THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Brenking Colts to the Halver. "A stitch in time saves nine" in handling colts, as well as in handling clothes. Commence handling the young foals from their very birth. They are much more easily gentled and halter-broken during the first few months than at any subsequent period, and, as a rule, the longer it is deferred the more difficult the work becomes. The easiest way in the world to break a colt to the halter is to tie him in the stall by the side of his dam, and to lead him by her side occasionally when she is taken out for work or exercise. The time thus employed is never missed and many a young thing that might otherwise grow up wild, vicious and unruly, is made gentle, kind and tractable .- Live Stock Journal.

Farmers' Gardens.

We have had occasion to observe the great increase in the cultivation of flowers throughout the country within a few years, and on riding through some of our larger villages the absence of blooming plants in pots in the windows has been the exception and not the rule. But there has not been an equal improvement in farmers' kitchen gardens. It is very rare to find one entirely free from weeds, and some have positively as many weeds as vegetables. The trouble is these gardens are too large. More land has been allotted to them than the owner has found time to take proper care of. One square rod, made rich with manure, and kept clean and · mellow by cultivation, will furnish better and more delicious vegetables than an acre overgrown with weeds. Now, let every farmer who has a weedy garden reduce its size to one-half and see if he can do any better. If not, reduce it again to half, and try once more; and if still unsuccessful he can gradually bring it down to nothing, which would be better than slipshod and profitless culture. We recommend such a course only as a choice of evils ; for a good-sized, well-menured, well-kept, well-cultivated kitchen garden is one of the most profitable investments a man can make,-Country Gentleman.

Farmers' Maxima.

Thinking about a piece of corn adds five bushels to the acre, sometimes ten. The fifth rail of a fence is generally

worth more than the other four. Weeds in a corn and potato field are like notes on interest at twenty per cent.

If a particular production is all the rage sell out while prices are high and buyers are plenty.

Fall and winter evenings are the most profitable times for mental culture, social happiness and rest.

It is never best to overdue economy by letting hogs or geese habitually eat the grass in the front yard.

Encouraging words will sometimes make a scythe cut well an hour longer than it otherwise would.

Gives the boys work, and take pains to teach them. It is to this source that we must look for our best farm men.

Cigar smoke in a cornfield may prevent the depredations of crows, but it never fails to make the net yield less.

When a mortgage on a farm is so heavy that the owner never tries to the jars in which they are to be canned. small place the better.

he like better, in the spring he can mulch with oat straw not half threahed. or full of chaff containing oats still Then he can dig young out planty.

plants all summer among the strawberries. Digging out the young plants of clover, grasses, oats, etc., is healthful exercise, and stirring the soil will not hurt the strawberry plants. I once tried all the above methods. I also tried orest leaves, for autumn mulch, adding corn stalks to hold them down, and thought I had a good thing. In spring, after an open, windy winter, the leaves were not to be found. A few at a time they had blown away. Having tried all these to my satisfaction, I now prefer clean straw (old or new) or marsh hay or corn-fodder cut two inches long, les or more. Pine shavings get into the soil and are a nuisance. The same objection may be urged against tan bark or any other material which does not decay readily and help to enrich the soil.-Prof. J. W. Beal.

Fruit Canning.

Good canned fruit is a stranger to tables of thousands of farmers when it might as easily be used. Fruit is often left to waste and spoil, though a slight expenditure would preserve it for winter. If they can be had, berries are among the nicest canned fruits. Peaches, apples, plums, apricots, and, indeed, all eatable fruits, are worth canning. Dried fruits can never wholly take the place of canned fruits for family use. Glass jars are preferred by most persons, and are cheapest in the end. With care they can be used many years, though new rubber bands must be procured when needed. In canning, sugar should certainly be used, and it should be of the granulated white grades, as poor sugar hurts the flavor of the fruit. The rule is to put one-quarter of a pound of sugar with one pound of fruit, but this quantity may be doubled if the fruit be unusually acid. Some persons think that fruit is good when canned without sugar, but in that case it loses color and firmness. The fruit used for canning is to be of the best quality, and as freshly picked as possible. Well-ripened fruit, not, however, dead-ripe and soft, is in every way preferable. In fact, a gua cannery should really be located near no terioration in the quality of the fruit between the time it is picked and the time it is ready for the cans. Coarse-grained market varieties seldom can so well as the more highly-flavored kinds. When the fruit has been peeled and pitted place it in the preserving kettle and properly cook ; but if it is still boiling hot the cans are to be filled full, to the very brim, the elastic put on, the jar wiped, and the top screwed down at once, and tightened several times afterward. As a writer on the subject said recently : "Good fruit, put boiling hot into the perfect cans, filled full and sealed up at once, will be fresh and pure when opened, though years later." Simply pouring boiling water over fruit does not expel the air. Partly filled fruit jars will spoil. Canned berries are

SITTING BULL.

The Famous Chief's Journey to and Arrival at Fart Vares-His Fall from Power.

The St. Paul (Minn.) Press has the following account of the arrival of Sitting Bull and his band at Fort Yates from British Territory: As soon as the boat came within sight of the landing there was great commotion among the Indians. All the chiefs quickly assem bled on the upper deck, standing in a row at the most forward point. One of the number raised a vellow flag about a yard square, in the center of which was rude design of a deer, with two parallel lines, below and above, and in the four corners a design representing the double dagger as used in printing. This flag was raised as during a battle, and, as it was flung to the breeze, the seven chiefs began their peculiar chanting and monotonous songs, which was every few moments varied with warlike yells and peculiar and indescribable de-

monstrations. These were continued with greater vehemence as the boat neared the landing, while the Indians on shore simply said "How," and manifested very little interest. A line of soldiers, with bayonets, quickly formed and kept them at a considerable distance. As the boat reached the landing the chant died away into low, guttural tones, and finally ceased. During all this time Sitting Bull stood immovable and undemonstrative in the row of chiefs, second from the end furthest from the landing side. He was the least adorned of his companions, and the last who would be selected as the notorious chief by those unacquainted with him. After the boat had touched the shore it was some time before the gang-planks were run out, and the interpreter having gained per-mission for him, the chief, Running Antelope, stepped aboard. He passed hurriedly to the upper deck, and in ascending the stairs near the side of the boat found Sitting Bull standing, still immovably, in the row of chiefs and di-rectly in front of the batchway. Running Antelope stepped up to Sitting Bull's back, threw his arm around his neck and placed his cheek against his face and exclaimed, in the Sioux language, "My love!" Sitting Bull made movement of recognition until the orchards, for there is a manifest de- Antelope had passed through the line, stepping in front of the chiefs, shaking hands with them and saying "How" to each. As he reached Sitting Bull, next to the last in the line, he found the great chief crying and wiping away the tears with a costly silk handkerchief that had been presented to him. No other Indian was allowed on the boat, and after this hasty salutation the chiefs broke ranks and passed down on

the main deck. Sitting Bull, his father, Four Horns, and Running Antelope were then invited into the cabin, and the officers, ladies and citizens were invited aboard the boat and were introduced to the famous warrior. Such exclamations as Why, he does not look at all as I dxpected," "He doesn't look as savage as I thought," and "Can that be the insti-gator of the Custer massacre?" etc., to be put in a preserving kettle, with layers of sugar, and boiled from five to were heard on every side. The great fifteen minutes. The syrup can be botchief was very gracious to the ladies, as, tled up, some of it, for other uses. indeed, he was on the entire trip, and showed them much attention, and lessen or lift it, the sooner he finds a In this case the jars filled up with fruit of charge, while he either refused enare set in a wash-boiler, on wooden slats, tirely or demanded from \$1 to \$5 from the gentlemen. After the reception in the cabin, which lasted for half an hour, all the Indians, including the chiefs and Sitting Bull, were marched ashore in single file and counted. They were 190 in number, including five children, and they were assigned a camping-ground near the river. After marching ashore they seated themselves in a circle on the ground, with the squaws on the outside and the chiefs in the center, while waiting for their utensils to be removed from the boat. There sat in humiliation the great chief, smoking his pipe. Only a few years ago Sitting Bull had a following of 10,000 people, including nearly 5,000 good fighting warriors. He rambled at his leisure and adorned his belt with many a scalp. He planned the Custer massacre and defied the government. At this moment he is looked upon with jealousy by nearly all the other chiefs. His spirit is broken, and he sits on a sandy river bank surrounded by civilization with

Farmer Ben's Sayings.

Little rooster crows loud. Every cloud doesn't bring a storm. Light head of wheat stands suraight. Oats in the meader goes in with the Cornstalks in the weeds lible for gir.

cut up A lying tongue puts a patch on its neighbors.

Gnarly apples don't pay for their

todder. Robin in ther tree top's better'n

fifty-cent barometer. Weeds in the corners be as bad as holes in the pockets.

You can't tell by the blossoms which of the apples will be wormy. You can't guess by the size of the calf

what butter's worth a pound. Chicken hawk never says nothin',

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It is a very easy matter for a person to be in two places at a time, even though those places be thousands of miles apart. One frequently hears of a man being in a strange country, and bome sick.-American Queen.

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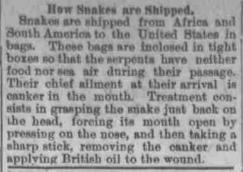
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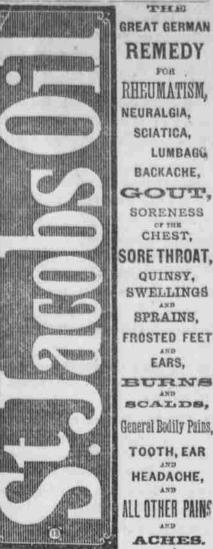
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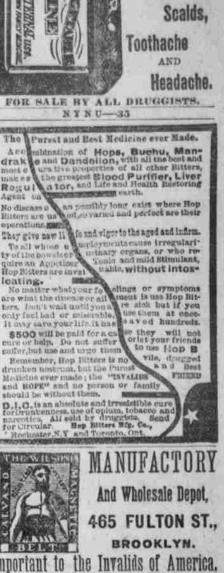
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It is important to get at the bottom of things, and equally so, whether done by tough thinking or a subsoil plow.

Some kinds of wood season better out of doors than under cover, but it is not so with the beam and handles of a plow.

Vegetable decay prepares for subsequent life. An exception to the rule is rotten potatoes and turnips in a cellar in May.

It is better for a farmer to en salt on his potatoes instead of butter, if + ter is needed to pay an old debt at the village store.

Every farmer should compete for all the premiums at the annual fairs in his line except "the fastest trotter owned and raised in the county."

Men may deceive each other, but they can never deceive Mother Earth. Dealers may sell sawdust guano at fifty dollars a ton, but they cannot count on the soil as a helper in their imposition.

A very successful farmer once remarked that "he fed his land before it was hungry, rested it before it was weary and weeded it before it was foul."

There are two things that every farmer must have-things that subserve like purpose and are of about equal importance-a grindstone and a newspaper.

The owner's eye will detect ten needs on the farm where a hired servant's will one.

The leaves of a maple or elm standing near the farmhouse door are often more valuable than the fruit of a whole orchard planted elsewhere.

A farmer need never to say, "If I could only get work I should be happy." His store never lacks customers. His factory need never be run on half time. the substances most commonly used.

Best Mulching Material.

-Muleh is placed about plants to prevent the sun from evaporating the moisture. In many cases it takes the place of manure, completely covering the more open, and ad ground, is an excellent thing for bed- ty when squeezed. ding plants. With trees and shrnbs a berries mulch is used to keep the fruit coffee will take a long time to soften. clean as it ripens, and to protect the applying the mulch quite late in au- of the water without stirring or agitattumn, and in leaving the materials thin ing; genuine coffee will float for some enough over the plants to barely time, while chicory or any other soft expose a few of the leaves. The more root will soon sink, and chicory or carachangeable and severe the season the mel will cause a yellowish or brownish is a great variety of materials employed for mulching. I have heard of the use of for a considerable length of time. get a good crop of thrifty young clover | caramel.-Sanitarian. to kill out the next spring ; or he can

employ rich timothy or June grass, and soon find the ground seeded with a crop more frequent in hot weather than dur-he was not prepared for. Or, again, if ing a lower temperature.

so as not to touch the bottom. Cold water is poured in till it comes close to the rims of the jars, and heated until the fruit is well cooked, when the fruit in one jar is used to fill up the others, and they are scaled and put away. We may add that glass jars of fruit should be put in a dry, dark and cool place where the temperature is equable throughout the sea-

Household Hints.

80n.

To take grease from floors, rub soft soap on the spots, then press with a hot iron.

To take grease from silk, moisten the spot with chloroform, then rub with a cloth until perfectly dry. It will not injure the most delicate color.

If rats or mice infest any part of your house find their holes and stuff them with rags dipped in a strong solution of cayenne pepper. No rodent will ever take a second nibble at that rag.

An economical honsewife will always ony her soap in large quantities, cut each bar in square pieces and store in a dry place. It lasts better after shrink-

The yellow stain made by the oil used on sewing machines can be removed if, before washing in soapsuds, the spot be rubbed carefully with a bit of cloth wet with ammonia.

How to Detect Adulterated Coffee.

Ground coffee affords a field for adulteration, and for this purpose chicory, carrots, caramel, date seeds, etc., are

Take a little of the coffee and press it between the fingers, or give it a squeeze in the paper in which it is bought; if genuine it will not form a coherent mass, as coffee grains are hard and do not of cultivation. No doubt, if it were readily adhere to each other; but if the not for the expense and trouble, it grains stick to each other and form a would be more extensively used about sort of "cake," we may be pretty sure herbaceous plants. We have found in of adulteration in the shape of chicory, our trying climate that a fine mulch for the grains of chicory are softer and more open, and adhere without difficul-

Again, if we place a few grains in a serious objection to the use of mulch is saucer and moisten them with a little its liability to harbor mice, which may cold water, chicory will very quickly beinjure or destroy the plants. For straw- come soft like bread-crumbs, while

A third test: take a wine glass or a plants in winter and spring. For straw- tumbler full of water and gently drop a berries we have had the best success in | pinch of ground coffee on the surface greater the need of mulch, and color to diffuse rapidly through the mulch in generous quantity. There water, while pure coffee will give no sensible tint under such circumstances

beach sand or fine gravel with excellent | "Coffee mixtures" or "coffee improvresults. The inexperienced gardener can ers" should be avoided. They seldom cry old clover hay, as I have done, and consist of anything but chicory and

Statistics go to show that suicides are

[Troy (N. Y.,) Morning Telegram and Whig.] **Rubbing the Midnight Gil.**

his last 200 followers, calmly awaiting

his fate.

In the Philadelphia Times, of recent date, we notice an item referring to the miraculously quick cure of a prominent druggist of that city, Mr. J. M. Higgins, Germantown road and Morris street, who had an awful attack of theumatism of the knee. He applied St. Jacobs Oil at night, and next morning was well and in his store as usual.

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(St. Louis Chronicle.)

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