

Telling the Age of Horned Cattle.

G. L. Hamilton, of South Bend, Ind., who is an extensive breeder of Short-horn cattle, in conversation with a *Star-Sayings* reporter said: "The ages of horned cattle may generally be known by the rings on the horn till their tenth year, but after that time they give no indication of age further than that the animal has passed its tenth year. The first ring appears on the horn after the animal is two years old—soon after, as a general rule, though sometime before that age.

During the third year the ring gradually increases, and at three years of age it is completely formed. The second ring appears during the fourth year, and at the end of the fifth year it is complete. After this period an additional ring is formed each year. This rule is sufficiently plain, and even a young farmer needs but little practice to enable him to read a cow's age on her horns. The cow with three rings is six years old, with four rings she is seven years old, with five rings she is eight years old, with six rings she is nine years old, and with seven rings she is ten years old, the deeper rings, however, and the worn appearance of the horns are pretty sure indications of old age."—*St. Louis Star-Sayings*.

The Poor Flower Makers.

Flower making is one of the starving industries of New York City. It takes from two to six years to learn the business. Roses, lilies, violets and clusters like lilacs are the popular branches and all are paid by the piece. The first year the learner averages \$1 a week; the second year \$2.50; the third \$3; the fourth \$4, and after that eighty cents a day is considered fair pay, for the reason that first class work is not abundant, the buyers preferring imported flowers for the same money to the home product. Strong chemicals are used in the work and have a deleterious influence on the health of the girls. These rose-makers and foliage-brancheders are very nice girls as a class. Taste is required in the work, which has a refining influence on the called upon to exert it.—*New York World*.

It has been estimated that the recent Australian strikes cost the colonies there over \$6,250,000.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

HOW TO BOIL AN EGG.

"Isn't it strange," said a short, foreign-looking man the other day to some companions, while luncheon together at one of the restaurants, "that not one cook in fifty, nor housekeeper either, knows how to boil an egg? And yet most people think they know this simple matter. They will tell you to drop it into boiling water and let it remain three minutes, and to be sure the water is boiling. Here is where the mistake is made. An egg so prepared is indigestible and hardly fit for a well person, let alone one who is sick, to eat. The moment it is plunged into boiling water the white hardens and toughens. To boil an egg properly, put it in a vessel, cover with cold water, place over the fire and the second the water begins to boil your egg is done. The white is as delicate as a jelly and as easily digested and nutritious as it should be. Try it."—*Chicago Tribune*.

THE WAY TO COOK BANANAS.

If the banana is taken just after its rind has begun to grow golden but is still streaked with green it will contain a great deal of starch, which will make it palatable when cooked, while the small amount of sugar which has been formed will give it a sweetness like a sweet potato, says a writer in *Harper's Young People*.

Strip the rind off and boil it until soft, and it will make one of the nicest vegetables you ever ate.

If you live in the country, where you are blessed with the luxury of an open wood fire, try roasting some peeled half-ripened bananas in the ashes, as you do potatoes, and see how savory a morsel they make.

It is one of the commonest sights along the Amazon to see groups of half-clad Indian men and women squatting around little camp fires roasting bananas and having endless mirth trying to pick them out of the hot coals without burning their fingers.

We are all used to fried bananas, but we are prone to forget that for this purpose they should not be fully ripe, as that makes them too soft and too sweet. Above all, a banana roasted or fried should be served hot, for as soon as it becomes cold it grows tough and unpalatable.

"THE STAFF OF LIFE."

Bread has been truly called the staff of life, says the *New York Observer*, and as it is one of the principal articles of our food, it is not to be wondered at that the health of a family depends largely upon the kind of bread they eat and how it is made. To make first-class bread requires common sense, judgment and care, from the time the yeast is started until it comes out of the oven a well shaped, golden-brown loaf. The best of recipes will not make good bread unless the flour is good and the cook careful. The longer bread is kneaded the better it is and the whiter.

Wheat Bread—One quart of warm water, a pinch of salt, one cupful of soft yeast, and flour to make a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly and let it stand over night. In the morning stir down and add sufficient flour to mix it well, knead a long time and let it rise; then put it into your tins, handling as little as possible. When light place it in a moderate oven and bake an hour, watching it carefully. If the crust is too crisp, wet with a little sponge or cloth dipped in milk.

Brown Joe Bread—Two cupfuls of cornmeal, two cupfuls of white flour, one cupful of molasses, one cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of soda. Steam three or four hours and bake half an hour.

Graham Bread—One quart of warm water, one teaspoonful of salt, a small cupful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of soft yeast, a small teaspoonful of soda, and enough graham flour to make it stiff enough so it will drop readily from a spoon. Grease your tins and pour it in. Let it rise until quite light, and bake three-quarters of an hour in a moderate oven.

Rolls—One pint of boiling milk, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a cup of soft yeast, and flour to make a soft sponge. Let it rise over night, then knead hard, let it rise again and roll out with biscuit cutter and fold half over. Bake in a quick oven a golden brown.

Oatmeal Rolls—To a vegetable dish of cold oatmeal left from breakfast add a tablespoonful of melted butter, one well beaten egg, a pint of hot milk, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and flour to make quite stiff so it can be dropped from a spoon. Bake in gem irons in a hot oven.

Muffins, Number One—Half a cup of butter, two-thirds cup of sugar, a little salt, one egg well beaten, one pint of boiled milk, half a cup of yeast and flour to make thick. Let it rise over night, and bake in irons from twenty minutes to half an hour.

Rice Muffins—Half a pint of sweet milk, one pint of flour, half a pint of cold boiled rice, two eggs, one and a half tablespoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, a little salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; melt the butter, add the sugar and eggs, beat well, then add the rice. When smooth add the flour. Bake in muffin rings. This will make a dozen and a half.

Muffins, Number Two—One egg, one pint of boiled milk, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a cup of yeast, and flour to stir as stiff as bread sponge. Set at night, and in the morning stir down and bake in muffin rings.

Muffins, Number Three—Two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of sugar, one egg, half a pint of milk, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and flour to make as stiff as cake. Bake immediately in muffin rings.

Graham Muffins—One tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one egg, one cupful of sweet milk, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and graham flour to make a stiff batter.

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Greenland Ice Sailing.

Dr. Nansen, the intrepid explorer, in his account of his adventurous journey across Greenland, tells how his party carried all their stores on two light sledges drawn by hand. Each sledge with its load weighed about 200 pounds.

On the inland ice, when the wind was favorable, they could, by rigging up sails for the sledges out of the wall-pieces and roofs of their tents, get their loads transported without labor and sometimes, with great swiftness.

The explorer speaks with much enthusiasm of the Norwegian "skis," which he wore on all his snow journeys. The "ski" is a wooden footgear eight feet long, three and three-fourth inches wide at its broad part, curving upward toward the front. The "skilober" puts his toes into a leather receptacle like the fore part of a boot, and buckles a strap round the back of the heel, allowing the heel to rise freely.

With a pair of "skis" he can skid over moderately firm snow at the speed of seven, eight or nine miles an hour on level ground, and fears not to rush down steep hills with amazing swiftness or to perform amazing leaps.—*New York Journal*.

Florida Phosphate Beds.

"The phosphate beds of Florida have since their discovery about one year ago given employment to thirty-two millions of capital. And," continued Commissioner R. Turnbull, a guest of the Palmer House from that State, "many more millions will be invested there before the close of the present year. Moreover, good, substantial returns are being had on the money. Phosphate mining is not like gold and silver mining—you don't have to spend thousands of dollars before you learn where there is anything in the ground worth digging for. The phosphate lies in flat beds, the top of which is only a few feet under ground, and one man can in a short time figure pretty close to the actual amount of phosphate obtainable from any particular plot of ground. So that an investor can put in his money and be sure of getting it and something beside back. That is the kind of a State Florida is."—*Chicago Post*.

Brazil, a country as large as the United States, has but six thousand miles of railroads, and a population of 12,000,000.

There are 3985 paper mills in the world.

Transactions at the Stamp Exchange.

In Paris there is a stamp exchange where transactions are carried on from 9 to 7 o'clock of every Thursday and Sunday. It is the Champs Elysees, under the chestnut trees at the corner of the Avenue Marigny and the Avenue Gabrielle, just behind the Guignols and in front of an aristocratic mansion inhabited by one of the Rothschilds. By 3 o'clock the exchange is in full go, and all ages and all conditions of society are represented. There is very little trading carried on at this petite bourse, most of the transactions being buying and selling. Men and boys, wearing satchels slung by a strap over their shoulder, and in which postage stamps are piled like coins in the scrips of cashiers, shout what they have to sell, their albums are looked through, philatelic papers read, discussions held and bartering takes place amid lively vociferations. "I have sixty blue Kopecks," "Who wants any 1872 Uruguays?" "I will take 1873 Ceylons at thirty centimes." "I will sell 1862 Turks, paper peelings." "Who'll take 1866 Perus at forty centimes?" "I want 1849 presidents." "I have an emperor with laurel and an emperor without laurel." "How much for Columbians?" "Who wants Cape of Good Hope?" "Here are 1500 for twenty-five centimes," a fellow cries. "Show them," others shout, and then it is his turn to detail the merchandise. Packets of ordinary stamps are usually sold without being opened, but sometimes the buyer unseals the envelope, then cries: "Thief! black guard! old cheat!" and the crowd laughs heartily.—*Chicago Herald*.

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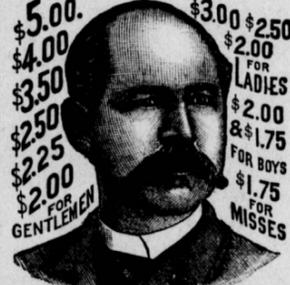
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