The Bloomfield Gimes.

Tuesday, August 4, 1874.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

Drinking Water.

Dr. Hall is opposed to the immoderate use of water for a drink. He says :

The longer one puts off drinking water in the morning, especially in summer, the less he will require during the day; if much is drank during the forenoon the thirst often increases and a very unpleasant fullness is observed, in addition to a metallic taste in the mouth,

The less water a man drinks the better for him, beyond a moderate amount. The more water a man drinks the more strength he has to expend in getting rid of it, for all the fluids taken into the system must be carried out-and as there is but little nourishment in water, tea, coffee, beer and the like, more strength is expended in conveying them out of the system than they impart to it. The more a man drinks the more he must perspire, either by lungs or through the skin; the more he perspires the more carbon is taken from the system; but this carbon is necessary for nutrition, hence the less a man is nourished the less strength he has.

The more liquids used the greater must be the amount of urination, but this detracts a proportional amount of albumen from the system, and it is the albumen in the food that strengthens us. Drinking water largely diminishes the strength in two ways, and yet many are under the impression that the more water swallowed the more thoroughly is the system "washed out." Thus, the less we drink at meals, the better for us. If the amount were limited to a single cup of hot tea or hot milk and water at each meal, an immeasurable good would result to all. Many persons have fallen into the practice of drinking several cups of hot tea at meals, out of mere habit; all such will be greatly benefited by breaking it up at once; it may be well to drink a little at each meal, and, perhaps, it will be found that in all cases it is better to take a single cup of hot tea at each meal then a glass of cold water, however pure. however pure.

Chicken Cholera.

It appears that a correspondent of the Country Gentleman at last has found a remedy for chicken cholera. He says :

I lost some thirty-five the past season out of my flock of one hundred, before I could bring my mind to try a remedy that had been suggested. After trying everything else that I could hear of without avail, I did try it, and it stopped it at once. This remedy consisted in pouring a little kerosene oil on their corn, and then mixing it through the corn with the hand. I first tried it with some that were very sick, and the next day they were well. I then fed it to the flock, and have not lost a chicken since; and they all look much more brilliant in plumage than before. My flock consists of white Brahmas and Cochins.

Curing Clover.

Clover is not a grass at all. It belongs to the same order of plants as the peas, but, nevertheless, it is used as a forage crop and is treated as the grass crops are; it is fed off, and it is cut for hay to be stored as food for live stock in the winter season -Owing to its nature it is one of the most tender plants to handle in curing for hay. It needs to be dried rather in the shade than in the sun, and the texture of the hay should show a certain toughness rather than crispness. Then, again, it should be so cured that even its color may be retained if possible. To do this it is important that it should be cut before the blossom has formed the seed pods.

Bed Bugs.

A correspondent writes: "After fighting them eight years, I learned from a girl who had served as chambermaid in a large boarding house that bugs could be entirely exterminated for all time. I immediately followed her directions, which was to take grease that was melted out of salt pork, to melt it, and to keep it melted (the vessel can be kept in a pan of coals), and a leases double, and for all classes of \$3,000 benefits the above rates are in a part to put it with the feather end of quill in aure for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000. Classes now in operation. to put it with the feather end of quill in every place where I could find a bug. It is necessary to see that the bed cords are entirely free from the pests, and I will warrant there will be no more trouble. It is more a than thirty years since a bug has been seen in my house."

The Cabbage Worms.

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