# FOR THE FARM AND HOME.

### Salt for Stock.

An authority on cattle says that half the saline matter of the blood (seventyfive per cent.) consists of common salt, and as this is partly dissolved every day through the skin and kidneys the necessity of continued supplies of it to the healthy body is sufficiently obvious. The bile also contains soda (one of the ingredients of salt) as a special and indispensable constituent, and so do all the cartilages of the body. Stint the supply of salt and neither will the bile be able properly to assist digestion nor the cartilages to be built up again as fast as they naturally waste. It is better to place salt where stock can have free access to it than to give it occasionally in small quantities. They will help themselves to what they need if allowed to do so at pleasure ; otherwise when they become salt-hungry, they may take more than is wholesome.

# Saving Poultry Manure.

Poultry manure is well worth saving. It contains when dry in 1,000 pounds about forty pounds of nitrogen, twenty pounds of potash, two and a half pounds of soda, sixty pounds of lime, seventeen pounds of magnesia, thirtysix pounds of phosphoric acid and ten pounds of sulphuric acid. These are worth at the market prices of fertilizers about \$15, equal to \$30 a ton. This, however, is much less than is popularly supposed to be the value of this manure, which some persons think to be equal to guano, or \$90 a ton at the above valuation. But to preserve all its fertilizing value the droppings should be carefully saved each day and mixed with a small quantity of plaster and put into a dry place where they may not become subjected to any injurious fermentation. The best way to keep it is in close barrels, in which it may slowly decompose without loss of ammonia. The mixture of plaster adds nothing to its value, but preserves all its elements, and especially the nitrogen, from waste by absorbing the ammonia produced by its decomposition.

## Putting Away Tools.

The wearing out of farm implements is, as a rule, due more to neglect than to use. If tools can be well taken care of it will pay to buy those made of the best steel and finished in the best with common care such are of little advantage. Iron and steel parts should be cleaned with dry sand and a cob, or scraped with a piece of soft iron, washed and oiled if necessary, and in a day or two cleaned off with the corn-cob and dry sand. Finally, paint the iron part with rosin and beeswax, in the proportion of four of rosin to one of wax, melted together and applied not. This is good for the iron or steel parts of every sort of Woodwork should be painted tool. with good, boiled linseed oil, white lead and turpentine, colored of any desired tint; red is probably the best color. Keep the cattle away until the paint is dry and hard, or they will lick, with death as the result. If it is not desired to use paint on hand tools the boiled oil with turpentine and " liquid implements with crude petroleum. This cannot be used with color, but is applied by itself, so long as any is ab-sorbed by the pores of the wood.—

# Ambidextrous Men.

One of the New York papers not long ago had an article on right and left-handed people, or ambidexters, in

which several remarkable instances of given. Strange to say, however, no cuses, and received almost fabulous the eyes, which we wish particularly pay, being as great a curiosity as any-thing to be see in the tents. He used rid of the whites of the eyes, which both hands in selling tickets, taking in are forced into startling and unpleasdren's tickets, receive a \$10 or \$20 bill the white of the eye, is the proper and pick out and return the change wear for dark races. In fair races the one or two tickets at a time and makother hand.

George Tiffany, who had always had a large acquaintance with theatrical and show people, and who was a friend of Lusby, possessed the same faculty to a considerable extent, and on several of his ability to imitate Lusby, having probably practiced under his direction. He was scarcely a fourth as rapid as Lusby, but was acknowledged "in the profession" to be, with the exception of Lusby, the ony two-handed ticket-seller in the world,

Instances of people who write and make figures with both hands are by no means rare. In the old St. Louis Democrat office, before the partnership was dissolved, two accountants were employed who, in posting the books, generally made figures with one hand and posted the items with the right. A bookkeeper in one and a cashier in another large wholesale house in St. Louis now work in the same way, and a reporter on a morning paper writes with either hand, and it is impossible to distinguish any difference in the formation of the letters.

A more remarkable instance of dual faculties than any mentioned is that of a gentleman well known in St. Louis, Mr. E. C. Lackland, Mr. Lackland was for some time treasurer of the Fair association, and excited no little attention and remark among those who saw him using alternately either hand in writing letters or messages, manner; but in common hands and The on-lookers were, however, still more astonished to see him when in a hurry grasp a pen or pencil and write rapidly with both hands, and would have been yet more amazed had they known that the messages he was at work on at the same time were addressed to different people and entirely different in character. When not busy enough to employ both hands, he generally uses the left, but the character of the chirography is the same, and it is doubtful if he himself knows the difference. He does not seem to consider himself possessed of an unusual gift or talent, and would, no doubt, have been much amused had he heard the remark made by an acquaintance, who, after seeing him write two letters at once, confidentially informed a friend that he must have his brains parted in the middle or be possessed of dryer" does just as well. Many prefer two sets. The science of medicine to saturate the woodwork of farm teaches that unusual mental strain or

# LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

What Colors to Wear.

Most women look well in plain black, relieved by a dash of color here persons possessing this faculty were and there. To the fair-skinned European races, indeed, black and white cloth, with velvet collar and cuffs, are mention was made of Ben Lusby or dress is naturally becoming, for the sent over from Paris to ladies at New-George Tiffany. Lusby is famous the delicate tones of the skin form a middle port, where they are worn over dresses country over, and is known as the tint between the two. On the other lightning ticket-seller. He traveled hand, if we come upon a negro dressed for many years with the largest cir- in black, the features and the pupils of money, handing out tickets and making ant forwardness, and which, under a change more rapidly with each than an normal state of circumstances, are inordinary ticket seller could with both. It ended only to enhance the dark pupil and iris. A light dress, which brings lect six or eight full-price and chil- out the dark features and tones down with one hand, while he was selling rule-with individual exceptions, of course-is that the dark eye harmoing change at the same time with the nizes the fair skin with the dark dress, or is a telling point of color when a light dress is worn. To my mind people of beautiful coloring look best attired with equal attention to the tinting and the light and shade of the to a considerable extent, and on several complexion; but the effect can never be complete without the mediation of some neutral color-white is the best -between the face and hands and the dress. The white may be slightly toned, like old lace. We want the suggestion of clean linen, as well as the actual color of the white. A pale dress generally needs the accentuation of a darker color.

# Patch Work.

Annie Wakeman writes from New York to the Chicago Morning Journal. Old-fashioned industries are coming into vague. The latest is the patchwork mania. One day last week I took tion with this conclusion, because few a flying trip to Fort Lee. Seated on the broadspiazza of its fine hotel, and listening to the afternoon concert by the band, I amused myself by studying the people seated about me, most of them regular boarders at the hotel, who were plying their fingers over various kinds of fancy work. There is always one kind which is the rage for the summer. Last summer the preference was given to serpentine braid "rie-rac" work, consequently every other woman you met had her muslin gown elaborately decorated with this showy trimming. This year the rage is for the "Oscar crazy quilt." On a piece of cambric half a yard square there is basted in the center a sunflower made of either yellow broadcloth, silk or velvet, or a lily, a daisy, or pansy of one of the same materials. The square United States is the one that warms is then filled in with bits of silk and the half of Virginia's capitol in Richvelvet of all colors, arranged helter mond. It was made in England and skelter, a sort of artistic confusion of sent to Richmond in 1770, and warmed colors. The bits are of irregular pat- the house of burgesses for sixty years tern, just as your friends give them to before it was removed to its present loyou-squares, triangles, circles, jags and tags. After basting these on the years. edges are neatly turned in, and the piece is sewed down firmly with a chain stitch of old gold, alternating with cardinal sewing silk. When the cambric squares are completely filled out, and enough of them have been made for a bedquilt or sofa comforter, they are joined together with narrow black velvet ribbon, which is orna- Tarrant county, Texas, an eagle mented with chain and herring-bone raised a young pig which weighed stitches in shaded silk floss, to suit the forty pounds. The eagle's wings

that satin dresses of this shade are no longer confined to full dress entertainments, but are imported for visiting costumes. The garniture is lace and natural flowers.

Green and cobalt-blue redingotes of of satine muslin or foulard,

saw in Egypt were fine-

looking troops-well armed, instruct-

ed and equipped, with intelligent

faces and excellent physique ; yet they

proved utterly worthless, as it seems to

ne, because they were destitute of that

pride which is inspired by patriotism ;

for them their flag had no meaning.

its honor was no concern of theirs,

Their conduct in Abyssinia and the

Soudan was similar, and no doubt from the same cause. How can valor and

patriotism be expected from men whose

only knowledge of their government is

that derived from the tax-gatherer, the

bastinado and forced labor? The

achievements of that great soldier,

Ibrahim Pasha, are not in contradic-

of his troops were Fellaheen. His

conquering armies were mainly com-posed of Arabs, Syrians, Nubians, Ar-nauts—in fact, of fighting men from

all the neighboring parts of the East,

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Mr. Ernest King, editor of the Fall River

B. McClellan, in the Century.

gone and troubled me no longer."

### Why Egyptians Lack Patriotism. During my visit to Egypt-some even or eight years ago-there was certainly no national feeling among the Egyptians. Neither they nor their ancestors for nearly two thousand years had known native rulers. During all these long centuries they had been the spoil of Roman, Arab, Turk and Mameluke in turn; from THEGREAT none, since the Roman time, had they received protection of life and prop erty or any national benefits, and it was impossible that patriotism should exist among them, for there is no patriotism save in a country worth oving. The conduct of the Egyptian troops in the late Russian war is a proof of this. The few battalions

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# Fall Plowing.

W. A. Armstrong says, as reported in the Husbandman: A very forcible argument in favor of fall plowing may be found in the improvement of heavy soils, as Mr. Lewis has said. He finds color and texture changed by the operation of frost. He can deepen his soil also by judicious fall plowing-a gain by no means inconsiderable. Deepening heavy soils is giving them drainage, an improvement usually needed where clay predominates, because its close texture tends to arrest the flow of water, and the land is, therefore, kept wet long after the proper season for them. He dropped the letter on the plowing in spring for oats and barley. But after all the advantages of fall plowing visible in my practice I know there are farmers who work land of similar compositions who say that fall plowing wastes fertility. I do not know how, yet they say after trial that their lands run down under the treatment. The facts may be as stated, but I must think there are other causes. In some cases fall plowing leads to continued cropping by the facilities it affords for extending work. This is the temptation to get just one more grain crop, with preparations completed in fall sowing to stimulate desire. If it be true that fall plowing in itself brings impoverishment of soil I should be glad to know how, for I cannot conceive why it can have that effect.

Farm and Garden Nates.

Water and salt your live stock regularly.

Don't waste too much grain in harvesting.

Cows generally do not "let down" their milk readily to those who do not treat them kindly.

take plenty of exercise.

A farmer should so arrange his kitchen garden that he can use both plow and cultivator in its management.

One cow, horse, sheep or pig well fed is more profitable than two kept on the same amount necessary to keep one well.

Fowls like cabbage in winter. In fact, if they have the run of the cabbage patch in summer there will be none left for winter use.

It is thirty per cent. more profitable | whe china set."-Siftings. to premature and dispose of fattening cattle at two year old than to keep them up to three years.

Afraid of a Letter.

It was not long ago that I happened to be in a part of Central Africa where no white man had been before. I was separated from my companions -100 miles distant. War was raging around me; the road was difficult. I wished to communicate with those whom I had left behind. "Who will return," I asked of the naked savages, "to the white men and carry them something from me?" Numbers volunteered, glad to earn a yard of cloth for the job. A letter was written and offered to a man, and he was told that this piece of paper would inform my friends of all-that it would speak to ground and ran away. Others were tried, but it was useless, A great crowd assembled, and at a safe distance from the little bit of paper fluttering ters. on the ground. "It is medicine, they said. "It is charmed." In vain I tried to reason them out of ther terror. None would touch it. "Will no one," I said, "keep it and give it to the white men as they pass this way?" A yell of refusal and excited gesticulations answered my request. "Then I shall place it here in this tree," I said, moving toward it, while the crowd dis- lish costumes, persed in flight, "and you can point it out to the white men when they come." Even this they refused to do. My friends passed close under the tree, but no one dared show them the charmed thing, and there it is probably to this day, fluttering on the branch of that stunted fig tree like an evil spirit, the

awe and terror of the tribe,-H. B. Cotterill.

# A Terrible Misfortune.

Colonel Folsom was reading the morning papers yesterday at the breakfast table, when he exclaimed in a hor-Feed fowls systematically two or rifled tone of voice, "What a terrible misfortune!" "What is it-somebody got married?" his wife asked in an indifferent manner. " No, but a married woman in New York, in a fit of rage, threw a coffee cup at her husband. The cup was shivered into fragments, and one of them cutting his jugular artery, he died on the spot. The reporter says the grief of the unfortunate woman was dreadful to witness. She was frantic with remorse, and made several attempts to put an end to her existence." "Poor creature," said Mrs. Folsom, with a sigh, "I reckon the broken cup must have belonged to her

Recreation is only valuable as it un- most every tollet of the season.

in shape. Such is fame. Oscar Wilde is immortalized himself in silk quilts, to be handed down to generations yet unborn as heirlooms of what "grandmamma did when she was a girl." Spirits of former grandmamas, how you must fume as you haunt the garrets where are ignominiously packed away your favorite calico quilts, the much-treasured "spider-web," "fox and geese," and "log-cabin" patterns ! "What is this folly?" you ask in sepul-chral tones; "the 'Oscar crazy' young women, you are all clean daft along with your trumpery quilts."

Never mind, this serves to revive the homely industry of quilt-making, and a prominent society lady tells me that one of the novelties next season here will be the sociable quilting bee, in order to quilt and silk-line the summer-work of Dame Fashion's daugh-

### Fashion Notes.

Handsome Spanish lace in either black or white is now used over silk surah for evening jackets.

Ecru-colored silks, covered with shaded "begonia" leaves, and finished with Irish point, make showy and sty-

White and black satine piping, braided in floral designs and deep, pointed edges, is sometimes used for the heading of fringes.

The "Gros de Londres" is a silk, ribbed like a "rep," very rich and rare; particularly preferred by the 'bon-ton" fashion-seekers.

Instead of the combinations of two or three fabrics, it is announced that a single fabric for the entire dress will be the prevalent autumn fashion.

The most expensive of the floral satines are found in pale-tinted and black ground, profuse with sprays of fuchsia, chrysanthemums, roses, lilies of the valley, etc.

Plain basques are losing favor, for we now see the rich corsage made with a plastron of velvet, or, if lighter goods be preferred, it is shirred to please the fancy.

Large single flowers are in favor on satines, foulards and surahs, and their size is so great that only one blossom can be seen on a sleeve and five on the back of a dress corsage.

Red is the favorite color at present for children's frocks. It rivals the white dresses formerly used for little girls, and appears in some guise in al-

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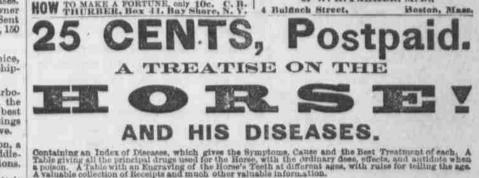
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