

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Treatment of Wounds in Pruning. When large wounds are made in removing limbs or branches of fruit trees they should be covered with common oil paint. Linsed oil and the mineral oil paint is the best for this purpose.

Lice on Cattle. The cheapest and one of the best means of ridding stock of lice consists in the free application of wood ashes, frequent brushing, removal of old or dirty bedding, occasional application of boiling hot water to the woodwork of the stalls, sheds and sties, or lime-washing of the same.

How to Succeed. The right way to obtain a good cow is to raise her. Choose a good calf, feed it well, but judiciously, but feed it faithfully and see to it that it is done. Some of our best breeders claim that the milking qualities of cows can be influenced for the better by feeding the growing calf upon such foods as promote and stimulate the formation of milk glands.

Early Chicks. The following remarks on the best time to have hatchings or chicks are from the American Poultry Journal: While there are hundreds of chicks hatched out during the month of March, there are more living results from the hatchings made in April and May.

Recipes. FLOATING ISLAND.—Sweeten a pint of thick cream with white sugar, grate in the peel of one lemon, whip it to a froth, pour a pint of thick cream into a china dish, lay sponge cake in thin slices over it lightly, then a layer of some kind of jelly, then pour the whipped cream on top and pour what remains into the bottom of the dish. Garnish the rim with sweetmeats.

Recipes. BREF AND BARLEY SOUP.—Use the two quarts of beef stock set aside yesterday. Soak six table-spoonfuls of pearl barley in cold water two hours. Boil half an hour or until tender in a little salted water. When you have taken the cake of cold fat from the top of the soup, put in the barley and simmer all together half an hour.

Chow-Chow.—Chop together eight onions, two heads of cabbage, a peck of green tomatoes and four heads of celery with two large red peppers; sprinkle over a cupful of salt and let it stand overnight; drain off the liquor in the morning, scald and pour back on for three mornings, then squeeze it out as dry as you can with your hand; add vinegar enough to cook it in a little tender; put in a jar, and when cool it is fit for use.

SOFT GINGERBREAD.—One cup butter, one of brown sugar, beaten to a cream; three eggs made light, one and a half cups treacle, one cup sweet milk, three and a half cups of sifted flour, two spoons of cinnamon, one of ginger and one of cloves, one of soda dissolved in a little warm water to be put in the last thing, and two spoonfuls of cream of tartar sifted into the flour. Bake in a moderate oven thirty minutes or longer if required, test with a broom splint; if it comes out dry it is done. Good hot or cold.

TWO BISCUITS.—Boil one quart of milk for two or three minutes; let it cool, then add half a cake of yeast (dissolve the yeast in a little warm water first, and strain it so that the meal will not give a bitter taste to the dough), melt a piece of butter the size of a large walnut; stir this with flour enough to make a stiff sponge. Let it rise for three hours, then roll and cut out the biscuits—make them thinner than for ordinary biscuits; spread them evenly with butter, double together, draw them out into a long shape, let them rise from

AN UNUSUAL CURE.

A RECENT case of Excitement in Rochester, N. Y., is reported in the following account of the case by Dr. H. H. Warner, M. D., (Cleveland, O., Herald.) A few weeks ago we copied into our columns from the Rochester, N. Y., Democrat and Chronicle a "Remarkable Statement," made by J. B. Heaton, M. D., a physician who is well known in this city.

HEALTH HINTS. Ten cents' worth of muriatic acid and acid of niter will take out any number of corns or warts. Scrape around the corn and put the acid around it a few times, and then you can take a pin and lift it out by the roots. Put a little grease in it when it is removed.

Remedy for Burns.—According to the Practitioner a simple and effective remedy for removing the pain of wounds caused by burns or scalds is a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda in either plain or camphorated water. To apply the remedy all that is necessary is to cut a piece of lint or old soft rag or even thick blotting paper of a size sufficient to cover the burned or scalded parts and to keep it constantly well wetted with the soda lotion, so as to prevent its drying. By this means it usually happens that all pain ceases in from a quarter to half an hour, or even in much less time.

A Woman's Ingenuity. A Dublin chambermaid is said to have got twelve commercial travelers into eleven bedrooms, and yet to have given each a separate bedroom. Here we have eleven separate bedrooms: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

"Now," says she, "if two of you will go into No. 1 bedroom and wait a few minutes I'll find a spare room for you as soon as I have shown the others to their rooms. Well, now, having thus bestowed two gentlemen in No. 1, she put the third in No. 2, fourth in No. 3, the fifth in No. 4, the sixth in No. 5, the seventh in No. 6, the eighth in No. 7, the ninth in No. 8, the tenth in No. 9, the eleventh in No. 10. She then came back to No. 1, where you will remember she left the twelfth gentleman alone with the first, and said: "I have accommodated all the rest and have still a room to spare; so if one of you will please step into No. 11 you will find it empty." Thus, the twelfth man got his bedroom. Of course, there is a hole in the saucerpan somewhere, but we leave the reader to determine exactly where the fallacy is, with just a warning to think twice before declaring as to which, if any, of the travelers was the "odd man out."

The Magnetic Needle. A condensed explanation in regard to the needle pointing to the northward and southward is as follows: The magnetic poles of the earth do not coincide with the geographical poles. The axis of rotation makes an angle of about 23° with a line joining the former. The northern magnetic pole is at the meridian of Omaha. Hence the needle does not everywhere point to the astronomical north, and is constantly variable within certain limits. At San Francisco it points about seventeen degrees to the east of north, and at Calais, Me., as much to the west. At the northern magnetic pole, a balanced needle points with its north end downward in a plumb line. At San Francisco it dips about sixty-three degrees, and at the southern magnetic pole the south end points directly down. The attraction of the earth upon a magnetic needle at its surface is of about the same force as that of a hard steel magnet, forty inches long, strongly magnetized, at a distance of one foot. The foregoing is the accepted explanation of the fact that the needle points to the northward and southward. Of course, no ultimate reason can be given for this natural fact, any more than for any other observed fact in nature.

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