 Tuesilay, December 23, 1873. FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Strange Taste. It is a good thing, we suppone, that
tastes differ. In the absence of Asparagua tastes differ. In the absence of Asparagus,
in Holland and Belgium, peopls cook the tops of Hop vines as a substitute, and call
it good, and in Eugland they have been in it good, and in Eugland they have been in
tho habit of using tho tender Hawthorr branches, Latterly, however, they have
taken to eating the flower stems and buds Of the Ornithogatum pyronaicum, a wild
plant and a native of England, of the "Star of Bethelem" family, which is sold in tho marketa under the name of Wild Aspara-
gua. It is tied up in buiches and at first sight might be mistaken for heads of green
wheat, with a portion of the straw attach ays it is "the best substitute for Asparagus yet tried, better by far than tho Hop
tops of which our Bolgian and Dutch friends make so much, and better than any green corn we have yet tasted, in say, and a great deal better than Hawquarrel with any one's taste, but we can-
not help feeling great sympathy for any -something of the same kind of sympathy hat we feel for one deprived of one of the blessings. We noticed sometime since in
an English agricultural journal what of a Vegetable Committec. In reporting Cheswick Gardens, thoy deolared the Lima
ough and stringy, the pods unflt for uea made eatable beans mikilfht, perhaps, Th cooking. Thi


Salt-rising Bread. the forrespondent of the Household gives bread, and is considered by sommen as yeast wholesome : "Put three teacups of water,
$s$ warm as you can bee two-quart cup or bowl, yand throe-fourthis nough to make quite a stitr battor ; this for the rising, or emptyings, as some
all it . Set the bowl, closely covered, in kettle, in warm water, as ' warm as you he time when you 'set' your rising; in three hours atir in two tablespoonfuls of
flour, put it back, and in five and one-half lours from the time of setting it will be
ithin one inch of the top of your bowl. ight quarts of flour ; make a sponge in the center of your flour with one quart o
water of the same temperature as rising stir the rising into it, cover over with keep very warm, but not coald ; in three-
fourths of an hour mix this into a stiff lough; if water is used be sure it in east bread; make the loaves a little arger and keep it warm for another three o bake. While rising this last time have your oven heating ; it needs a hotter oven
than yoast bread. If these rules are fol lowed, you will have bread as white as snow, with a light brown orust, deliciously
sweet and tender. Feeding Corn to Hogss As another evidence of the
profit of feeding corn on the farm over selling the grain in market, a swriter ing testimony : "In August, 1872, I bought thirty-seven head of hogs, at \$4 per cwt. be average weight being 126 pounds ; oost old them, the average wec. 10, when 1 pounds, or a gain of 144 pounds per head They ate twelve bunhels of corn apiece.bo $\$ 3$. The total cost of the hogs, when them at $\% 4$ per cwt., atoounting to $\$ 8309.60$ Balance in favor of feeding, 8101,12 . By feding my eorn it brought me nearly being only 25 cents."

To have Apples Every Year. A correspondent of the New York
Tribune telle three wayn of having apple overy year:' 16L. Take weions from a tree
in 1873, and put them in a good thrify reee, and do the same in 1874, and you will got fruit in altornato yoars. 2nd. If you
cut of the thriny trees and growth of $187 \pi$ in the last of Juive, leaving throe or foum buds that would come on in 1874, you would force out the next year's buds and blosems on ove-halr of you yemove all the boaring year, you will have froit on the the odd year. Thees things I have done Gcectory apple of the odd year proatuged the this way ; next year the nolions of the laut year will bear in the regular jeas.

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