

ABOUT THE FARM.

Hints for Farmers and Busy Housewives to Appreciate

The evil of frequent and excessive pruning is an unusually large growth of suckers. These should be cut out at least once a year, and if it had not been done during the growing season, it should be attended to now.

Late reports from California do not give very rosy views of the prospects of growing ostriches for profit. The business seems, perhaps, some such wild men as are found in South Africa, whose lives are of little consequence.

There has been so much said about hog cholera and so many reports of wholesale losses in the west, and so many incomprehensible terms used in speaking of it that common farmers have been led to regard it as a plague like small pox that can neither be prevented nor cured without the adoption of means which are not at their command.

Swine are expected to live and thrive on what nothing else will eat. When any article of food becomes sour or rotten it goes into the swill-tub. Decayed vegetables, moulty corn, putrid meat, and many other things that should be buried at once, find their way into the pig trough.

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There were at that time over 600 men in the institution, and these pigs were fed with the waste from the tables, good, clean food. The owner expressed some surprise that the pigs did not do better, but as we soon found that he was one of those who think pigs enjoy filth, we said but little.

We soon visited the man who bought the swill to see how his pigs looked. The man in charge of the barn pointed to a door opening into a basement under the barn and said we would find them there.

Keeping the Kooms Sweet. Those who do "light housekeeping," as it is termed, in small rooms, where they must sleep, cook and eat, often complain that in spite of continual dings there is a disagreeable odor.

After a thorough investigation as to the cause of rust in wheat and other grains, the Guelph (Ont.) Agricultural College has arrived at the following conclusions: 1. Seasons are the chief cause of rust; sudden changes of temperature and rain, accompanied by close, still weather, are favorable to its increase.

Injury. 6. Red wheat is much more common in the vicinity of barn, berry hedges than it is at a greater distance.

No branch of farming requires more painstaking care and acquired skill than poultry raising. Yet this is the branch of the farmer's business that persons with the smallest experience think themselves competent to undertake.

In the prize crop contest proposed by the Barker Fertilizer Company and the Agricultural last spring, the grand prize of \$1100 in gold has been awarded to Charles B. Coy of Arrostook county, Me., for the largest yield of potatoes on a single acre.

Many manufacturers are making a fertilizer containing large quantities of plant food in unavailable forms, costing but little, but such fertilizers only serve the purpose of misleading the chemists into giving high analyses and valuations, and while the chemists may be misled the crop never can be, and the crop is the final arbiter.

The manufacturers of the Stockbridge manures claim to make these manures of the very best material, and that hence when put to the test, whether in field or laboratory, they seldom fail to respond in a satisfactory manner, and as these manures in this trial not only produced the largest single crop of potatoes, but also the largest crop raised on fertilizers in the oat contest, it would seem that their claim was substantiated by the field test, which really is the only practical one.

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Cover the rhubarb roots with a coating of horse manure. It will prevent the ground from freezing so deep and make the plants start earlier in the spring.

Don't be caught by glaring advertisements of new breeds. A little common sense will be worth dollars to any man. New breeds are valuable if they are adapted to our climate, provided they possess additional merits over what we now have.

Apples are worth picking up for any kind of stock and if they cannot be kept in the cellar put them where they will freeze and then thaw as they are wanted. The best cider is made from apples which have been frozen all winter and pressed in the spring.

We often hear farmers object to certain kinds of hay, usually Timothy or clover, for horses for the reason that it is dusty. Some of them are so scientific that they say that the pollen from the former, if it is cut while in bloom carries the dust which arises in the barn when the hay is handled.

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FOR WOMEN FOLK.

Haven't you always envied a man the way he carried a roll of bills in his trousers pocket? He never seems to lose them, and yet he thinks nothing more of hauling out the various match boxes, coins, and pencils that abide therein than if the bills weighed a hundred pounds instead of being light and airy trifles.

All the best and prettiest fads in the way of decorations for rooms, table scarfs, cushions, head rests, and slumber rolls for chairs and sofas, hand-painted chamois, and plush and bolting cloth, and China silk sachets, wall pockets, key bags, jewel bags, portemonchoirs, glove and lace cases and toilet sets that have been bought out by the decorative-art people and the several woman's exchanges are already found in "the shops," as the art and exchange people call the great fancy and dry goods stores, for the quick-witted merchants and the deft-fingered manufacturers bought up samples of "all the best things" as soon as they came out, and they have already reproduced the same for "the trade."

Shoes that are worn regularly, if cared for, will last much longer than if neglected. A French kid shoe, if kicked around the closet floor or under the bed, will not last as long or look as well as one inferior in quality if properly cared for.

The decoration for chairs to take the place of the scarf and old-fashioned tidily is a small, flat cushion or head rest, attached by straps of ribbon to another still smaller, which balances the first, as one cushion hangs in front and the other behind the back of the chair.

The Welcome Lodging-House in New York, for young women, the corner-stone of which Mrs. Elliott Shepard laid a few days ago, is a most needed charity. The home will be open to all women who are not intimated and can pay 15 cents for a night's lodging.

"Why don't you fight," he said to the big man, "instead of standing there and howling and swearing?" "Fight? Why, that's the way I always fight."

"German Syrup" Asthma. "I have been a great sufferer from Asthma and severe Colds every Winter, and last Fall my friends as well as myself thought because of my feeble condition, and great distress from constant coughing, and inability to raise any of the accumulated matter from my lungs, that my time was close at hand.

Gentle, Refreshing Sleep. Boschee's German Syrup. I am confident it saved my life. Almost the first dose gave me great relief and a gentle refreshing sleep, such as I had not had for weeks.

Weak and Weary.

In early summer the warmer weather is especially weakening and enervating, and "that listless feeling" or "nearly relaxed" state which people at this season derive from Hood's Sarsaparilla proves that this medicine "makes the weak strong."

THE DAY OF LIBERTY. BY W. B. HOLDES.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," wrote Thomas Jefferson, "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

It is not difficult to trace the rise of nations. First, the little colony, all of one family, or nearly related; then the village, with an elective chief; then a district, with an hereditary ruler, and finally a nation, with a king, or perhaps an autocrat.

It was this state of affairs that the revolutionary leaders were confronted with. At first the people had risen and deposed or killed their rulers, and there had been republics formed, but the people had never before dared to assume a state so independent that all men were created in the image of God, and were equal before Him.

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It is curious about people who cannot sleep nights. They can always sleep through chere time in the morning.

"Don't feel well, and yet you are not sick enough to consult a doctor—we will tell you just what you need. It is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which will lift you out of that uncertain, uncomfortable, dangerous condition into a state of good health, confidence and cheerfulness."

"A gulp of salt and water used before retiring at night will strengthen the throat and keep off bronchial attacks.

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For heroic but vain endeavors to look pleased nothing can equal the fact of expressions of two girls compelled to dance with each other, on account of the scarcity of men.



The hand of time deals lightly with a woman in perfect health. But all functional derangements and disorders peculiar to women leave their mark. You needn't have them. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription comes to your rescue as no other medicine can.

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT. For Internal and External Use.

DONALD KENNEDY Of Roxbury, Mass., says Kennedy's Medical Discovery cures Horrid Old Sores, Deep-Seated Ulcers of 40 years' standing, Inward Tumors, and every disease of the skin, except Thunder Humor, and Cancer that has taken root.

FOR FIFTY YEARS! MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by mothers for their children while teething for over fifty years. It cures all colic, all pain, all worms, all wind, all cold, and is the best remedy for all these ailments.

A skin of a very rare and remarkable bear-like animal has been brought from the Chinese province of Kansu to St. Petersburg by two Russian explorers. The only other specimen is in the Paris museum. It lives in Western China at an elevation of from 10,000 to 12,000 feet, where it inhabits the Bamboo thickets, and is known by the natives as the white or spotted bear.

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Care of Children's Teeth. Very few mothers realize the necessity of caring for and properly preserving a child's first teeth, so that they shall drop naturally out of the jaw, without decay, when the time comes.

The first permanent teeth come in when the child is about six years of age. These are molars, and they come out with the first teeth. At this time the child begins to feel the front teeth loosening, and when the teeth have been properly attended to, these teeth may be taken out by the child with its own fingers, with little or no loss of blood.

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A cough or cold is a spy which has stealthily come inside the lines of health and is there to discover some vulnerable point in the fortification of the constitution which is guarding your well-being. That point discovered the spy reports it to the enemy on the outside. The enemy is the changeable winter climate.

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