

FARM AND GARDEN.

Premature Souring of Milk. Milk that is cooled to a low temperature will sour very rapidly when the temperature is raised again.

Transplanting Celery. Select, if practicable, the first day after a heavy rain for transplanting celery.

Numbered with popular varieties is Golden Dwarf. This is a leading variety in the great celery-growing districts in and around Kalamazoo, Mich.

Boston market celery is a favorite around Boston and is similar to the Dwarf White, but rather more robust. The White Plume celery is comparatively new sort which has gained favor among amateur gardeners.

Chop Feed for Horses. There can be no doubt of the superiority of chopped feed over whole grain for feeding work horses.

In a young orchard such crops may be grown as routine manuring and hoeing. Potatoes, squashes, cucumbers, pickles, sweet corn and root crops generally, if not allowed to encroach upon the trees, may be so managed that the fertility of the soil will be increased.

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The quince tree is a great feeder and requires good cultivation. Tomato plants, before blossoming, are benefited by liquid fertilizers.

Bone and ashes are good fertilizers for small fruits in soils containing much vegetable matter. Every prudent suburban housekeeper knows the vitualizing value of a good garden and a good cow.

Some one says: "Draw out a little cider daily and return it to the barrel in a small can if cider is to be turned to vinegar." An extensive orchardist says he finds a mixture of coppers and glue to be the best thing to keep rabbits and mice from injuring fruit trees.

Crude cedar oil appears to be the best oil that can be rubbed into boots and shoes without interfering with the use of ordinary shoe blacking. The benefits claimed for the use of comb foundation are that it encourages the bees to begin immediate work and saves a great deal of honey.

Red celery is preferred in the English markets, and red stalks are more solid, and hence keep better in winter than white, the preference is growing in this country. Moderation in the early years of peach bearing is recommended by high authority, to be followed after maturity with very generous treatment.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Jarring or knocking off blackberries and raspberries is now advocated as a cheap and easy way of gathering these fruits when they are to be used for drying or evaporating.

Experiments in England suggest the possibility of attenuating the virus of swine fever by mixing it with certain chemical materials for inoculative purposes. It is said M. Pasteur's method of protective inoculation for hydrophobia has not proved successful as a preventive of swine fever.

The oat is a splendid food for young animals, because, compared with corn, straw, etc., it is rich in muscle and bone-forming elements; and this also makes it a splendid food for work animals.

A correspondent gives his way of keeping the curculio off the plum and cherry trees. Take refuse wood and tie it around the trunk of the tree so as to let it hang down, and then every morning turn up the refuse, so that it will be dry and recommended to wind the body with a strip of paper six inches wide, and keep this paper well coated with printer's ink or similar substance.

Watermelons, says the Agriculturalist, in their early stage are beset by numerous pests, and later by two-legged vermin. If, by innoxious use of various poisons a good stand of plants is secured, we usually get a good crop.

Mr. Burnett tells in the New England Farmer that it is quite as important that skimmed milk be warmed for young pigs as for calves. Thousands of pigs are annually made sick, given the scours, &c., by being fed all the cold milk they will eat after a long interval of fasting.

In heaping a horse fat, there is as much in the driver as in the feed. A horse well curried, and rubbed with a woollen rag afterward, is sure to make a sleek-coated horse, and when well groomed is, we may say, half-fed.

Dairying will pay in the long run, if it is intelligently managed. There is no business that promises better, for there is none for whose products there is a more universal demand; and the more of good butter the better it will pay.

There can be no doubt of the superiority of chopped feed over whole grain for feeding work horses. It is true that a horse in the prime of life and health, and whose teeth are good, will reduce whole grain more completely with nature's grinders than will a mill, and that grain, when ground, does not require so much mastication mixed with cut hay or straw, as when fed whole, nor become so thoroughly insalivated during the process of mastication; yet when a horse is allowed to become very hungry and then fed on whole grain, he will eat so voraciously as not to take time to masticate or insalivate his food, and the probable result is a attack of colic, which is often proven fatal.

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A Canine That Catches Fish. J. N. McConnell, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, is the owner of a dog that he values very highly. It is a full-blooded Scotch shepherd, about one year old. The canine is a smart one, and seems to understand every word that is spoken to it. Among its many accomplishments is that of being an expert fisherman. He will take a position in a drift in a small stream running near Mr. McConnell's house, and by making a racket will scare the fish out of the water where he can see them. Then, diving suddenly, he will bring a fish up in his mouth. This operation he will repeat until he catches as many as he wants. Spectators on the banks in no wise embarrass him in his piscatorial pursuit. The dog is very fond of fish and cats all that he catches. That is the only objection to the whole proceeding, as the owner thinks that he could supply his table with fresh fish the year round if the dog could only be taught to retrieve, and he will give a few lessons in that art.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beggars in a Soudan Town.

At every point of vantage—near the gateways, at the outskirts of the market-places, or along the more busy thoroughfares—beggars in every degree of emaciation and woe are to be seen. They are in the name of the Prophet, and as you hope for a piece in paradise, to minister to their wants. In vain, on finding you have empty pockets, you try to evade them. The deformed and the cripples grovel in the dust at your feet with piteous cries; the blind, of whom there are large numbers, guided by children, throng round you with their empty eye-sockets turned on you, more eloquent than words; women with hardly a rag to cover their miserable skeletons hold up their fleshless arms and empty calabashes, shrilly demanding alms in the name of God. To see these miserable creatures dragging out a life of semi-starvation for a few years, one is almost tempted to ask if the methods of more barbarous races were not better.—Harper's Magazine.

A young Chinaman employed by a cigar firm on Park Row, New York, has won the second prize for ornamental drawing at the Cooper Institute.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

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What Mexican Farmers Raise.

Between San Juan del Rio and Queretaro the Mexican Central traverses the fields of one Mexican farmer who raises 20,000 bushels of wheat a year.

There are six or seven haciendas in the same locality where the crops reach 10,000 bushels; and 10,000 bushels of wheat means 40,000 bushels of corn, 2,000 bushels of peas, and 6,000 bushels of beans on the same hacienda.

This is the Mexican farmer of this part of the country diversifies his crops. He raises wheat, corn, beans, and peas in about the proportion given. Occasionally there is a specialist like the farmer near Queretaro who goes into the raising of chile, the hot peppers of this country. This man usually has 60,000 chile plants or vines.—Globe-Democrat.

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Excitement. Mexico bids fair to be attended an excitement through the country as the discovery of the telephone. Its extreme harmless simplicity, its facility of construction, its habit and nervous exhaustion in weakly women, are enough to make anything so. It seems very little doubt will take place of the plaitings so long fashionable.