

ABOUT THE FARM.

Hints for Farmers and Busy Housewives to Appreciate.

The old idea that plants gave off secretions that were poisonous to those of like character with themselves has been generally exploded by scientific investigation.

When you go to the fair or the warehouse and see the improved elements for farm work, do not turn away with the idea that they were made to sell and make money on.

The old spike-tooth harrow was just the thing to tear up the furrows of the original soil that was full of brake roots and would get sufficiently pulverized by the time it was levelled down.

Too much glass in hen houses exposes them to violent changes of temperature. When the sun shines the house warms rapidly.

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Try the fattening hogs with charcoal. Ten to one they will eat it greedily, and will recover their appetites if they have lost them by too heavy feeding. The alkali corrects the acidity of the stomach. Possibly it might in time injure digestion, but the fattening hog has not enough fat before him to make this of much consequence.

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To make a cherry-stain mix together by stirring one quart of spirits of turpentine, one pint of Japan, one pound of Venetian red ground in oil and two ounces of turpentine.

BROILED KIDNEYS—Split the kidneys through lengthwise and trim them of the fat, and season with salt, pepper and butter.

CHOCOLATE MERINGUE PUDDING—Boil one pint of rich milk, add half a teacupful of butter, one teacupful of sugar and three ounces of grated chocolate.

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SAUCE FOR FISH—Take the yolks of three eggs, one teacupful of sugar, quarter of a pound of butter, one dessertspoonful of ginger, flour enough to roll out to the thickness of an inch.

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STRAWBERRY ACID—Select eight quarts of ripe strawberries, and pour over them half a gallon of water. It which has been dissolved four ounces of citric acid. Let them stand for twenty-four hours, and then drain off the liquid.

SEMI-LEMONADE—Slice four lemons and two oranges over a cupful of white sugar. Add two tablespoonfuls of starch, raspberries, or cherries, and half a dozen of pineapple. Let the fruit stand for an hour, then add one quart of cold water.

MILK LEMONADE—Peel twenty-four lemons and put about two quarts of the rinds into three quarts of hot water. Rub the other lemon peel with white sugar. Squeeze the lemons and add one pound and a half of white sugar.

Baked potatoes must be eaten as soon as they are done. When they are taken from the oven they should be put into a napkin or towel and the skin blown so as to allow the steam to escape.

A Dangerous Location—First Trump (pointing to a sawcrack in a cornfield)—"Look! Looker there! Second Trump—"My! My! We must get out of this, double quick. They've caught one of us fellows and nailed him to a pole.

MR. LETT HANDED COMPLIMENT—A Lett Hanbenton, I have a compliment for you. "Indeed?" "Yes, a friend of mine, Miss Belle Pepperton says that you are developing very marked literary tastes."

One Thousand Dollars. I will forfeit the thousand dollars, if I fail to prove that Fireproof is the best medicine in existence for Eye, Throat, and Lung troubles.

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HUMOROUS.

And Yet He Was Not Happy—City Visitor—What makes little Tommy cry so, Mr. Leeks? Farmer Leeks—Well, the fact is, he went out this morning to find a hornet's nest for his natural history collection.

MAKING A REDUCTION—"Strawberries, ma'am?" queried the huckster, as she stood in the door of her house in Jersey City. "How much?" she cautiously inquired.

After a Proposal—He—You weep, madam, because I've offended you? She—Oh, no, my dear, these are tears of joy. But yesterday morning my maid said to me: "You are so silly that you wish to marry a man who is not even an imbecile who would marry you," and now, behold, you have asked me for my hand.

EASY IDENTIFIED—Mr. Suburb—Where on earth is our hired man? I can't find him anywhere. Mrs. Suburb—There is somebody over in Farmer Haised's meadow, but I can't tell whether it's our man or not.

AN INDUSTRIOUS BOY—Mrs. Fangle—How industrious your boy is. I saw him digging in the garden just now. I wish I could get our Freddy to work like that. Mrs. Cusmo (with a sigh)—He's digging bait to go fishing.

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