# The Pittsburgh Gazette.

## FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

**Something for Housekeepers to Read—Roasting, Broiling, Frying, Breading.**

ROASTING.

The first consideration to roast properly is to have a well and evenly lighted fire, which should never be allowed to get low, but must constantly be replenished with coals, added in such a way as not to deaden it. It stands to reason that, if the fire is not kept up, no stated length of time can be fixed for cooking.

Avoid all draughts between the fire and screen; a joint subjected to such a draught would take much longer to cook.

The fire should be thoroughly lighted before the roast is put before it. Put two gills of broth in the dripping-pan for basting; large joints, poultry and game, should be basted five or six times during cooking; partridges and small game, three times.

To roast the following joints the time required will be: For a piece of beef weighing seven pounds, an hour and three quarters; for a leg of mutton, weighing seven pounds, an hour and a half; for a neck or loin of veal, weighing three pounds, fifty minutes; for a neck or loin of pork, weighing three pounds, fifty minutes; for a turkey, weighing about eight and a half pounds, an hour and three quarters; for a small turkey, weighing about three and a half pounds, forty-five minutes; for a goose, weighing about six pounds, an hour and a half; for a capan, weighing about four pounds, fifty minutes; for a fowl, weighing about three pounds, half an hour; for a pigeon, a quarter of an hour; for a pheasant, thirty-five minutes; for a partridge or woodcock, a quarter of an hour; for larks, six minutes, before a brisk fire; for a duck, a quarter of an hour; the same time for a wild duck; for a leveret, half an hour; for a hare's back, half an hour; for a small wild rabbit, a quarter of an hour.

I need not point out that these rules of time required for cooking, will, of course be modified by circumstances; there are different natures and qualities of meat, which cook more or less rapidly. It will always be necessary to ascertain whether a joint is done before taking it off the spit; the easiest way to find this out is, in the case of meat, to press the fleshiest part with the finger; in poultry and game the leg should be tested; if the cooking is perfect, both will give way to the finger, if not, there will be a certain degree of resistance.

BROILING.

To broil with charcoal: make a layer of charcoal, cinders and lighted embers, covering a surface extending 2 inches beyond the edges of the horizontal gridiron. The thickness of the lighted coal should be 1½ inch for a brisk fire, and 1 inch for a slow fire; in each case the embers should be equally lighted, and not in parts dead and at others brightly burning. It is a mistake to seek to economize fuel in broiling; the result will most probably be—inefficient cooking, and perhaps entire spoiling of the meat.

It is general to set up the gridiron on a cast-iron slab, or on the plate covering the stove. A rump steak, trimmed, weighing one and a half pounds, will require eight to ten minutes, according to thickness, to broil on a brisk fire; a fillet steak, trimmed, weighing seven ounces, will require seven minutes to broil on a brisk fire; a mutton-chop, trimmed, weighing on the average five ounces, will require six minutes to broil on a brisk fire; a bread-crumbed mutton cutlet should be broiled on a slow fire, and left one minute longer; a sheep's kidney will require four minutes to broil on a brisk fire; a veal-chop, trimmed, weighing seven ounces, will require nine minutes to broil on a brisk fire; a pork chop of the same weight will require the same time; a bread-crumbed veal or pork cutlet should be broiled on a slow fire, and left on two minutes longer.

FRYING.

Fat is the best for frying; the light colored dripping of roast meat and the fat taken off broth are to be preferred. These failing, beef suet chopped fine, and melted down on a slow fire, without browning, will do very well. When the bottom of the stew-pan can be seen through the suet, it is sufficiently melted. Let it cool for a quarter of an hour and strain through the gravy strainer; to do this while too hot would be likely to melt the strainer.

When butter is used for frying, it requires special care, and, on account of its heating quicker than fat, calls for a slow fire. Oil may be used for frying, but requires careful handling; it should be warmed first, for at least twenty-five minutes, on a very slow fire, so as to prevent its rising and boiling over. Lard is also extensively employed; but I am no advocate for it, as it always leaves an unpleasant coating of fat on whatever is fried in it.

That may be kept in use for frying until it assumes a dark brown color, which is a sign of its uselessness, for then it will no longer fry well, and will impart a bad color and unpleasant taste.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRYING.

The fat should vary in heat according to the nature of the things to be fried. Too great a degree of heat should be avoided in all cases. This excessive heat is indicated by the smoke rising from the kettle.

The different degrees of heat may be determined by throwing into the fat a small piece of crumb of bread of the size of a nut; if it fizzes and produces at once large air-bubbles, the fat has reached that degree of heat which we shall designate as *hot fat*. For *warm fat*, the piece of bread should produce very small air-bubbles, accompanied by scarcely any fizzing.

Should too many things be put in the frying-kettle together they will be badly fried; for instance, if five fish were put together in a kettle only large enough for three, there would not be sufficient heat to cook them properly. In such a case the fish should be taken out when three parts done, the fat then made *very* hot, and three fish put in again for two minutes; when these are taken out the other two should be put in for the same length of time. This will remedy the evil of crowding too many fish in the kettle at once.

Fried things should be of a light golden-brown color, crisp, and free from fat.

FRYING BATTER.

Frying batter is used for meat, fish and sweet dishes. To make it, 4½ ounces of flour, 2 eggs, and 2 table-spoonfuls of oil will be required. Sift the flour through a sieve into a basin; make a hole in the centre, and pour in 1 gill of water; add a small pinch of salt, yoke of 2 eggs (reserving the whites for whipping,) and the 2 spoonfuls of oil; work into a smooth paste, thick enough to cover the spoon with a coating of about ¼ of an inch; should it be too thick, a gill, or half a gill of water may be added. Twenty minutes before using the batter add the whites of eggs well whisked, and put by for frying purposes.

BREADINGS AND RASPINGS.

For breading, use beaten eggs, oil, and the crumbs of stale bread. Put the bread in a cloth, of which take up the four corners in one hand, and with the other rub the bread to break it up small, then pass it through a wire sieve, dry in the oven, and put by in a closed box for use. For breading, the eggs should be well beaten and mixed together; to three eggs add one tablespoonful of oil, one tablespoonful of water, a pinch of salt and a small pinch of pepper. The water is added to prevent the breading being too thick.

Raspings are made with crusts of bread, baked to a bright golden color, then crushed with a rolling-pin or a mortar; passed through a wire sieve, and put by in a box for use.—*Harper's Weekly*,

### Make More Butter.

Butter is very high, and it is desirable to increase the supply of an article in such general use.

There is but one way of doing this. We cannot increase the number of cows so as to meet the demand this fall and winter, but we can by liberal feeding enable the cows that we have to give more milk, or at least we can get milk containing from one-third to one-half more butter. That liberal feeding will do this there can be no question. What extra food to give depends on circumstances. The quality of the grass at this season is apt to deteriorate, and even when there is abundance of it, a little richer food can be given to the cows with great advantage. When grass is short, there is still greater necessity for, and advantage in, providing extra food. In many sections there is much corn imperfectly eared, and there can be no better way of disposing of it than to feed it out, stalks and all, to milch cows. This will save husking. If well cured and put in small stacks, or in a barn, with layers of straw between the corn, very few of the soft ears will mould. A liberal supply of such fodder will keep up the flow of milk until Christmas, and if the cows are provided with warm stables, butter may be made nearly all winter.

When there is no fodder of this kind on the farm, feed ordinary corn stalks, or hay and straw, with a liberal allowance of some kind of grain or oil-cake. Probably corn meal is the cheapest food that can be used, and so far as the writer's experience extends, he has never found any trouble in using it. Four quarts a day to each cow have been used to great advantage, and at the present price of butter such feeding is quite profitable. Some dairymen prefer to feed half corn-meal and half bran. When peas can be obtained at about the same price as corn, a mixture of equal parts of corn and pea-meal is perhaps the very best food that can be given to a cow. If wheat bran was cheap, say but a little higher than hay, we would feed that also.

But our object is not so much to say which is the best grain to feed milch cows, as to urge farmers to feed grain of some kind. It does not so much matter what—only give the cows a liberal supply of food, and they will return a liberal supply of butter. The kind of grain and the way of feeding is left to the judgment and good sense of the readers. When it is convenient it is better to "slop" the cows, but if not convenient the fodder may be chaffed and moistened with water, and a due proportion of meal mixed with it, care being taken that the mangers are so constructed as to avoid waste. With a good supply of food, regularity in feeding, comfortable stables cleaned out daily, proper ventilation, and water easily accessible, there is no trouble in doubling the ordinary quantity of butter from now until mid-summer or later.—*American Agriculturalist.*

### Wintering Sheep.

Farmers owning sheep ought to see that their quarters for winter are comfortable before the cold season is at hand. Plenty of room should be provided, for sheep will not do well when crowded in too close quarters. Their pens or sheds should be well ventilated. A covering of straw makes a first rate roofing. The floor should be well littered with straw once in three or four days and as often cleaned. The straw and excrements should be added to the manure heap.

Sheep should be fed regularly. Hay should be disposed in racks, easily reached while feeding, yet high enough to be clear of any contact with their feet or the ground. They should be given oats, or whatever is given in beside their hay, at regular hours. Much advantage is gained by regularity in all matters pertaining to the farm and farm-yard. If farmers understood this fact and put it in practice more than they do, they would be gainers by it.

They should not be feed too highly. More is lost by high feeding than gained. An old uncle of mine, having had a long experience in sheep raising and keeping, used to say that one spoonful of oats per day was sufficient, and that sheep would do well enough on that allowance with plenty of hay. Salt should be given at least once a week.

Care should be taken when building the pens or sheds, to make an entrance large enough. Sheep ought not to be crowded in going in and out. Many fine animals have been injured in that way, for sheep generally go in and out of their quarters, when feeding time comes, with a rush, and huddle up close together. If the entrance is sufficiently large, there need be no danger from crowding.

All weakly, scrawny lambs or sheep ought to be separated from those in good condition, and allowed an extra allowance to "catch up." Poor scrawny, sheep never stand much of a chance in a flock of fat, thrifty ones. They are always knocked around and seldom get their share of food.

I am glad to see that farmers are waking up to their interests, and getting sheep of improved breeds. The old fashioned long and coarse wooled kinds ought to give place to such sorts as the Southdown, Cotswold of Merino. Not only is the yield of wool greater, but it is of a very superior quality and brings a much higher price.—*Northwestern Farmer.*

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The ice should be packed in one solid mass, the sides not reaching the inner walls of the building, but allowed a space of from six to twelve inches all around. The top of the ice should be covered with straw, and the door should be like the sides of the building, or double doors should be made, one in the outer and the other in the inner wall. Plant morning glories or any climbing plant around the building, and induce them to creep up the walls and over the roof as an additional defense against the fervid sun of the summer.

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ALSO, My Farm, known by the name of "Willow Banks," situated on the Connellsville Railroad, 17 miles from the city, containing 79 ACRES, all in good condition. The improvements are a No. 1 brick house, two stories high, newly painted, containing six rooms, two halls running full length of the house. The house is situated on a beautiful knoll, is surrounded by fruit trees, shrubbery, vines and flowers, with a graded avenue running to the Youghiogheny River. Also, a large frame bank barn, smoke house, wash house, coal house, bake-oven and other outbuildings, and a never-failing well of water. Two large orchards, containing from six to seven hundred fruit trees, nearly all in good bearing condition. This farm abounds in small fruits, viz: Currants, raspberries, gooseberries, and a fine large strawberry patch, which, in connexion with the richness of the soil and nearness to the city, makes it very desirable for gardening purposes. Very convenient to schools, churches, stores and blacksmith shop.

ALSO, A FARM OF 158 ACRES, situated in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pa., 31 miles from the city of Pittsburgh, on the Connellsville Railroad, at Suter Station. The improvements are a common log house, a good frame barn, with stabling for ten horses; a corn crib and wagon shed; good orchard of fruit trees; fencing very good. 120 acres cleared, the residue in heavy timber land. This farm is valuable—first, for its excellent soil; secondly, its timber; and thirdly, it contains more limestone than any other farm in Pennsylvania, all accessible. The lower vein of limestone is 40 feet thick; several other veins ranging from 3½ to 6 ft. in thickness, lie under the whole farm. For particulars enquire of ELI SUTER, Esq., at Suter Station, on at my office.

ALSO, 17 ACRES, situated in St. Clair township, Westmoreland county, Pa., near the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Houston Station. The improvements are a two-story frame house, with six rooms and good cellar, a frame bank barn 40 by 60 feet, and other outbuildings. There is on the place a young apple and peach orchard; one hundred and twenty acres cleared land, divided into fields of convenient size, a large portion of which are well set in clover and timothy; the residue of said tract covered with good timber. It is well watered, and underlaid with coal and limestone, and is convenient to churches, schools, stores, mills and blacksmith shops. A real good bargain is offered in this excellent farm.

ALSO, A beautifully situated tract of 60 ACRES of valuable land, under good fencing, situated in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pa., on a township road, 7 measured miles from the Market House, Allegheny City. This tract is well adapted for a garden or dairy farm, being convenient and of easy access to either city, and near enough to the line of the Mahoning Railroad to make it very desirable for country seats, for persons doing business in the city.

ALSO, The best farm in Young township, Indiana county, Pa., 4 miles from Western Penna. R. R. at Livermore station, containing 300 ACRES—225 acres cleared and under No. 1 fencing, as well as fine farming condition; the balance in good white oak timber. The improvements are 2 two-story frame houses, nearly new, of eight rooms each and finished basements and attics; a large bank barn 80 by 80 feet, a two-story spring house and other necessary outbuildings, all in good order; 5 acres of orchard of choice varieties of fruit; 4 feet vein of coal (now open,) underlying the whole tract, and limestone in abundance, with plenty of springs of never-failing water. Taken all to gether—houses, fencing, soil, nice lying surface, public highway, churches, schools, mills, &c.,—I know of no more inviting and desirable tract of land in Western Pennsylvania.

ALSO, FARM AND MILLS. A small tract of 60 ACRES of very valuable land in Derry township Westmoreland county, Pa.; well fenced and in high state of cultivation, with new frame dwelling and other outbuildings; a new grist and saw mill complete, with two run of burrs, two bolting cloths, and all the needed fixtures, in good order, and a young orchard of choice fruits; lane is all underlaid with a six foot vein of coal, now opened and worked, at the back of the mill, and limestone in abundance. Call soon and secure a good bargain.

ALSO, FARM OF 160 ACRES, situated immediately upon the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Blairsville Intersection, 54 miles east of the city. The improvements are a two-story stone house of 8 rooms, a No. 1 barn, 48 by 65 feet, the best of stabling and other outbuildings. The land lies well, is well fenced, is in good farming order, and will be sold very cheap if applied for soon.

For further particulars enquire of

**G. H. TOWER, Real Estate Agent,**

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1 Acre at Woods Run.
4 Acres and House in East Liberty.
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4 Farms in Preston county, West Virginia.
185 Acres in Armstrong county, underlaid with coal.
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900 Acres of Timber land, with Saw Mill and dwellings.
House and Lot on Center Avenue, near Kirkpatrick.
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2 Houses and 4 Lots, very cheap, on Vine street.
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| 2 | Houses of 9 | Rooms in the | 17th ward; | rent | $300 |
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| 1 | do. of 9 | do. do. | 3d do. | do. | 600 |
| 1 | do. of 3 | do. do. | 6th do. | do. | 192 |
| 1 | do. of 5 | do. do. | 6th do. | do. | 240 |
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By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny County I will expose at public sale on the premises, on WEDNESDAY, December 16th, 1868, at 10½ o'clock A. M., that COURT OF FOUR BRICK HOUSES, situate off WYLIE STREET, a few doors above Elm street, (entrance to Court from Wylie street. Lot 20 by 72 feet extending back to an alley, the property of the late William Montooth, deceased. Terms at day of sale.

THOMAS B. STEWART, Guard'an.

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