

Tuesday, June 9, 1874.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

Drink for the Harvest Field.

A farmer's wife in Montgomery county sends us the following receipt for a "Wholesome Field Drink," and as the season is now approaching when it can be used, we publish it that all may make it who choose : The excessive use of cold water during the sweltering heat of summer often results in serious and alarming illness. It is therefore advisable that some beverage should be substituted for it of which those oppressed can parrake with safety. For this purpose I am aware of no better or more refreshing drink than the following: Take of the best white Jamaica ginger root, carefully bruised two ounces; cream of tartar, one ounce; water six quarts, to be boiled for about five minutes, then strained; to the strained liquor add one pound of sugar, and again place it over the fire, keep it well stirred till the sugar is perfectly dissolved, and then pour it into an earthen vessel, into which you have previously put'two drachms of tartaric acid, and the rind of one lemon, and let it remain till the heat is reduced to a lukewarm temperature; then add a teaspoonful of yeast, stirring them well together, and bottle for use. The corks must be well secured. The drink will be in a high perfection in four or five days. This is a very refreshing and wholsome beverage, and one which may be largely partaken of without any unpleasant results, even in the hottest weather.

To Destroy Insects.

Hot alum water is a recent suggestion as an incectcide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, spiders, chintz bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest our houses. Take two pounds of alum and dissolve it in three or four quarts of boiling water; let it stand on the fire till the alum disappears; then apply it with a brush while nearly boiling hot, to every joint and crevice in your closets, bedsteads, pantry shelves, and the like. Brush the crevices in the floor of the skirting or mop boards, if you suspect that they harbor vermin. If in whitewashing a ceiling plenty of alum is added to the lime, it will also serve to keep insects at a distance. Cockroaches will flee the paint which has been washed in cool alum water. Sugar barrels and boxes can be freed from ants by drawing a wide chalk mark just around the edge of the top of them. The mark must be unbroken or they will creep over it; but a continuous chalk line half an inch in width will set their depredations at nought. Powdered alum or borax will keep the chintz bug at a respectable distance, and travelers should always carry a package of it in their hand bags to scatter over and under their pillows, in places where they have reason to suspect the presence of such bedfellows.

Turtle-Egg Butter.

One of the peculiar productions of Brazil, described by Mr. Fletcher, was "turtle-egg butter." There are innumerable turtles on the sand-bars of the Amazon, and the natives make it a business, at the proper ason, to collect their eggs, which are deposited in the sand. These are thrown into a boat, and when a sufficient quantity has been collected, they are trampled by the feet of the Indians. After a short time an oily substance rises to the surface, and is skimmed off, and this is "Turtle-egg butter." Many millions of eggs are destroyed in this way every year, and the article is largely consumed. But Mr. Fletcher confessed that although he had partaken of many strange dishes in the course of his travels, and had learned to relish them, he never could taste turtle-egg butter. He didn't exactly like the manner of churning.

A Valuable Recipe for Galls.

An intelligent and experienced farmer, fising seventy years of age, residing in Allen township, Camberland county, has assured us that the following contineut, if applied two or three times a day, will cure the most obstinate windgalls: Take one pound of the leaves of Stramonium, (Jamestown weed), bruised; two pounds of fresh butter or hog's lard, and one gill of the spirits of turpentine; put the whole of the ingredients into a clean earthen crock and place it with the contents over live coals for twenty or thirty minutes, stirring it occasionally; then strain it through a coarse cloth or canvass, and it forms a consistent olntment, with which amoint the windgalls two or three times a day.

Fifty dollars had been offered for the above receipt. So says our informant who kindly furnished it.—Lancaster Furmer.

There is nothing so tends to shorten the lives of old people and injure their health as the practice or sitting up late, particularly winter evenings. This is especially the case where there is a grown-up daughter in the family. We publish this item at the earnest request of several young men who are directly interested in the

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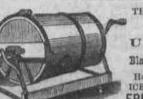
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