dense mass of flowers, and a more beautiful or chaste ornament for the indoor apartment cannot be imagined.

How to Destroy Caterpillars.

The season for that dreadful pest, the orchard caterpillar, is at hand and many farmers know of no cheap or easy method for their destruction. The following plan has been used on a couple of orchards of several hundred trees, at comparatively no cost and very light labor. Take a common water bucket full of water, make it very strong with common lye soap, that nearly every family has, then add a lump of unslacked lime about as large as a hen's egg, and your preparation is complete. Apply with a rag tied on a stick, or a pole long enough to reach all the webs in the tree. Swab the nest well and your work is completed; it is instant death to every caterpillar that is wet with the mixture. One bucket of the mixture will destroy from one to three hundred nests, according to the size and age.

The Pip is occasioned by the forming of a dry, horny scale upon the tongue; the beak becomes yellow at the base; the plumage becomes ruffled; the bird mopes and pines, and at length it dies, completely worn out by fever and starvation. Give the bird, three times a day, for a week or two, two or three grains of black pepper in fresh butter, which will effect a cure .-Rural Register.

Pawing Horses.

To prevent a horse pawing in the stable, tie or strap the legs together just above the knees, so they will stand natural, say six or eight inches apart. It will not in the least inconvenience the horse in lying down or rising, and will prevent this annoying

If you wish to be certain that your eggs are good and fresh, put them in water. If the buts turn up they are fresh. This is an infallible rule to distinguish a good egg from a bad one.

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