

Farm, Home &c.

How to Plow Well.—In the first place have your plow sharp. Even a good workman will not be able to do good work with bad tools. It is not enough to turn over a clean furrow. Good plowing means the thorough pulverization of the soil, and the best plowman is he who can break up the ground into the finest particles. Plow an inch or so deeper each year, and thus deepen your seed-bed and bring the subsoil into contact with light and air for their chemical operations. You can never go too deep provided you go slowly. Never be in a hurry at this kind of work. If you have not the time to do your work just right make it worth two acres half way done. If a rock or a root or any other obstruction is in your way stop and get rid of it entirely. It is a rock put on your fence or throw it in a sink-hole; never let it bother you again, disposed of it at once. Do not ride on your plow handles. Your team has draught to overcome without your laziness adding fifty pounds more. Riding on the handles never does good work. When done take your plow and clean it well and put it under cover out of the way of wet and moisture, which, like rust, soon destroy a valuable implement.

What Flowers Will Grow in the Shade?—This question is put to me every Spring by scores of city people, whose little patch which they wish to devote to flowers is so walled up by neighboring houses that the direct rays of the sun never touch it. But few plants will develop their flowers there, and none will do it as well as if it were lighted up by sunshine a part of the day. Fuchsias, pansies, forget-me-nots, violets, Lobelias, lilies of the valley, phloxes, and other herbaceous plants whose native habitat is shady wood will do best, but even these languid if denied all direct sunlight. The best effect in such situations is produced by ornamental-leaved plants, that beauty of which is not dependent upon their flowers. Among these may be ranked the gold and silver variegated-leaved geraniums, achrysantheum, alternantheras, begonia-eladina, castaureas, coleuses, etc., which, if planted so as to bring the various shades in contrast, produce a pleasing effect, which continues during the entire summer months, and is not surpassed by any display of flowers.—Peter Henderson.

Value of milk.—If one wishes to grow fleshy, a pint of milk taken before retiring at night will soon cover the scrawniest bones. Although new-born ones who sigh for the fashionable measures of plumage, and who would be vastly improved in health and appearance could their figures be rounded with good solid flesh. Nothing is more coveted by thin women than a full figure, and nothing will arouse the ire and provoke the exasperation of these "clapper-bills" as the consciousness of plumpness in a rival. In case of fever and summer complaints milk is now given with excellent results. The idea that milk is "feverish" has exploded, and it is now the physician's great reliance in bringing through typhoid patients, or those in too low a state to be nourished by solid food. It is a mistake to scrimp the milk picher.—Take more milk and buy less meat. Look to your milkman; have a large-sized and well-filled picher on the table each meal, and you will have sound flesh and light doctors' bills.

When to Skim Milk.—A country woman says: "The wise man is enumerating the time and season, made no mention of a time to skim milk; yet, nevertheless there is a time—a right time—and that is just as the milk begins to sour in the bottom of the pail. Then the cream is all at the surface, and should at once be removed—with as little milk as possible. If allowed to remain until the acid reaches the cream, it impairs it in quantity. The housewife or dairymaid who thinks to obtain a greater quantity by allowing the milk to stand beyond that time, labors under a most egregious mistake."

Red ants, one of the worst pests of the household, may be trapped by placing a glass plate where the ants can get to it, when in a short time it will be covered with the ants adhering to its sticky surface.

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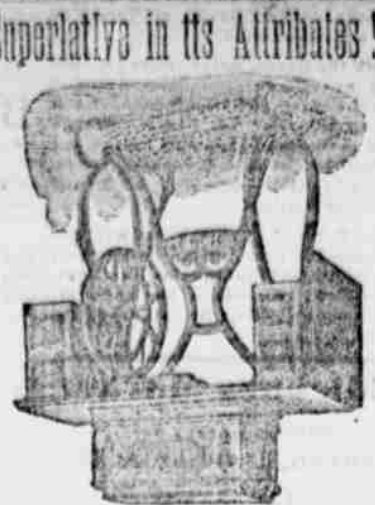
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