

Agricultural.

THE FRONTIERMAN'S BEEF.—Perhaps the American buffalo has no rights which mankind is bound to respect, yet his status and the question of his preservation are the subjects of the most heated discussions...

PROPAGATING FRUIT.—Figs may be propagated very readily by means of layers, or by cuttings. If you have any old stool plants, with suckers from the ground, make several cuts in the latter near the base, then back up the soil...

A NEW FERTILIZER.—Indian Meal is said to be equal to Guano as a fertilizer. Like the latter, it will kill the germ of the seeds if applied to too large quantities. It may be used in the hill, furrow or broadcast, in about the same quantities as guano...

THE RECLAMATION OF A VERY VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND upon one of the Scotch rivers was made possible by means of a quite recent discovery. Stakes were driven into the mud at the water's edge at regular distances parallel to the course of the river...

SOME VERY CURIOUS CASES OF DEATH OF CATTLE by penetration of the reticulum or paunch, by pieces of wire which had been swallowed along with the food, occurred not long since in England.

REMEDY FOR BEE STINGS.—I herewith give you a recipe for the cure of stings, which I have used for years, and which you can publish for the benefit of the "bee community" if, upon trial, you find it of any value.

PHILOSOPHY OF PRUNING.—The reason why many familiar fruit trees not regularly pruned bear only in every other year, is that the excessive fruit of the bearing year draws so much of the accumulating nutriment from the tree to mature itself as to leave the former without sufficient nutriment for buds in the ensuing spring.

J. S. COLLINGS, Tallahassee, Tenn., tells The American Rural Home that when his neighbors were losing their hogs and hens by cholera he saved his with sulphur.

PRUNING.—It is asserted that, to properly prune a tree, the limbs should be cut from the under side, and the blade should pass through them upon the outer side of the hook, resting upon the stump.

A TASTE FOR FARMING comes late, and it is often connected with high mental culture.

Scientific.

STEARIN CANDLES.—The hard white stearin candle of to-day is quite a different article from the tallow dip that our grandmothers used to make...

THE APPARATUS employed is called a digester, and consists of two copper boilers, placed one above the other and connected by a vertical pipe...

WHEN NO MORE oil can be pressed out, the pressed cakes are taken directly from the press, and are wrapped in paper. These are placed in a horizontal press between plates of iron and heated by steam pipes...

ANOTHER METHOD of separating stearin from the glycerin and oleic acid, formerly much used, consists in saponifying the mixture with caustic soda...

TO BLEACH COTTON.—A very good way to bleach cotton cloth is to soak it in buttermilk for a few days. Another way is to make a decoction of turpentine into it before putting the clothes in.

TO MAKE HAIR CURL.—The method employed by professional workers in the case of gun-cotton, is to use hereof heretofore succeeded entirely to the required extent. It is now claimed, however, that Mr. S. J. Makie has conceived a method by which gun-cotton is readily adapted to the requirements of small arms.

FRUIT CAKE.—Three eggs, two cups of brown sugar, two and one-half cups of flour, one and one-half cups of butter, one cup of molasses, one cup of soda, one cup of yeast, one cup of raisins, one cup of currants, one cup of citron, one cup of nutmeg, one cup of cinnamon, one cup of cloves, one cup of allspice, one cup of mace, one cup of nutmeg, one cup of cinnamon, one cup of cloves, one cup of allspice, one cup of mace.

SODA SOAP.—Take four pounds of sal soda, four pounds of hard soap cut into small pieces, and eight gallons of water. Boil two hours. When cool it is white and hard, and clothes put to soak in water with a little of this, wash twice as easy as in other soap.

PERKLETS.—For the benefit of young persons afflicted with freckles, we would inform them that powdered milk, mixed with water, applied to the face night and morning, will soon remove all traces of them.

Domestic.

HOUSE DRAINS.—Where there is a kitchen sink it is much better to have the discharge fall on the surface and be evaporated than to have it run into a feet drain that smudges, and steams, and freezes. I doubt the propriety of underground drainage such as is usually arranged, and if the pipes are less than four inches in diameter they will become coated with what looks like mucus, a white tough, leather substance, which gradually accumulating, will after a time stop the flow altogether.

LACE PAPER.—Lace and perforated papers are among the prettiest materials for decorating fancy boxes, and are light and delicate, and so successful in the imitation produced. Half a century ago the French made this pierced lace paper chiefly for ornamenting fruit packed in fancy boxes.

THE FOLLOWING colloquy took place between Counsellor Sealwax and a witness who "would talk back." "Do I understand you to say, sir, that the witness in this case is a liar?" "Yes, sir, I do, and you also swear she worked for you and this confession?" "Yes, sir, then you own that you employ dishonest people to work for you, and in after their rascalities are confessed to you?" "Of course, how else would I get assistance from a lawyer?"

WHEN Charles Lamb was invited, at a public dinner, to say grace, and responded with the remark: "Is there no minister present? then let us thank God," he was warmly applauded. When a Sheriff down in Vermont, in opening the county court, cried, "All persons having causes or matters pending therein, draw near, and they shall be heard," he was warmly applauded. When a satirist, and didn't know it.

"DON'T you think on your shirt?" said Mrs. Chegg to her husband the other morning. "No," thundered her lord and master indignantly, "I think it would be far more advisable for you to wear a shirt, and that's what I think." "You can dance the polka as long as you please—with each other."

INCONVENIENCE OF LODGING BY THE SEASIDE.—"Please, miss, have you any objection to 'avin' the windows open instead of the door?" On account of the heat, and the smell of the sea, the dress-maker said, "No, miss, I have no objection to 'avin' the windows open instead of the door." "You can dance the polka as long as you please—with each other."

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LEATHER may be firmly glued to metal by the following cement. One part of crushed nut-gall is digested six hours with eight parts of distilled water, and strained. Glue is macerated in its own weight of water for twenty-four hours, and then dissolved. The water infusion of galls is spread upon the leather, the glue solution upon the roughened surface of the warm metal; the moist leather is pressed upon the metal, and dried, when it adheres so that it cannot be removed without tearing.

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Humorous.

MACLIN was once lecturing upon literature and the stage, and in discussing the question of memory, boasted that he could repeat any formula of words after once hearing it. Foot was in the audience, and once wrote and sent to the stand that rigmarole that has since grown into a legend. "So that you would like to rigmarole to cut a cabbage leaf to make an apple pie; at the same time a great she bear, coming up the street pops his head in the shop. What is no soap?" he cried, and then he was again writing the rigmarole to the barber; and there were present the Pin-ninies, the Jobbies, and the Gayrullies, and the Grand Panjandrum himself, with a host of other distinguished persons, and they all fell to playing the game of catch-as-catch-can till the gunpowder ran out at the heels of their boots.

PAYMENT BY LINE.—Dumas the elder was a bright man, but often met his wife in a very disagreeable mood. One evening, in the parlor of a rich financier, the conversation turned on the remuneration of men of letters. "I understand you to say, sir, that the witness in this case is a liar?" "Yes, sir, I do, and you also swear she worked for you and this confession?" "Yes, sir, then you own that you employ dishonest people to work for you, and in after their rascalities are confessed to you?" "Of course, how else would I get assistance from a lawyer?"

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IN A country town in Illinois, a few evening singers, in the absence of the Bible, a little eight-year-old sat wrapped in admiration at the scene until the picture of Jacob and Rebecca at the well appeared, when he looked up and said: "I'll just bet five dollars they're Grangers."

WHAT PLEASER HER.—"Well, now," said the wife of a nouveau riche, giving her opinion of the opera to an admiring circle of friends, "I like the acting so much! Nilsson is superb, but really, to my own mind, I think the singing the very best part of the opera."

A VERY bad little boy in Dubuque rubbed cayenne pepper dust all over his jacket, and then did shamefully in school. The school-ma'am thrashed him briskly, but dismissed school immediately, to run to the nearest drug store for eye-salve.

A DELAWARE man has been taking cod-liver oil for four years to cure the mixture and has found out that he never had any consumption. He is the maddest man in America, and his children haven't said "boo" for a week.

A DASHING man, who received a telegram from his mother requesting him to go to her funeral, immediately attended his mother-in-law's funeral, sternly declined to attend his mother's funeral, and returned home, saying that he never attended funerals during Lent.

THE object Victoria had in sending her garter to young Mr. Napoleon, on Monday, was probably to keep the boy's mind from wandering from running down at the local.

Our little five-year-olds will be discouraged if the new idea of tallow and soap butter should supplant the old kind of soap. "Mamma, give me a piece of bread and oleomargarine?"

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