

Farmer's Department.

Schenk's Mandrake

PILLS.

DRIVING HOME THE COWS.

Out of the clover and blue-eyed grass,
He turned them into the river-side;
One after another he led them past,
Then fastened the meadow here again.
Under the willow, and over the hill,
He patiently followed their sober pace;
The merry whistle for once was still,
And something shadowed the sunny lawns.

Only a boy! and his father had said,
He never could catch this youngling go!
Two already were lying dead,
Under the feet of the trampling cow.

But after the evening work was done,
And the frogs were long in the meadow swarming,
Over his shoulder he slung his gun,
And steadfastly followed the footpath damp.

Across the clover and through the wheat,
With resolute heart and purpose grim,
Though cold was the dew on his hairy feet,
And the hind-kits fitting started him.

Tarries since then has the lame been white,
And the orchard sweet with apple bloom;
And now, when the cows came back at night,
The feebler father drove them home.

For news had come to the lonely farm,
That three were lying where two had lain;
And the old man's tremulous, pained arm
Could never lean on a son's again.

The summer day grew cool and late—
He went for the cows when his work was done—
Down the lane, as he opened the gate,
He saw them coming on by ones.

Bridle, Ebony, Spicks and Beans,
Shaking their horns in the evening wind,
Cropping the buttercups out of the grass—
But who was it following close behind?

Loosely swang in the idle air,
The empty sleeves of army blue;
And worn and pale, from the crispings hair,
Looked out a face that the father knew.

For Southern prisons will sometimes yawn,
And yield their dead unto life again;
And the day that comes with a cloudy dawn
In golden glory at last may wane.

The great tears spring to their meeting eyes;
For the heart must speak when the lips are dumb—
And, under the silent evening skies,
Together they followed the cattle home.

Age of Sheep for Mutton.

A late English writer says: "A sheep to be in high order for the palate of the epicure should not be killed earlier than five years old, at which age the mutton will be rich and succulent, of a dark color and full of the richest gravy; whereas, if only two years old, it is flabby, pale and flavorless."

This is doubtless true, but when shall we have well-fatted five years old mutton in the United States? Mutton here is coming into favor more and more every year, and there is every inducement, from the high prices that a choice article commands, to meet this growing demand.—We ate some Kentucky mutton lately that was really fine—tender, juicy and highly flavored; but such mutton cannot be obtained every day at any price. With as fine country as any in the world for sheep-raising, we are lamentably behind the age in developing its capacities, and obliged to continue eating mutton of third rate quality.

A Couple of Hints.

To PRESERVE EGGS FRESH.—Take a box two feet long, one and a half feet wide and six inches deep. Place a layer of dried wheat bran on the bottom, and on this layer of eggs, small end down, and thus on till the box is full, alternately.—The contents will remain perfectly fresh for a year. Try it.

CALVES WITH SHEEP.—Your yearlings, especially if weakly or diseased, can be furnished with no better lodging place during the severe weather of winter, than the sheep-cote. Allow them to run with the flock, and they will rapidly gain strength and health, and be exempt from the perpetual annoyances they experience when herding with the stronger and more beligerent of their own species.

LICE ON CATTLE, I believe generally come from neglect or exposure. I had a case of it not long since, that came from some other cause. I procured a quarter of a pound of rapese snuff, mixed with hog's lard, to make a salve; this I rubbed on the affected parts at two different times, and with the aid of the curvy-comb (an implement which I think good for well cows), I soon had the cow as clean as the rest of the flock.

We would not advise the pruning of evergreens after say the 10th of April. From the 15th of July to August 10 is an excellent time for this operation, or any time in March or beginning of April.—Evergreens can be pruned to any extent desired. If an arbor-vitae has every branch cut from it up to the stock, it will branch forth readily and make a more attractive tree than before.

Strawberries will do well with very little moisture until the fruit is forming, when they can scarcely have too much. A copious watering once a day will be of great service in perfecting and increasing the size of the berry.

NEEDS a work on punctuation—that a private in the army, who sent a letter to his girl at home, closing with the following:—"May Heaven cherish and keep you from yours truly John Smith."

What do cats have, which no other animal has? Kittens.

When is a cat like a tea-pot? When your tea's in it.

The tongue and the heart are only a space apart.

PILLS.

FOR

Sick

HEADACHE.

ITS SYMPTOMS, CAUSE AND CURE.

THIS has received its name from a constant nausea or sickness at the stomach, which

attends the pain in the head. This headache is apt to begin in the morning on waking from a deep sleep,

and when some irregularity of diet has been committed on the day before, or sometimes for several days previous. At first there is a distressingly oppressive

feeling in the head, which gradually merges into a very heavy pain in the temples, frequently attended

by a sense of fulness and tenderness in one eye, and extending across the forehead. There is a clammy, unpleasant taste in the mouth, an offensive breath, and the tongue covered with a yellowish white fur. The sufferer desires to be alone in a dark room. As soon

as the patient feels the fulness in the head and pain

in the temples, take a large dose of Schenk's mandrake

pill and in an hour or two they will feel as well as ever. This has been tried by thousands, and is always sure to cure, and attend of the sick headache coming on every week or ten days, they will not be troubled with it once in three months.

Schenk's Mandrake Pills are composed of a number

of root besides Podophyllum, or concentrated Mandrake

and all which tend to relax the secretions of the liver, and act more prompt than blue pills or mercury, and without leaving any dangerous effects. In a billion

person they will show themselves by the stools. They will expel worms, mucus, bile and all morbid matter from the system. In sick headache, if they are taken as directed above, (a full dose as soon as they feel the first symptoms of Dr. Schenk will find his directions to return the money if they do not give full satisfaction.

If a person has been compelled to stay out late at night, or drink too much wine, by taking a dose of pills on going to bed, next morning he will feel as tho' he had not drunk a drop, unless he forgets to go to bed at all.

They only cost 25 cents a box.

They are worth a dollar to a sick man for every cent the cost.

Don't forget the name—SCHENK'S MANDATE PILL.

Sold wholesale and retail at Dr. Schenk's Principality Office, No. 15 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, and by Druggists and Stoekkeepers generally.

Price for Palomino Syrup, Seaweed Tonic, each \$1 50 per bottle, \$7 50 the half dozen, or two bottles (say) rug and one of Tonic, for \$7 75.

Dr. Schenk will be at his office, No. 15 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, every Saturday to see patients. He makes no charge for advice, but for a thorough examination of the lungs with his Respirometer, he charges two dollars.

His extensive facilities and practical workmen, warrant him in receiving the largest contracts on the most reasonable terms.

Payment in advance of all bills will be taken in exchange for castings.

This establishment is located near the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad Bridge.

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