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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

The Farmer Feedeth All.

My lord rides through his palace gate, My lady sweeps along in state, The sage thinks long on many a thing, And the maiden muses on marrying; The minstrel harpeth merrily, The sallow plows the foaming sea, The huntsman kill the good red deer, And the soldier wars without a fear; But fall to each, what'er befall, The farmer, he must feed them all.

Cooking Apples.

The great English physician, Sydenham, allowed no other ailment to his patients in the febrile stages of quincy, erysipelas, and small pox than could be found in boiled apples. There are a great many ways of using apples for food, and doubtless some novel ways yet to be discovered. The French, who excel in culinary matters are said to have 365 ways of cooking an egg. Why should not a similar enterprise be shown in regard to the apple? An estimable lady of our acquaintance makes some very palatable dishes and deserts in this way. Apples of uniform size are selected, and simply wiped and cored. This last operation is quickly performed by punching them through the middle with an apple corer, thus removing the stem, seeds and tougher parts, and making an opening for the introduction of sugar in the cooking operation which follows. After dipping the apples in water, they are placed in any deep pan or baking dish, and sprinkled with sugar about a teaspoonful to each apple, and a teacupful of water turned on around them. They are then baked with a slow steady fire till soft, when they should be removed from the baking pans for cooling and the table. When served with cream, this is a dish for the queen. Every part of the apple can be eaten, the sugar having neutralized the acidities of the fruit, and cooking making tender the skin. It is a capital substitute for strawberries. There is another way of treating sweet apples. Stew them in a porcelain kettle with just enough of molasses and water to prevent their burning on, till cooked through, and then transfer them to the oven, with all the liquid residuum, to dry and brown. This gives a baked apple, half jellied, delicious in flavor and moisture, that any one can love. Sweet pickles, by some considered superior to the old-fashioned apple sauce, are made by partly baking sweet apples and then saturating them in a pickle of vinegar and spices. This is easier to make than apple sauce, which, must be smothered in boiled cider. —Practical Farmer.

Salted Wood.

It is a curious fact, and one of great practical importance in structural science, that in the salt mines of Poland and Hungary the galleries are supported by wooden pillars, which are found to last unimpaired for ages, in consequence of being impregnated with the salt, while pillars of brick and stone, used for the same purpose, crumble away in a short time by the decay of their mortar. It is also found that wooden piles, driven into the mud of salt flats and marshes, last for an unlimited time, and are used for the foundations of brick and stone edifices: and the practice of docking timber, by immersing it for some time in sea-water, after it has been seasoned, is generally admitted to promote its durability. There are some experiments which appear to show that, after the dry-rot has commenced, immersion in salt water effectually checks its progress and preserves the remainder of the timber. If care be taken to renew the coat of paint as it decays, wood on the outside of the buildings may be made to last for centuries; paint, however, is no preservative against the internal or dry rot, notwithstanding the opinion so generally prevalent to the contrary.

Cribbing Corn.

The editor of the Journal of the Farm makes, a good suggestion as follows:—"Many a sore-fingered husker has wished that his load of corn could be shoveled direct from the wagon into the crib, without having to throw out a portion by hand until the shovel could reach the bottom of the wagon. In such cases every finger is like a false horse flinching from the collar, the work is only done from a conviction that there is no help for it. In loading corn take a piece of pine board six feet long and a little wider than your shovel; place an end on the tail-board close to one corner of the wagon, and the other on the bottom end, and fill up as usual. In unloading, shovel down the board to the bottom of the wagon, and not an ear need be touched by the hands."



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