## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

### HONEY VINEGAR.

Honey may be used for making vinegar as well as syrups or other sweets. To make five gallons of honey vinegar, put five pounds of strained honey into the empty cask; then pour in five gallons of warm, pure rain water and a pint of good yeast, or a few sheets of mother of vinegar if they can be had. Set the cask in a warm place, covering the bunghole with mosquito netting to keep out flies and other insects, until fermentation has ceased and the vinegar is in the proper condition for use. — New York Sun.

### HOW TO BOIL RICE.

Wash one cup of rice. Put three quarts of boiling water into a kettle; add a teaspoonful of salt and let it boil rapidly; sprinkle in the rice so gradually that you will not stop the boiling; when you have it all in, give the water a twirl with a fork, cover the kettle and boil rapidly twenty minutes. Then pour into a colander to drain. Place the colander on a tin dish; stand it in the oven for five minutes to dry, leaving the door wide open; then turn it carefully into a heated dish; serve without a cover.

Points to be remembered: Boil rapidly from the time you cover the kettle till you take it off. The rapid boiling allows each grain to swell three times its normal size, and the motion prevents the grains from sticking together. Do not stir it, as this will cause it to fall to the bottom of the kettle and burn. The drying in the oven with the door open evaporates the moisture, leaving the rice soft, snowy white and perfectly dry. Boiled rice is delicious when served with shrimp, oyster, chicken or okra gumbo. —New Orleans Picayune.

### FRYING FOODS.

Foods like oysters, chicken and fish need to be covered with a grease-proof coating before putting into the fat. This coating is made by adding to one egg a tablespoonful of water and beating. If used for such foods as oysters that one wishes to brown quickly, use milk or cream in place of the water. For chicken or fish use water. When the batter is made, if you wish to fry chicken, sprinkle the pieces with salt and pepper, dip them in the batter and then roll them in fine cracker crumbs and drop them into the fat. If this preparation of chicken is to be given to a person with a very delicate stomach, the skin and fried crust may be stripped off before eating. Most kinds of fish are treated in the same way before frying. Oysters, however, need what is called a "double breading," and are delicious if thoroughly drained, and dipped first into seasoned bread crumbs, then into the egg batter, then into cracker dust or flour. The object of using bread crumbs for the first coating is to make the surface slightly rough so that a greater quantity of the egg will cling. The oysters are also more delicate and less dry than when crackers are used for both coatings.

A platterful of white cornmeal mush, if properly fried in deep fat, is a tempting breakfast or luncheon dish. Cool the mush in a shallow dish, and when cold cut it into pieces, which should be about 1½ inches thick and a finger long. Fry a rich brown and serve in a folded napkin. Hominy is very nice fried in the some way.—St. Louis Republic.

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### SETTING AXLES.

In setting axles for carts and carriages the wheels should be a trifle wider apart at the top than at the bottom; also gather a little in the front to prevent pressing on the linchpin or nut holding the wheel on the axle. In the carriage trade these variations from a straight line are called the "swing" and "gather." The latter is the forward inclination of the spindle relatively to the general line of direction of the axletree. The swing is the outward inclination of the top of the wheel, and is to meet the requirements of the conical axle, so that the bottom edge of the spindle shall ride about horizontally. —New York Sun.

### LARGE AND SMALL FARMS.

Many persons could better their financial condition and relieve themselves from much worry and vexation if they would put the brains, labor and manure on five acres that they now distribute over forty. It is not true, however, that every farmer can do better on a small farm than on a large one. It requires a different order of intellect, and in some ways a larger intellect, to succeed with the small farm. Any successful gardener knows that it requires more brains to market his crops profitably than it does to raise them. In other words, the small farmer, if he expects profitable returns for his work, must have the qualities of a successful merchant and a skillful farmer.—Chicago Times.

### HORSE POINTS.

Unless a horse has brains he is not teachable. A horse that has breadth and fullness between the ears and eyes will not act mean or hurt any one. The eye should be full and a hazel color, the ears small and thin and point forward, the face straight with square muzzle and large nostrils. The under side of the head should be well cut under the jaw with jawbone broad, and wide apart under the throttle. The back short and straight and square rump, high withers, shoulders well set back, and broad but not deep into the chest, fore feet short, hind legs pretty straight, fetlocks low down, pastern joint short with a round mulish foot. There are all kinds of horses, but the animal that has all these points is almost sure to be slightly graceful, good natured and serviceable. —Tennessee Farmer.

### MANAGEMENT OF WORN OUT LAND.

There is a natural fascination about the attempts to take what is seemingly worthless and give it value. Either it is this, or the fact that poor land can always be bought cheaply and usually on the easiest terms makes poor land saleable when property that was certain not to pay in years of any other character could not find a purchaser on any terms. But in most cases, cheap as the poor farm may seem, that in a high state of cultivation will be really cheaper, whatever the price asked for it. The cost of bringing up poor land to the point where it will begin to pay is always greater than is expected. The land that is now paying can generally be depended on to pay under good management as well as it has done. It has a recognized value that can be determined. If the poor land is bought it has to be experimented with, and possibly money has to be sunk before it can be made to pay. The old saying, to him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away what he seemeth to have, is quite as true of land as it is of people. Fertility tends to make fertility even more surely than does money make money.—Boston Cultivator.

### TO DRESS A BEEF.

A slaughtered beef may be dressed in this way: As soon as it is dead the carcass is turned on its back and the hide is slit up the belly, without cutting through into the interiors. The knife is passed from the brisket up the forelegs to the knee, and this joint is separated and left in the hide for the present. The hind legs are treated in the same way. The skin is then stripped off as far as possible to the back and round the neck. The carcass is then raised partly so as to remove the skin from the rump and down the back, and, as is necessary, it is raised more until the head is free of the ground, when the hide is completely removed, and the head is cut off. When the carcass is half raised it is opened and the intestines removed. It is then hoisted up, and washed down with cold water and left to hang until cool. It may be desirable to split the backbone at the shoulders and open the carcass to hasten the cooling. When well cooled and quite stiff the meat is cut up, first into halves down the backbone and then into quarters. It is then ready to hang up, and may be further divided as may be convenient. Meat that is to be salted should be hung a few days before it is cut up, it keeps better for it, and any bloody parts, as about the neck, should be well cleaned before the meat is put in the pickle, as any blood in it will make the pickle sour in the warm weather. Pickled meat should be opened in the spring, before the weather is warm, and the pickle drawn off and boiled; by this the albumen which makes the pickle sour will be removed by straining, as it will be become solid. More pickle may be added.

### FORMATION OF LAWS.

The gospel of the perfect lawn includes deep soil, the proper grasses and frequent mowing. In making a lawn too little importance is usually placed on thorough trenching or subsoiling and enriching the land. The surface should be harrowed and hand raked until it is in the finest condition. As to choice of seed, this must vary somewhat with locality and special conditions. Every seedsman has his own special mixture, and a very general one consists in red top and Kentucky blue grass, in equal proportions, with four or five pounds of white clover to the bushel. The seed is sown broadcast, when there is no wind, and lightly rolled in. This in brief is the usual plan.

A method brought to notice by J. B. Olcott, of the Connecticut Experiment Station, and described and discussed at the last annual session of the New Jersey State Horticultural Society, is as follows: Prepare the ground the same as described for seeding down. Then a selected sod of a fine variety of Rhode Island Bent grass is taken and divided into single plants of one or two spears and these are in rows nine inches apart and also nine inches between the rows, thus requiring sixteen plants to the square yard. These plants are pressed firmly into the soil and afterwards the whole surface rolled with a hard roller. The after care consists in keeping out every weed and plants of white clover, etc.

In three or four months, it is claimed, the ground will be entirely covered with a short, thick moss of grass. During the summer an application of from 200 to 400 pounds of nitrate of soda to the acre, applied in from three to four sowings, will give the plants a fresh start and cause them to assume a bright green hue. If these directions are carefully carried out there will be no need of weedy lawns and the general complaint that grass cannot be made to grow under shade trees according to the advocates for this method. It must be explained that Rhode Island Bent grass as usually seen has long runners with the plants far apart, somewhat like the strawberry runners, while in the peculiar variety in question the plants cover the entire runners and show no naked stems. The season for planting by this method may be either from September to November, or from the last of March to the first of June.—New York World.

### FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Unless the hen leaves her nest over night the eggs will usually hatch.

For foliage effect, the tulip and the plane trees are among the finest.

Wheat and oats with milk and bran mash are good egg-producing foods.

When you begin to fatten poultry, do it as rapidly and systematically as possible.

The Hubbard squash is one of the very best for fall and winter market or home use.

The Bordeaux mixture is still preferred by many for prevention of parasitic diseases of plants.

Potatoes, milk, chopped clover or anything that the hens will eat can be used to make up a variety.

In Meehan's Monthly it is advised not to cut an osage orange hedge until three years after it is planted.

Have a good place for the goslings and keep them away from the water until they are well feathered.

J. S. Woodward, the Western New York sheep-grower, is an earnest advocate of sheep in the orchard.

Scientific experiments made by the New Jersey Station emphasize the importance of muriate of potash for peach-trees.

Capons grow nearly one-third larger than cockerels, hence are profitable, as they always bring a good price in market.

Coal ashes sprinkled in the poultry house makes a good disinfectant, keeping away the odors and making it easy to clean.

There are three prime causes of chicken cholera—overcrowding, especially in warm weather; filthy quarters and unwholesome food.

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Capons are nearly always in demand, whether large or small, and can nearly always be sold at profitable prices; but the larger ones sell best.

Mr. McMillan, authority in such matters, does not think much of ash and beech trees for street planting, except the white and European species.

In selecting breeding stock aim to strike the "happy medium," neither too large nor too light boned. The one is coarse and the other is played out.

Some people do not know that eggs that have been chilled are spoiled for hatching. If intending to set some hens very early, keep this in mind.

Some farmers declare fowls a nuisance, and say they don't pay. This is where they are left to shift for themselves. Would the dairy pay the same way?

It doesn't matter which way you put it: clover and sheep; or, sheep and clover. They always go together, and both mean prosperity for the farmer.

Hen manure should always be kept in a dry shed or box, and well mixed with road dust. Handled in this way it is the best fertilizer the farmer produces.

One of the advantages of sheep manure over all other barnyard manures is in its freedom from weed seeds. No seed will grow after going through a sheep.

A correspondent in the Farm Journal suggests that Bordeaux mixture will prove an excellent disinfectant if applied to the cellar walls and kitchen sink.

The size of an egg is not of so much importance to the average buyer as its appearance. Pure white eggs, with clean shells, always sell well, even if small.

There are a good many ways of telling who is a good farmer, but none can be seen and read of by all men, more surely by a stranger, than the clean fence corners.

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### Fruits of Madagascar.

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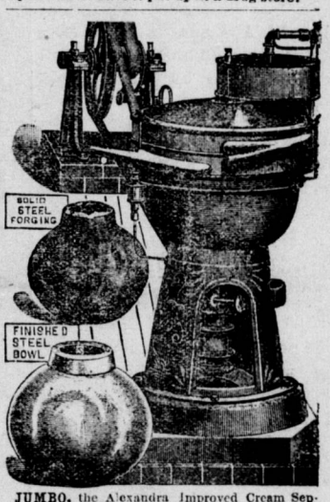


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