

Horticulture at the World's Fair.

Chief Samuels values plants at present on hand at the World's Fair grounds in Chicago at \$200,000, and he is credited with declaring that the collection of large decorative plants has not its equal in the United States.

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Mrs. Ogden Snyder Albany, N. Y.

"I Owe My Life to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Words are powerless to express the gratitude I feel toward Hood's Sarsaparilla, for under God, I feel and know that to this medicine I owe my life.

Caused by a Tumor For several months I had been unable to retain any food of a solid nature. I was greatly emaciated, had frequent hemorrhages, and was satisfied the doctors were right in saying my life was nearly over.

I began to Feel Hungry Could, after a time, retain solid food, increased in weight, the asthma left my skin, the bloating subsided, and I felt better all over. For the past two years my health has been good.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, as sit digestion, cure headache, try a box. A remedy which, if used by Wives about to experience the painful ordeal attendant upon childbirth, proves an infallible specific for, and obviates the distress of confinement, lessening danger to both mother and child.



FARM AND GARDEN.

LAND PLASTER FOR STABLES. Professor Dean, of the Ontario Agricultural College, says on the subject of land plaster in stables: "We use constantly on our floors a liberal quantity of land plaster or gypsum, which has three effects: (1) It fixes the ammonia and makes the manure more valuable.

SOOT TEA FOR PLANTS. One of the best fertilizers for pot plants is soot. It not only nourishes the plant, but keeps the soil sweet, will destroy all worms and insects, and even rot the green fly.

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"Every box has been in perfect condition when it came into my hands, and the contents have given complete satisfaction. It is an act of simple justice, and also a pleasure, to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives."

In Europe, where the horse is every year more used as human food, the animals are not allowed to become a mass of skin and jagged bones, as old horses are here. They are fattened, and even an old horse can be made quite fat if given succulent food mixed with ground grain.

What is way down to the lowest notch we have seen in thirty years, and bran climbing up in price every day. We are not certain but that farmers who buy the wheat by the car load and get it ground at the custom mill, and feed the bran and middlings, selling the flour for what they can realize.

If we were in Northern Dakota or Minnesota we would not sell wheat at fifty cents a bushel, if we had good cows to feed it, and butter thirty-one cents a pound in Chicago. We believe there are four pounds of butter in a bushel of wheat fed to a good cow, with good roughage in addition.

To KEEP BUTTER. To keep butter several months it is necessary that the butter be perfectly well made and be completely freed from all traces of the buttermilk, or this will quickly spoil it.

MOTHER'S FRIEND. A remedy which, if used by Wives about to experience the painful ordeal attendant upon childbirth, proves an infallible specific for, and obviates the distress of confinement, lessening danger to both mother and child. Sold by all druggists, or express on receipt of price, \$1.50 per bottle, charges prepaid.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

LEMON JUICE VS. VINEGAR. Lemon juice is far more refreshing and healthful than vinegar in preparing cold-salads; and it is the same with sliced tomatoes. The tomatoes ripe and sliced, with salt between and fairly drenched in lemon juice, make a most delicious relish.

A NICE WAY TO COOK EGGS. Egg cutlets make a delightful dish for lunch or supper. To make them season half a pint of good white sauce with salt and cayenne, add to it the yolks of two egg, and stir it all over the fire till it thickens, but without boiling; then tammy it, or run it through a hair sieve.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Dead dogs kill no sheep. Quack grass loves a poor farmer. It's a poor "bracco" that breaks a trace.

A drained acre of land is equal to removing one hundred miles south. Two heaves can never be made fat on a pasture that has only grass enough for one.

Keep studying and experimenting if you do not want to be left behind the times. Many men in the dairy business are ignorant on many of the most important points.

Store carrots in pits or cellars, and cover the roots with sand to prevent them from wilting. If it is possible have the heifer calf come into the dairy at twenty-six or twenty-eight months old.

AN OLD-FASHIONED DAINTY AGAIN. The old crystallized orange-peel, a home-made confection in which our grandmothers delighted, is now to be found at some of these fall shops.

Put the peel in cold water and set it away for at least nine days. Then scald it up in the water in which it was soaking. It must be kept while it is soaking in a cold place, but not where it will freeze.

Start beds of mushrooms under greenhouse benches. Cover spinach lightly with litter, and kale in exposed locations should also be covered.

When the weather is mild in winter, lettuce in frames need all the air you can give them, otherwise they will be so tender that the least frost will kill them.

The principal difficulty in keeping late chickens growing is lack of warmth. If they can be kept comfortable it is comparatively easy to keep them gaining.

Ducks, young or old, do not thrive well on a grain diet. They need more bulky food. Bran, grass, middlings and food of this kind are better than grain.

While as a general rule old hens are unprofitable, it is sometimes advisable to keep them, especially when they have proved themselves to be good mothers.

All business men take note of the constant changes in the taste of their customers and in the demand for certain kinds of goods. Farmers should do the same.

To grow an orchard successfully have the ground in a good state of cultivation for several years. Before planting plow deep, and if a subsoil be used all the better.

E. D. Eastman, of Rochester, N. Y., feeds 120 sows and a half cents each daily by means of the silo. He considers silage and cotton-seed meal a perfect ration.

No man need think of succeeding in keeping cows unless he is willing to give his attention to it, and care at least for the comfort of his cows as he does for his own comfort.

While kerosene is an irritant, crude petroleum makes a good liniment. It will kill every louse it touches. Use kerosene on the roof and in nests and petroleum on the chicks.

Cabbages in cold frames should be aired freely and kept cool. Heads for winter and spring use must now be protected, but not covered too deeply, nor stored in too warm a place.

Because occasionally a crossbred fowl presents a fine appearance one is tempted to think it a good plan to breed them, but this is a mistake. The best results are secured by keeping the breeds pure.

In the management of fattening it is much better to have fowls eager and hungry for their food, so that they will hunt and scratch for something to eat, rather than to have them lazy and listless.

In most cases, even when the poultry is given a large range, it will be found advisable to have a close yard where, at any time it may be considered advisable, more or less of the poultry can be confined.

It takes time to increase a cow's capacity for milk when feeding for that purpose. A cow giving 150 pounds of milk a year cannot be made to give 300 pounds immediately. The change is gradually made.

Some of the larger breeds of poultry are best in small towns or villages where it is desirable to allow them the range of your own premises, but not to bother the neighbors. The larger breeds are easier to restrain.

A few carrots given daily to the horses and cows will be considered a luxury by them, and the carrots will greatly benefit them. One of the best modes of providing a natural butter color for the butter is to use carrots for the cows.

To get milk—to get the most and the best milk—the bodily comfort of the cow must be considered and ministered to. The comfort, the ease, the perfect rest of the cow must be studied if she be expected to yield to the extent of her powers.

Mixing pyrethrum with four or five parts of flour makes a good insecticide to dust over the foliage of plants, and a cure recommended for the green fly, cabbage maggot, and all belonging to this class is one ounce muriate of potash in one pint of water.

An old farmer says that rose bugs "will not go upon a plant they cannot see through." To prove it he shows vines and bushes trained against walls or buildings, left unharmed, while those standing in an open field had their buds completely devoured.

Repulsive Alaskan Customs.

"The natives of Southeastern Alaska," said ex-Governor A. P. Swinford, of Alaska, to the Star representative, "are rapidly falling into the customs of Americans, particularly as to their dress, some of the better class of natives dressing even better than the American residents. It was formerly the custom in Southeastern Alaska for the women to wear a 'labret' or short piece of bone or steel in their lower lip by way of ornament. Now one observes it only among the old women. Along the Bering Sea the men thus puncture their lips. They begin with a small piece of steel or bone no larger than a needle and gradually increase the size until it measures nearly an inch in diameter. The bigger the 'labret' the more pleased and important feels the native. Men and women alike plaster their faces with a thick coating of black paint obtained from grinding a sort of soft rock. They say it keeps the features warm in winter and protects them in summer from the attacks of insects and independent flies. As a race the people are under size and not personally attractive, though at Sitka one may see some splendid specimens of muscular development among the men, while some of the young women are good looking. There are now four newspapers published in the Territory and it is progressing satisfactorily. My stay there was very pleasant and I made many warm friends."—Washington Star.

How a Snake Swallows a Frog.

The method of swallowing is a very simple one, although, if the frog be large, more than half an hour may be consumed in the process. The two bones of the lower jaw are separate and capable of independent movement; so the reptile loosens it hold upon one side of its jaw, and, pushing that side forward as far as possible, it drives the teeth in again, and then draws the jaw back to its original position. The result is that the prey is drawn down by the movement. The process is then repeated by the other half of the jaw, thus inevitably forcing the victim inward. The snake's skull stretches enormously, and the jaw is, of course, dislocated, but the extensible ligaments hold the bones together. The disproportion between the diameter of the frog and the serpent's slender neck is indeed marvelous, and snakes have been observed to split themselves open by attempting too ambitious a mouthful. After perhaps half an hour of laborious contortions, all that is seen of the poor frog is a great swelling that the contracting muscles are rapidly forcing down the reptile's neck. If one liberates the captured frog before it is too late, the wretched animal often seems to overcome by fear, or perhaps stupefied by the serpent's saliva, that it will not leap, but crawls in a painful manner. We must not allow ourselves to be duped into a mistaken sympathy, however, for such is the poetic justice of the case. Large frogs esteem small snakes a particular delicacy. —Popular Science Monthly.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Use a small, soft sponge to apply the blacking to a stove. Tannin mixed with mutton tallow is good for chapped hands.

To clean a brown porcelain kettle, boil peeled potatoes in it. Put a teaspoonful of salt into a kerosene lamp once in a while.

Remove iron rust from marbles by rubbing with lemon juice. To purify a room of unpleasant odors, burn vinegar, rosin or sugar.

In using hard water for washing dishes put into it a little milk. A good-sized sponge is nice for cleaning paint and washing windows.

A paste made of equal parts of lard and powdered chalk will cure corns. A large, soft sponge, either dry or slightly dampened, makes a good duster.

If an artery is cut, compress it between the wound and the heart; if a vein is cut, compress beyond. To cure cholera in chickens, put asafoetida in the water they drink and allow them to pick at coal ashes.

The round point of a lead pencil is a good thing with which to remove a speck of any kind from the eye. Throw a quantity of salt in the stove if the chimney is on fire and there is danger from sparks; it not, let it burn.

Nitre is excellent for a cold, especially a feverish one. Use ten drops to a teaspoonful, according to age, once in four hours. A bottle of flexible collodion is very useful for cracks in the hands, scratches, cuts, etc. Care must be taken to keep it well protected from the air.

Newspapers wet thoroughly and crumpled up are excellent to sweep a carpet with, making it look bright and with far less trouble than it is to wipe it with a damp cloth. To clean paint, add to two quarts of hot water two tablespoonfuls of turpentine and one of skimmed milk, and only soap enough to make suds, and it will clean and give a luster.

Tar or paint may be removed by first applying oil of some kind or lard; then, after scraping off the loosened substances, apply a mixture of turpentine and benzine, and at the last use benzine alone. A coat of gum copal varnish applied to the soles of boots and shoes, and repeated until the pores are filled and the surface shines like polished mahogany will render them water proof, and they will last three times as long.

Tall Men. Turner, the naturalist, declared that he once saw upon the coast of Brazil a race of gigantic savages, one of whom was twelve feet in height. M. Thoret, of France, in his description of America, published at Paris in 1575, asserted that he saw and measured the skeleton of a South American which was eleven feet five inches in length.

The Chinese are said to claim that in the last century there were men in their country who measured fifteen feet in height. Josephus mentioned the case of a Hebrew who was ten feet two inches in height.—Sittings.

The Deadly Cancer.

The hope is entertained that science may yet be able to subdue the "flaming and deadly cancer." Recent study of cancer may not only indicate that it is an organic growth, but almost certainly proves that it is liable to the attack of another parasite. Better acquaintance with the relations of these parasites may possibly bring the long sought method of arresting cancer.—Detroit Free Press.

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