

Science, with all its confidence, has provided no safeguards against thunder-storms. It can warn, but it cannot protect. Conductors may happily carry off the electric current, but they cannot secure us from danger.

ONCHARD ON THE FARM.—In my estimation the orchard is one of the most important divisions of the farm, as it supplies the farmer's family with a healthy and delicious diet, and when properly cared for, is a source of considerable income besides.

GRAFTING IS A VERY simple operation, and one that is very interesting, especially to the farmer, as it enables him to perform it. I learned to graft when a boy, by seeing one tree grafted, and then I made some tools, and many years ago I began to experiment with my own hands.

PROPER CARE OF BULLS.—We might as well say here that bulls for anything like extensive service should not be allowed to run with the herd, lest they should be injured or even killed.

CARE OF YOUNG PIGS.—We are apt to be too negligent about the proper care of young pigs. At the age of three or four weeks pigs need the most care. When the litter is large, at about six weeks the sow is not sufficient to rear them in a healthy manner.

ERBORS IN BUTTER MAKING are unpleasant, too much acid in cream, curdling or buttermilk in a decomposed state, too much friction in churning and working the butter, bad salt and too much of it.

THE BETTER MILCH COWS are fed, the better return they give, but feed judiciously. Add a little wood ashes to the fodder to keep them in a steady healthy growth.

FOR A LONG time the absorbing power was supposed to be localized in a special organ at the end of the root. But this has been disproved, as the vegetable case situated there is covered with a skin that possesses little or no power of absorption.

SOME DELICIOUS conserves for dessert are made with preserved fruits or choicest of the season; the fruit is pounded with sugar and rubbed through a sieve, then melted in sugar and thick cream is added, whipped over and put in the muller.

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BROWN is captain of the Eighty-eight dragons, is inflexible in matters of discipline, and prides himself upon his sternness. The other day he wandered on foot beyond the ramparts of the town in which he lives.

A TWO-ROOF rule was given to a laborer in the form of a letter. The laborer not being well up to the use of the rule, after spending considerable time, returned.

A MICHIGAN boy ate a bar of soap on a wager, and then drank for each drop of the soap into his mouth, and the way he spouted suds and soap bubbles for the next half hour baffled the skill of fourteen doctors.

SPEAKING OF GOVERNORS suggests the mention of an item we received from Mr. Henry A. Knickerbocker, of Chas. Water & Co.'s Governor and Valve Works, Boston, Mass.

JUDGE: "What have you to say, prisoner at the bar?" Prisoner: "I was hungry, your honor, and stole the loaf of bread to save me from starvation."

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