

Farmer's Department.



That by the plow would drive. Threshing must also hold its own.

ABOUT COOKING POTATOES.

POTATOES BOILED.—Wash them, but do not pare or cut them, unless they are very large. Fill a saucepan half full of potatoes of equal size, or the small ones are boiled enough, (or make them so by dividing the larger ones,) put to them as much cold water as will cover them about an inch; they are sooner boiled, and more savory, than when drowned in water. Most boiled things are spoiled by having too little water, but potatoes are often spoiled by too much; they must merely be covered, and a little allowed for waste in boiling, so that they may be just covered at the finish.

Set them on a moderate fire till they boil; then take them off, and put them by the side of the fire to simmer slowly till they are soft enough to admit a fork, (place no dependence on the usual test of their skins cracking, which, if they boiled fast, will happen to some potatoes when they are not half done, and the insides quite hard.) Then pour the water off, (if you let the potatoes remain in the water a moment after they are done enough, they will become waxy and watery,) uncover the saucepan, and set it at such a distance from the fire as will secure it from burning; their superfluous moisture will evaporate, and the potatoes will be perfectly dry and mealy.

You may afterward place a napkin folded to the size of the sauce pan's diameter, over the potatoes, to keep them hot and mealy till wanted.

This method of managing potatoes is in every respect equal to steaming them; and they are dressed in half the time.

There is such an infinite variety of sorts and sizes of potatoes, that it is impossible to say how long they will take doing; the best way is to try them with a fork. Moderate-sized potatoes will generally be done enough in fifteen or twenty minutes.

POTATOES MASHED.—When your potatoes are thoroughly boiled, drain them quite dry, pick out every speck, etc., and while hot rub them through a calander into a clean stew pan. To a pound of potatoes put about half an ounce of butter and a tablespoonful of milk; do not make them too moist; mix them well together.

POTATOES MASHED WITH ONIONS.—Prepare some boiled onions by putting them through a sieve, and mix them with potatoes. In proportioning the onions to the potatoes you will be guided by your wish for more or less of their flavor.

Farmer and Gardener.

STONING APPLE TREES.

Fetch on the stones—get out with your root pruning. A Cor. of the Laurel New Yorker, writing from Ill., says:—"Early one morning I walked through Col. Hammond's orchard with him, and noticed that in the forks of the main branches of each tree were a couple of small stones. The Colonel informed me that whereas his trees were formerly unproductive, since he had adopted this recommendation of an old lady his orchard had produced an abundance of fruit! He said he had tried ringing the trees, but the effect was not permanent as with this practice. His orchard was bearing heavily, and the trees appeared healthy.—There was a heavy blue grass and clover sward, with luxuriant growth, carpeting the orchard. Col. H. does not believe in manuring orchards in this country. He cultivates the young trees awhile, then seeds with large red clover, and pastures with sheep—being careful to stone such trees as he desires shall produce fruit! He plants his trees thick, which is to be urged in prairie countries."

LARD CANDLES.

For twelve pounds of lard take one pound of saltpetre, one pound of alum; mix and pulverize them, dissolve the compound in a little boiling water and pour the compound into the lard before quite melted; stir the whole until it boils and pour off what rises; let it simmer until the water all boils out, or till it ceases to throw off steam; pour off the lard as soon as it is done, and clean the boiler while hot; if the candles are to be run commence immediately; if to be dipped, let the lard cool to a cake, and then treat them as you would tallow.

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Mrs. Henry Green, Saratoga Co., N.Y., sends the following which she thinks will be found superior to any thing yet published. (We know that a very similar preparation is good.) Mix 3 parts of sour milk or buttermilk, 1 cup molasses, 1 tablespoonful salt, 1 tablespoonful soda or saleratus, 5 cups of wheat or rye flour and 5 cups of Indian meal. Put it in a pan, about 3 inches deep, and bake three hours in an oven heated for wheat bread.—American Agriculturist.

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