

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Seeding to Grass. Before sowing grass seed the farmer should make certain of having a good seed-bed. More mistakes are made concerning the preparation of land for grass than for any other crop.

Feeding Hay from the Stack.

A correspondent of the Country Gentleman writes: A careful observer is frequently surprised at the wanton wastefulness of many farmers. Such wastes occur more noticeably in the manner of feeding, perhaps, than in any other branch of farm work.

Broad Wheels for Farm Wagons.

The surface over which loads are drawn upon the farm is soft as a rule, and a wheel with a broad tire will sink so far as a narrow one. A load of manure or hay can be drawn across plowed or other mellow ground upon a wagon which has tires four inches wide when it would be impossible to do so with the old narrow wheels.

A Rat-Proof Corn-Crib.

A correspondent of the Practical Farmer gives the following directions for making that most necessary of farm buildings, a rat-proof corn-crib: Build a good substantial house, twelve feet wide, eight feet high and as long as you want it.

lath on up and down; this gives no place for the rats to stand on to cut holes, and the building being one foot above ground they cannot reach the bottom.

Recipes.

VEAL STEW.—Cut four pounds of veal into strips three inches long and one inch thick; peel twelve large potatoes and cut them into slices one inch thick; spread a layer of veal on the bottom of the pot, sprinkle in a little salt and pepper, then a layer of potatoes, then a layer of veal seasoned as before.

RASPBERRY JAM.—To every quart of ripe raspberries allow a pound of the best loaf-sugar. Put sugar and berries into a pan and let them stand two or three hours; then boil them in a porcelain kettle, taking off the scum carefully.

CHOCOLATE PUDDING.—Soak a half pound of gelatine with a little cold water; put it in a pan with a quarter pound grated chocolate, one ounce sugar and one pint of milk; stir till it boils.

WEDDING CAKE.—One pound and one coffee cup of flour, one pound of brown sugar, one and one-eighth pounds of butter, one-half pound of candied citron, four pounds of currants, four pounds of stoned and chopped raisins, nine eggs, one tablespoonful each of ground cloves, cinnamon, mace and nutmeg.

FARINA JELLY.—Boil one quart of new milk; while boiling sprinkle in slowly a quarter of a pound of farina. Continue the boiling from half an hour to a whole hour. Season with five ounces of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla.

Gigantic Locomotives.

Ten iron giants for the Pennsylvania Railroad company will be built this summer at Altoona. They will be much larger and more powerful than ordinary passenger engines, and are to be built for the particular purpose of making up time on portions of the road where there are long stops.

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Amphibious Venice.

Water is the Venetian's native element. In the quaint gloom of twilight the canals of Venice are alive with her male population, men and boys, and very many little maidens, too, in clothed and shod, sporting in the waters like so many dark-skinned Polynesians.

The Friend of Delicate Ladies.

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A Bird Turned into a Lamp.

A writer in an English paper says that the stormy petrel possesses a singular amount of oil, and has the power of throwing it from the mouth when terrified. It is said that this oil, which is very pure, is collected in St. Kilda by catching the bird on its egg, where it sits very closely, and making it discharge the oil into a vessel.

Doctors Gave Him Up.

"Is it possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and at work, cured by so simple a remedy?" "I assure you it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters, and only ten days ago his doctors gave him up and said he must die!"

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