ABOUT THE FARM.

Hints for Farmers and Busy Housewives to Appreciate.

The low price of beef and dairy products is causing more attention to be paid to sheep, which in consequence are growing scarcer. There is another reason in the great amount of labor a herd of cows make, whether their milk be sold direct, or made into butter or cheese. The old English rule was that the keep of eight sheep equalled that of one cow. Sheep are, however, more delicate feeders, and will not thrive on coarse stocks as well as cows will. They are also close feeders in summer, and on old pastures live where a herd of cows would starve. On the other hand, sheep in winter will not eat the butts of cornstocks as closely as will cattle.

To lecture a crowd on advanced ideas in butter making, and then have the old-fashioned churn refuse to bring the butter perfectly, is only made more ridiculous by an apology. By the way, it sounds strange to hear the chief lecturer at these New York conferences say that he is not aware that there is any reliable test for the fats in milk. Wherein does the little shake bottle churn of Col. Curtis show any greater reliability than a big churn. No churn can recover all of the butter fats in milk, and utterly fails in many instances to get any great part of it, and why recommend as a testing machine, a crude implement that can only at best duplicate the errors of its larger associate, though in fractional degree?—Hoard's Dairyman.

The common American holly may be successfully transplanted from its native habitat to the garden, if severely pruned at the time of removal. If the trees are five or six feet high, cut away at least two-thirds of all the branches, or, in other words, shorten them to about one-third of their original length. You need not pay any attention to the buds on the stems or branches, for there are always enough latent or adventitious buds from which new shoots will spring in due time. When digging the plants preserve as many of the roots as possible, but if one-half are preserved, and the top cut back, as we have directed, there will be little danger of failure. Early spring is the best season for transplanting the broad-leaved evergreen trees and shrubs.

It was an old expression among farmers that when the summer nights are warm enough so people did not want any bedclothes over them, the corn would grow. One woman had so much faith in this rule that one cold season when the condition of the crops was in doubt she actually laid and shivered night after night, thinking that if she could stand it the corn would grow. And she was as consistent as the man who thinks he is a good farmer while robbing and skinning 50 acres of pasture and wet meadow, and putting the manure all on a few acres about the house. It may be the best a man can do now. It is certainly better than spreading his labor and fertilizer over too much land. It has been done so long on many farms that under present conditions the owners are not able to go back and undo it. This is one reason why farmers cannot get rich where their ancestors did. The soil has been skinned and exhausted, the pasture is almost barren, the timber is sold off, and when the team goes to market it must bring back a load of feed or fertilizers, a thing which was not thought of two generations ago.

Why is it that all the benefits of modern inventions and evidences of refinement which the farmer and his family get hold of are at one time held up as proofs of the farmer's financial success and at other times as the causes of his poverty? Such is the case. Every mowing machine, sulky plow, patent harrow, top buggy, nice horse blanket, fancy whip, musical instruments and factory-made carpet in the hands of farmers and their families have been enumerated as proofs that they live better than formerly, also as evidences of their extravagance and causes of the hard times. But why should these things cause so much remark in the hands of farmers. Who has a better right to the good things of life? The organs and pianos are usually bought by the girls who got their money teaching school or working in the mill or a shop and the carriage and its equipments is usually purchased by the boys in some other way than farm work, but these things are alternately referred to as proofs of the farmer's wealth, or evidence of his extravagance or causes of his poverty.

The merchant may settle for 25 cents on a dollar and his daughter have a piano and his son a fast horse and the public will not question any propriety of such things in their hands. Is the society of this nation of freedom and equality so soon to be divided into classes and each wear an emblem to show the station? Who has a better right to the benefits of invention and the refinements of civilization than the farmer and his family? Is his share of the products of his own toil to be cut down so low that in order to live he must retain the primitive method and implements, wear the coarse dress and inhabit the rude dwellings of former years? Must farmer's children start in life clad in the proofs of their father's poverty? Such is the tendency of the times. How long will it be so?

Are you fully satisfied with the size and quality of your chicks? If not, now is the time to make the change. If they are not as hardy, rugged and growthy as you would have them, not bright golden in color of skin, now is surely the time to reduce the flock and introduce fresh blood. Don't wait in hopes of something impossible taking place. Strike out now by weeding out all males, and marking the pullets to be used as breeders next year. Don't retain one that is not plump in body, broad across the back, and yellow in skin and leg. Then procure a male that is exceptionally strong in these points and you will be surprised at the improvement in next year's flocks.

We do not recommend shavings, sawdust or excelsior packing as material for nests. Many valuable birds have been killed by feeding upon sawdust. Hens have been noticed to pick all day at shavings and excelsior, until no material was left in the nest. Again, nests made in this way are hard to keep clean. Nothing excels oat straw for nests, cut up into lengths of about two inches. Where convenient, place a few handfuls of tobacco stems in the bottom of the nest. This is death to vermin. These stems can be had for nothing from any tobacconist. When the hen is set sprinkle a handful of tobacco dust over the eggs and she will come off the nest with a strong, healthy brood, entirely free from lice. Tobacco is a valuable insecticide for the poultry house.

The days of spring chickens will soon be numbered, but in preparing them for market let us suggest that it is not a good plan to shut them up just after they have had a free run all of their lives, under pretense of fattening. They will always fret and pine and grow thin. Adult fowls that have been at various periods of their lives confined and therefore worry, fatten better when deprived of exercise. But as for half-grown chickens—we are speaking of most breeds—they will not take on much fat, anyway, while their frames and feathers are increasing at such a rate, and whatever fattening may be possible is best secured by keeping them upon their accustomed ground and feeding them every few hours with all they can be induced to eat of a variety of grains, ground and unground, raw and cooked.

Farm Notes.

A large number of salmon carp has been distributed in various Vermont towns.

A new creamery has been started in Belchertown, Conn., with A. W. Morse as president and F. L. Stebbins secretary and treasurer. Another new one will be organized at Milford at no far distant day.

The wood pulp business is booming down in Maine. The present daily consumption of wood in this industry is about 500 cords, and when all the mills now building in Maine are completed the business will consume 1,000 cords a day.

The Florida orange crop will be smaller than usual this year, owing to the drouths that prevailed in the orange-growing region last spring. Last year it was estimated that about two million boxes of the fruit were sent out from Florida.

The annual meeting of the New England Milk Producers' Union will be held at the United States Hotel, Boston, Tuesday, Jan. 14th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Local sections should hold their meetings for election of officers and delegates as soon as possible.

There are still a good many people who think that to ripen grapes the leaves must be pulled off around the clusters, and the sunlight let in. This old stupidity is about as hard to kill as faith in the moon's changes as a guide to bean or potato planting.

Baldwin, Mass., is getting to be quite an apple town. Mr. John Flint raised nearly 8,500 bushels of picked apples, besides nearly 1,000 bushels of windfalls last year, and there are probably twenty others who raised from 100 to 500 barrels, while nearly every farmer raises from 20 to 100 barrels.

When milk is turned out from a pitcher or pail and settlings are discovered in the bottom, so as to cloud the milk, or make it look streaked, the conclusion is safe that the daryman is not as clean as he ought to be. The settlings are minute particles of filth from the cow's udder; which the milker neglected to clean off. He should be reminded of his negligence.

Some Magazine Salaries.

Mr. Glider of the Century is paid $10,000 a year and has an interest besides. Mr. Alden of Harpers receives about the same salary, but has no proprietorship. Mr. Burlingame of Scribner's is also paid a generous salary. Mr. Aldrich of the Atlantic receives a more moderate income, but his duties are less burdensome since he has only letter-press and no illustrations to look after, which make a wonderful difference in an editor's duties. The Ladies' Home Journal has for several years paid its editor $10,000 per year. Mr. Metcalf of the Forum receives also a large salary and is a stockholder in the magazine besides. The editors of the North American Review and the Cosmopolitan are also the owners, and thus derive their income from the profits, or share the losses—either of which is probable. A good business manager, he who can control a profitable advertising patronage and knows how to boom the circulation of the magazine—is an invaluable man and at present is a scarce commodity. Such a man can command and easily get from $7,000 to $10,000 a year, and is worth it, if he be the right man—men, for example, like Mr. Doubleday (of Scribner's), Mr. Hazen (of the Century), Mr. Seymour (of Harper's) or Mr. Seaman (of the Cassells).

"Latest Intelligence."

He was a reporter of a local newspaper. He came into the office of the district postmaster, as was his wont, and asked if there was any news.

"No, nothing much," carelessly replied one of the officials. "Have you heard of the new order?"

"What new order?" eagerly asked the reporter, making a move for his pencil.

"Why, that the postmaster-general is not going to issue the postal cards any longer."

"Where did you get your information?"

"Well, we haven't any official information yet; but we know it is so."

"That will be a great hardship to the poor," ventured the reporter.

"I don't see how it will," replied the official.

"I suppose it is done on account of the loss on the letter postage?"

"No, that isn't the reason the postmaster decided not to make them any longer," spoke up another official.

"Well, what is the reason, then?" asked the now desperate reporter.

"Why, simply because they are long enough now! The postmaster-general and the people are very well satisfied with the present length."

The door slammed hard as the reporter went out.

Reed Worn Out With the Gavel.

No one looking at the massive frame of Speaker Reed would imagine that this exercise of the gavel in maintaining order would have any effect on his muscular organization. But it does, all the same. A few days ago in riding from the Capitol in a street car with the Speaker, in reply to my question he said:

"I don't know whether I will go home during the recess. I feel too tired to do anything, and have a strong craving for rest and quiet and a bottle of arnica. You will be surprised, perhaps, to learn that pounding on the desk with the gavel has made all the muscles of my right arm painful. It has given them an exercise to which they have not been accustomed. But it is a great privilege to pound with that gavel, and I guess I can stand it as long as the House can. Still, it does seem ridiculous for me to say that tapping on the desk with an instrument so small and light not only makes me tired, but sore," and the burley Speaker chuckled at what he believed would strike those who knew him as bordering on the improbable and the absurd.

A DOCTOR'S CONFESSION.

He Doesn't Take Much Medicine and Advises the Reporter Not To.

"Humbug? Of course it is. The so-called science of medicine is a humbug and has been from the time of Hippocrates to the present. Why the biggest crank in the Indian tribes is the medicine man."

"Very frank was the admission, especially so when it came from one of the biggest young physicians of the city, one whose practice is among the thousands, though he has been graduated but a few years," says the Buffalo *Courier*. "Very cozy was his office too, with its cheerful grate fire, its Queen Anne furniture, and its many lounges and easy-chairs. He stirred the fire lazily, lighted a fresh cigar, and went on."

"Take the prescriptions laid down in the books and what do you find? Poisons and nauseating stuffs that would make a healthy man an invalid. Why in the world science should go to poisons for its remedies I cannot tell, nor can I find any one who can."

"How does a doctor know the effect of his medicine?" he asked. "He calls, prescribes, and goes away. The only way to judge would be to stand over the bed and watch the patient. This cannot be done. So, really, I don't know how he is to tell what good or hurt he does. Sometime ago, you remember, the Boston *Globe* sent out a reporter with a stated set of symptoms. He went to eleven prominent physicians and brought back eleven different prescriptions. This just shows how much science there is in medicine."

There are local diseases of various characters for which nature provides positive remedies. They may not be included in the regular physician's list, perhaps, because of their simplicity, but the evidence of their curative power is beyond dispute. Kidney disease is cured by Warner's Safe Cure, a strictly herbal remedy. Thousands of persons, every year, write as does H. J. Gardiner, of Pontiac, R. I., August 7th, 1890:

"A few years ago I suffered more than probably ever will be known outside of myself, with kidney and liver complaint. It is the old story—I visited doctor after doctor, but to no avail. I was at Newport, and Dr. Blackman recommended Warner's Safe Cure. I commenced the use of it, and found relief immediately. Altogether I took three bottles, and I truthfully state that it cured me."

FEMININE FANCIES.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR OUR WOMEN READERS.

Short Bits of Gossip and Latest Notes of Fashion.

In bracelets the Shakespeare bangle is the latest. On the outside is a quotation from Shakespeare; and sometimes a tiny bust in silver of the famous poet is suspended by a slender chain.

A charming tablespread can be made of white sateen, with a wide conventional border graced by the daffodil and its foliage for a design, wrought in soft, low colors. This spread could be lined with pale yellow silk tassels.

One of the newest fairy-lamp notions is of bisque, triangular in shape, one side in the form of an owl's head, another in the form of a pug dog's head, while the third is the head of a sly-looking cat. The eyes of glass, large and expressive when lighted by the taper, in the hollow center, assume an exceedingly life-like look.

A double-deck table of home manufacture had seen good service as a washstand, but after the sides and backs had been removed and several coats of white enamel paint had been applied to hide the wear and tear it had received, a very pretty square table was reduced, and after a drapery of light color and texture had been tastefully thrown over it, a more complete table could not be desired.

A pretty waste-paper receiver to be died to the corner of a writing table, may be made in cornucopia form of a piece of cardboard about twenty-seven inches square. This square is lined with terra cotta satin and covered with bronze-green plush embroidered with an upright design of rushes and water grasses. Two sides of the square are brought together to form the cornucopia and laced together with silk cords. The top edge is finished with a silk cord and the receiver tied top and bottom to the leg of the table by satin ribbons in terra cotta and bronze-green.

Black taffeta silk is made up for travelling this season, and it is to be highly recommended, although not exactly for its beauty. It shows the dust easily, but it can be so readily brushed off that revealing the dust is considered one of its advantages.

It is made up without a lining and is quite as cool as anything made for travelling. A favorite way of making up taffeta is in a belted blouse waist and a full pleated skirt. The waist, by way of adornment, has the top, both front and back, laid in tiny tucks, run by hand, and shaped to form a yoke. The sleeves have also the same ornamentation at the top.

A woman with faculty is possessed of six senses instead of five. Nothing daunts her. In these days of painting and papering, of cleaning and renovating, if the men disappoint her she seizes brush and paste-pot, and does the work herself. She is equally at home entertaining her guests in the parlor and preparing their dinner in the kitchen. She can carry on a delicate diplomatic affair requiring tact and discretion, and, on occasion, can go straight to the point without any diplomacy whatever. Other people's bread is sometimes heavy and other people's dinners burn—hers never. Other people are burdened and oppressed by their spring sewing. She did hers last fall. What is her lucky sixth sense, indeed, but the talent for organizing and arranging work, and carrying it through successfully, which the faculty gifted being has by nature as a royal dower?

THE COFFEE SUPPLY.—Customer—Give me a pound of Java coffee.

New Boy (diving with a scoop into a coffee bin)—Yessir.

Customer—Wait, I've changed mind. I'll take Mocha instead.

New Boy (diving into the same bin)—Yessir.

Customer—See here, you started to get the Java out of that bin.

New Boy—Yessir. No diff'rence in the coffee, sir, only diff'rence in the price.

SHUT THAT DOOR!—The time is fast approaching when the visitor to the anxious will step in smiling and confident and just as he is about to say: "Here is a little thing I have just dashed off," he will be paralyzed by a voice exclaiming in tones of thunder: "Just back and shut that door!"

How to Take Care of Chinaware.

To season glass and chinaware to sudden changes of temperature, so that it will remain sound after exposure to sudden heat and cold, is best done by placing the articles in cold water, which must be gradually brought to the boiling point and then allowed to cool very slowly, taking several hours to do it. The commoner the material the more care in this respect is required. The very best glass and chinaware is always well seasoned or annealed before it is sold. If the wares are properly seasoned in this way they may be washed in boiling water without fear of fracture except in frosty weather, when even with the best annealed wares, care must be taken not to place them suddenly in too hot water.

All china that has any gilding upon it may on no account be rubbed with a cloth of any kind, but merely rinsed, first in hot and afterwards in cold water, and then left to drain till dry. If the gilding is very dirty and requires polishing, it may now and then be rubbed with a soft piece of wash leather and a little dry whiting, but this operation must not be repeated more than once a year, otherwise the gold will most certainly be rubbed off and the china spoiled.

When the plates, etc., are put away in the china closet, pieces of paper should be placed between them to prevent scratches on the glaze or painting, as the bottom of all ware has little particles of sand adhering to it, picked up from the oven wherein it was glazed.

The china closets should be in a dry situation, as a damp closet will soon tarnish the gilding of the best crockery.

In a common dinner service it is a great evil to make the plates too hot, as it invariably cracks the glaze on the surface, if not the plate itself. We all know the result—it comes apart. "Nobody broke it," "it was cracked before," or "it was cracked a long time ago."

The fact is, when the glaze is injured, every time the "things" are washed the water gets to the interior, and fills the porous clay and makes the whole fabric rotten. In this condition they will also absorb grease, and when exposed to further heat the grease makes the dishes brown and discolored. An old ill-used dish be made very hot indeed, fat will be seen to exude from the minute fissures upon its surface. The latter remarks apply more particularly to common wares.—*Selected.*

The largest reservoir or artificial tank in the world is the tank of Dhetar, twenty miles southeast of Udaipur, in India. It covers an area of twenty-one square miles.

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The dahlia was known only as a flower twenty-five years ago. The first double one appeared in 1814.

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A straw hat with a brim fourteen feet in diameter has been made by a hatter in Wilkesbarre, Penn.

If your house is on fire, you put water on the burning timbers, not on the smoke. And if you have catarrh you should attack the disease in the blood, not in your nose. To do this, take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, which permanently cures catarrh.

A fir tree recently cut down in Snohomish county, Oregon, was 300 feet long and 12 feet in diameter.

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The first city organized was New York, when in 1652 she received her charter as New Amsterdam.

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There are more ducks in the Chinese Empire, says an authority, than in all the world outside of it.

If every woman in this land knew for herself the actual quality of Dobbins' Electric Soap, no *other* washing soap could be sold. Millions do use it, but other millions have never tried it. Have you? Ask your grocer for it.

A MISAPPREHENSION.—Hisnibs—What did that auburn-haired girl snub you for just now?

Hisjags—I caut imagine. I waited for her at the cloak room door, and when she appeared I offered her my arm and said, "Ready?" and she went off as though I'd insulted her.

THE FAILED CROP.—Young lady—How much is this ribbon a yard?

Clerk—Ten dollars, madam, and going up every minute.

Young lady—Mercy me! I didn't suppose it would be over fifty cents.

Clerk (with dignity)—That ribbon, madam, is peach color.

SHE WAS A SUMMER GIRL.—Jack—Why are you so cold and indifferent to me Amy? and only a few weeks ago you told me that I was the sunshine of your life!

Amy—But remember, Jack, that this is the season when the sunshine loses its power.

A buyer of a New York wholesale house is said to earn $50,000 by his skill in forecasting the dry goods market.

Frazer Axle Grease.

The Frazer Axle Grease is the best and, intrinsically, the cheapest. Don't work your horses to death by using poor axle grease. Try it.

There is no proof that lace making existed much previous to the fifteenth century. The oldest known painting in which lace appears is the protrait of a lady, in the Academy of Venice, which was painted by Caspaccio, who died about 1523.

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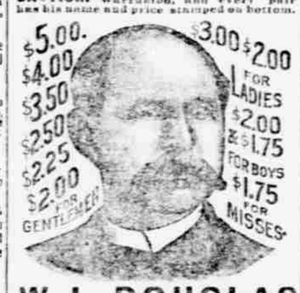

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VIRTUE REWARDED.—"Here, my son," said a kindly-looking old gentleman, meeting a boy who was whistling along the avenue this morning, "here is a dollar."

"Yes sir replied the boy, taking it hesitatingly, "but what must I do with it?"

"Keep it, my boy; keep it, and may Heaven's blessing go with it and with you."

"But, sir, what for?" questioned the boy in a very natural amazement.

"Because, my boy," and the tears were in the old man's voice and in his eyes, "because you were whistling "Little Annie Rooney."

AVOIDING A MISUNDERSTANDING. McCorkle—Did I tell you about a fish swallowing a snake that I saw while away on my vacation?

McCrackle—No, but before you begin I want to ask you one question.

"All right."

"Is this a snake story or a fish story?"

SHOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE IT. She—He seems to be a very methodical man. I suppose he understands his business thoroughly.

He—Yes.

She—By the way, what is his business.

He—He has none.

Among the nobility of mediæval times, ladies took their "constitutional" in carriages called whirlicotes; the mother of Richard II, so took her rides

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The seat of sick headache is not in the brain. Regulate the stomach and you cure it. Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the little regulators.

A Story About Bismarck.

An advance copy of the third volume of H. V. Sybel's "History of the German Empire," has been received. Probably the most interesting chapters refer to the relations between Prince Bismarck and Count Rechberg, the Prussian and Austrian Ambassadors respectively at the German (Frankfort) Diet. Prince Bismarck (then Herr von Bismarck Schonhausen) soon found out that Count Rechberg was hot-tempered and passionate, but in the main honorable and good-natured. Count Rechberg, on his side, cordially disliked Prussia and its astute representative, but did his best all the same to keep on amicable terms with his colleagues. Both officially and socially there was, however, plenty of friction between the two. On one occasion things came to such a pitch that Count Rechberg, entirely losing his self-control, passionately exclaimed: "One of my friends shall wait on you in the morning." "Why all this unnecessary delay?" Herr von Bismarck coolly replied. "In all probability you have a pair of pistols handy. Let us settle the matter immediately. While you get the things ready, I shall write a report about the whole transaction, which, in case I am killed, I request you to forward to Berlin." Both set about their work. When Bismarck had finished, he handed the sheet to Count Rechberg, requesting him to examine the same. Rechberg's passion had in the meantime given way to sober reflection. After having perused the report he said: "What you say here is quite correct; but is it really worth while to fight a duel for such a reason?" "That is exactly my opinion," was Bismarck's answer, and the matter ended.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

Joseph Jefferson received $12,000 for his autobiography.

TOO VISIONARY.—"Your father refuses his consent to our union?"

"He does, Harold."

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(Clerk offers him a twenty five cent cigar.)

Merchant—(continuing)——of sense do you buy such good cigars.

HATEFUL PEOPLE.—First Pedestrian—There's a man I hate worse than the plague.

Second Pedestrian—Why?

First Pedestrian—He always pronounces my name wrong.

A CONTRAST.—He (before marriage) I could die for you.

He (after marriage)—You will be the death of me.

NOT IN HIS LINE.—Post—The new one thousand-dollar bills have a protrait of General Meade.

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