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HOW TO FEED MEAL TO A COW.

The best way to feed meal to a cow is to cut hay and wet it only as much as to make the meal adhere to it, and mix this with it, adding a small handful of salt with each feed. The meal is then more completely digested than if it were given by itself, in which case it is apt to pass on to the third stomach and miss the rumination, which is necessary to the perfect digestion of a cow's food. Five pounds of cut hay and three quarts of cornmeal will make a full single feed for a cow giving ten or twelve quarts of milk a day. It is not desirable to try to feed a cow for milk and fat both, as the food is then apt to be diverted to fat only, and the milk may decrease in any but a specially-gifted butter or milk animal. Some cows will shrink in milk as soon as they are fed dry meal or shorts, and turn the food to flesh and fat. Such a cow is not profitable in a dairy. The best milk and butter cow is one that is not easily fattened, but turns the food to these most-desired products, and keeps thin as long as she is milking.—New York Times.

HOTBED MAKING.

The work of selecting the place for the hotbed and cold-frames for starting early seeds should not be postponed any longer. It takes some time to make the beds and fill them with the right soil. The farmer who does not make use of frames for starting his garden vegetables ought not be classed among progressive farmers. The seasons are too short for us to wait until spring before sowing our seeds. By the time the ground is ready for sowing our garden plants are several inches high, and by transplanting them from the frames to the open ground we save a month or more. In this way raising two good crops in one season on one piece of ground is made easy. The early plants are also the ones that bring the most money, and those raised in the frames always bring in more returns to the farmer than the ones sown in the open ground during April and May. Many prefer the plants grown in frames first to those planted later in the field, as they have stronger roots and stalks, making it possible for them to resist dry weather. The hotbeds should be constructed right away, for there are some slow-germinating seeds that ought to be put in the ground very early. It takes time to gather and mix the right soil for the beds, and there will be many days when the ground will be frozen too hard to dig any soil for the beds. —New York Independent.

WATER-CRESS CULTIVATION.

In answer to inquiries, the Farmers' Voice gives the following directions for growing water-cress: Water-cress requires a clear running stream and a gravelly soil. The roots should be planted in the spring of the year in slow-running streams, where the water is from three to eight inches deep. When the roots are well established the plants will rapidly increase, and, by their natural process of seed-sowing and spreading of the roots, they will soon cover the surface of the stream. When planted the rows should be planted with the course of the stream and about eighteen inches apart. The plants should always be cut, not broken off, as breaking them off is injurious to the plants. After they have been cut off two or three times they will begin to stock out or thicken out, and then the oftener they are cut the better. When raised from seeds they should be sown on the margin of the stream, and when of suitable size transplanted into it, where it is an inch and a half or two deep. The most suitable time for sowing is in the months of April, May and June. There are said to be three varieties of water-cress—namely: the green-leaved, which is considered to be the easiest to cultivate; the small brown-leaved, which is thought to be the hardiest, and the large brown-leaved, which is said to be the best for deep water.

SMALL FRUITS.

Now it is time to apply manure to blackberries, currants, raspberries and other small fruits. It should be scattered broadcast at the roots of these plants, which should run over considerable territory. Autumn and winter are the most favorable seasons for spreading the manure, since the rains and snows of winter can distribute the fertility through every portion of the soil much more cheaply and effectively than man can with the best of tools for the purpose. With the so-called hardy varieties of fruits winter protection, even in quite northern latitudes, does not appear very general, and yet, without doubt, this is the true plan.

If cultivators could but see how their crops are oftentimes diminished by severe winters, even when plants are not killed outright by the changes of temperature, protection would more regularly be given. It is quite a simple thing to cover the roots of plants several inches deep with leaves or hay just after the *ground* has begun to freeze, and thus prevent the alternate freezing and thawing which prove so injurious. In addition, raspberry vines should be bent down and covered partially at least. Winter winds harm the canes to a considerable extent.

Opportunity is offered to establish new plantations until the ground freezes and puts an end to such operations. In transplanting remove fully one-half the canes and set out well in mellowed soil; cover with deep mulch and protect the entire plants as well as possible. If spring work will not be too pressing the plant may be secured now and "heeled in" to be in readiness for setting early next spring. Really spring is a better season for transplanting than fall.—Prairie Farmer.

GREEN FEED AND PURE AIR FOR POULTRY.

It should never be forgotten that poultry need some kind of green food at all seasons of the year. In winter there can be given them cabbages, chopped onions, or turnips, occasionally varying this diet with short late-dried hay. Poultry also relish cornstalk leaves, if chopped fine. In the early spring time, when the ground first softens from the frost, grain and other seeds should be thrown into the pens, and unless they are kept in the open, they should have a plentiful supply of it daily. For young chickens, nothing is so beneficial and so gateful as a run upon newly-grown grass. Grass torn up by the roots is eaten by hens, it is true, but not with that advantage or relish as when they can pluck it standing. Some poultry keepers sprout oats in boxes of earth and allow their birds to eat off the soft shoots. Rutabagas and carrots are excellent winter feeds, and about the cheapest to be obtained. It may be that the fowls will not take to them in a raw state; if so, the roots may be cooked, mashed, and mixed with bran and meal. Next to a plentiful supply of green food, ventilation is the most important item to be considered in keeping fowls healthy. More fowls have perished for the want of perfect ventilation than from any other cause. One of the best and simplest plans to let pure air into the poultry house is to have a hole in the floor about six inches wide and several feet long, and covered over with wire netting, which is left open in summer and kept covered up in winter. With a corresponding opening at the top, this will admit the fresh air from the bottom, and also allow all heavy gases to escape. It is the most perfect system that can be devised for admitting pure air to poultry houses, and it is, at the same time, the cheapest and most easily arranged. Sunlight, pure air, and green food make poultry profitable, but a lack of them brings disease and consequent loss.—American Agriculturist.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Trotters have too much energy for farm work.

Horses differ in intelligence almost as much as men do.

Drive the colt the first time with a fast-walking horse.

After choosing a place for the bee stands do not change it.

A little drive every day aids the development of young horses.

Don't neglect to replace the roll of salt in each stall as soon as it is gone.

Italians produce a larger number of bees than blacks, and so, indirectly, more honey.

The French stuff their fowls with fresh butter before roasting them, and baste them continually.

Fertilizers should be applied broadcast around the trees and not in immediate contact with them.

To leave the bees a reasonable supply of honey for the winter is better than attempting to feed them.

Mating for the best results in vigor and fertility requires careful study and practical observation.

The goose-raising English and Irish counties are those with very thick pastures with short grass.

Ducks should never be yarded with other poultry, as they will pollute the water and cause sickness.

If young pigs are allowed to run with fattening hogs they will lay on too much fat to grow well.

Feed and shelter the cows well this winter and you will be surprised at the increased amount of butter.

The color of the shell is no indication of the quality of the egg, but simply shows the breed of fowl.

Experience counts for a good deal in managing poultry. It is on the little details that success depends.

Sell from the young stock, and do not sacrifice fowls and turkeys which have proved satisfactory, unless very old.

Give the fowls all the skim milk and buttermilk you can spare. They will return it to you in the form of eggs.

Rolling or hilly land is the best situation for the poultry-house. Sandy and gravelly soils are also to be preferred.

The more familiar a man becomes with his orchard and other trees the more quickly will he observe their wants.

Cocks should not be kept in the pen with the layers, as an egg-producing diet will fatten them and ruin them as breeders.

The Dorking is the most popular fowl in England. There are three varieties—the colored, the silver-gray and the white.

The moth miller is a much to be dreaded enemy of the bees, but if the stock is kept strong they will not allow it to deposit its eggs on the comb.

It pays to keep the best stock of bees, as well as other good stock on the farm, and by careful selection great improvement is possible.

It doesn't pay to keep a cow for the chance of a calf alone. Corn and grass are milk producers. Butter and cheese factories are the order of the day now.

The highest natural bridge is at Rockbridge, Va., 200 feet from the water to the bottom of the arch.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

BROILING MEAT.

To broil properly there must be a bed of clear coals. The meat must be placed in a double broiler and held near the clear coals for about one minute, then be turned and cooked on the other side. Continue this until the meat is well seared on both sides. Lift the broiler a few inches away from the great heat. Keep turning until the meat is cooked.—New York World.

RAW MEAT JUICE.

Raw meat juice is prepared by mincing the best rump steak very fine and then adding cold water in the proportion of one part of water to four of meat. Stir the mixture thoroughly and let it stand in a cool place half an hour. Press through muslin or a course napkin. This process is recommended by a physician, who gives it as a result of many experiments for obtaining meat juice that has the greatest nutritive value. It is one of the foods often found excellent for children four or five years of age, who have not yet learned the art of chewing well enough to get the nutriment from meat.—New York Post.

BITS OF LAMP LORE.

Lamp wicks should have the charred part rubbed off with a rag kept for that purpose. They should very seldom be cut. They should not be used so long that the webbing becomes tight and non-porous.

Lamps should be kept filled with oil. It is bad for the wick and burner when the oil is left over from one evening's reading and is made to do duty a second time.

The tank should be filled again.

About once a month the wick should be removed, the burners unscrewed and boiled in a little water in which common washing soda has been dissolved. This will remove the almost imperceptible coating of dust and grease that forms on the brass.

The lamp chimney should be washed in warm, soapy water each day, a mop made especially for such work being used. When dried it should be polished with soft newspaper or chamois.

THE ART OF PATCHING.

How many patch clothes, particularly children's clothes, with little regard to the stripe and check, and sometimes to the shade of the garment patched. Then some seem to think the larger the patch the better. Of course the thinness of the cloth near the hole will have something to do with the size of the patch, but when a three-cornered tear is mended take a piece exactly matching the check or stripe of the garment, and just large enough to leave a space equal to the fell taken on the other side between the hem and the run; then on the right side make a cut in each corner equal to the depth of the fell, and a much squarer, neater patch is made. If a woolen garment, it should be dampened and the fell thoroughly pressed with a moderately hot iron. A patch should never be put on the right side of a garment. If the rent or wear is near a seam insert a side of the patch into this, and sometimes two seams are so near that the patch can scarcely be noticed. Generally people fasten the patch on the wrong side by running a thread along near the edge. A better way is to catstitch the patch on to the garment.

POTATO COOKERY.

It seems a pity to the New York World that when there are so many delicious ways of serving potatoes, they are ever sent to the table in the unappetizing lump form which is most prevalent. Here are a few substitutes for the everlasting "boiled" potato.

Potatoes in Jackets—Bake as many potatoes as are needed. Cut a small piece from one end and a larger one from the other. Remove the inside and rub through a sieve. Put on the fire with half an ounce of butter and one ounce of grated cheese for every four potatoes. Add boiling milk, salt and pepper as for mashed potatoes. Fill the skins with this paste, sprinkle tops with grated bread crumbs and cheese and put in the oven to brown.

Potato Souffle—Boil six good-sized mealy potatoes. Rub through a sieve. Scald a teacup of sweet milk and three teaspoons of butter. Add a little salt and pepper and mix with the potatoes. Beat to a cream. Add one at a time the well-beaten yolks of six eggs. Beat the whites to a froth and stir lightly into the mixture. Pour into a well-buttered baking dish and bake for about half an hour in a quick oven.

Potato Balls—Mash some potatoes with salt, pepper, butter and a little chopped parsley. Roll into balls, dip in beaten egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry for a few minutes in hot butter.

Texas Baked Potatoes—Mash and season with pepper and salt some good Irish potatoes. Mince a large onion fine, mix thoroughly with the potatoes and bake in a brisk oven.

Transparent Leather.

According to the Magasin Pittoresque, transparent leather can now be made. Before the hide is absolutely dry it is placed in a room which the rays of the sun do not penetrate, and is saturated with a solution of bichromate of potash. When the hide is very dry there is applied to its surface an alcoholic solution of tortoise shell, and a transparent aspect is thus obtained. This leather is exceedingly flexible. It is used for the manufacture of toilet articles, but there is nothing to prevent it from being used for footgear, and perhaps, with fancy stockings, shoes made of it would not prove unpleasant to the sight. They would, at least, have the advantage of originality.

A Church Made of Paper.

There is a church at Bergen, Norway, made of paper, which can accommodate nearly 1000 persons. Its exterior is octagonal, while in the interior it is circular in form. The reliefs without and the decorative statues within, as well as the vaulted roof, nave and Corinthian capitals, are made of papier mache, which has been made waterproof by soaking in a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of egg.—San Francisco Call.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

Uncle Sam has 110 women lawyers.

Queen Victoria speaks ten languages fluently.

The Czar of Russia's typewriter is his wife.

Sixty-eight Mary Smiths are students this year in Smith College, New York.

The Duchess of York has set up a swing for the amusement of her guests in wet weather.

The Queen of Italy is bringing out a volume of folk lore, the result of her summer holiday.

It is said that fencing is to be the fashionable exercise for ladies this season in London.

Within a year Eleanor E. Greatorex has become one of the best-known of American illustrators.

The English Queen's favorite wall paper has a bright blue ground sprinkled with white stars.

Miss Clay, of Lexington, Ky., will be a candidate for the office of City School Superintendent of that city.

It is a point of honor that Moorish women never know their own ages. They have no birthday celebrations.

Miss Green, a young lady from Cardiganshire, is the present English governess to the Emperor of Germany's children.

Ornithologists are quoted as estimating the number of birds "annually sacrificed to the vanity of the women of America" at 8,000,000.

Miss Herbert, the daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, has a characteristic mode of dressing, and is said to design most of her own gowns.

Katherine Lee Bates, Professor of English literature at Wellesley College, has lately brought out a volume on "The Early English Drama."

Mrs. John Clay, the widow of a Kentucky stock breeder, left directions in her will that each superanuated animal on her stock farm should be cared for at a yearly expense of $50 to the estate.

Lady Marjorie Gordon, daughter of the Earl of Aberdeen, is three years old, and greatly resembles her charming mother in appearance. She is the editor of "Wee Willie Winkle," a paper for children.

The youngest Queen Consort of Europe, the Queen of Portugal, was born at Twickenham in England. She was the favorite child of the Comte de Paris, and is a brave and graceful horsewoman. She has two little sons.

Women organizations are becoming so numerous and popular in New York City that "I saw you at the club the other day" is a remark frequently to be heard among women as they meet in the shops and on the streets.

One of the greatest authorities on pomology in the West is Mrs. F. C. Johnson, of Hastings, Neb. She is described as "very charming in manners and stylish in figure." She is a fascinating talker, and has made a fortune raising apples.

It is a fact of interest that Mme. Eva Nansen, the Arctic explorer's wife, is regarded as being next to Mme. Greig, the finest romance singer in Norway. A vocal recital she gave in Christiania recently was attended by the royal family and a crowded audience.

The widow of Frederick L. Ames has presented to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, in memory of her husband, two life-size portraits by Rembrandt valued at $40,000 each. One is a portrait of Dr. Tulpp, dated 1634, and the other of his wife bears the same date.

What may yet be popular? No one knows, but there is wild talk, as there is always talk, of sedan chairs to go with the paniers which are certainly coming. One lady says that sedan chairs would "give work to the unemployed." So would breaking stones or the treadmill.

Mrs. John Sherwood, of New York City, has undertaken a crusade in behalf of servant girls. Within ten days, she says, she succeeded in persuading eighteen shop girls to take positions as domestics in the country. She then adds, "What could one hundred women accomplish in twenty days?"

Next to Mrs. Cleveland's fondness for quaint, old things comes her fondness for clocks, which is fully gratified, as more than twenty hands me ones and many small ones came as wedding gifts. The clocks are in every room, and are placed so that they harmonize with the other furnishings.

Boston boasts of two young women who are composers—Miss Helen Hood and Miss Margaret Lang. The Apollo Club, one of Boston's musical societies, has set the seal of its high approval upon the compositions of these young women, and musicians praise their work. So far they have both confined themselves to song writing.

The first woman to be appointed upon the Illinois State Board of Charities is Miss Lathrop. In the course of her visits to charitable institutions, fully or partially supported by the State, she has found many abuses, and has appealed to the Women's Clubs of Chicago and other cities to aid her, through their individual members, in the work of discovering and correcting defects of managements.

Miss Catherine Hogan recently passed the second highest examination in a class of fifty law students in Brooklyn, and will open a law office in New York, where she hopes to work up a practice among women who need assistance in managing their property. She is the second woman to be admitted to the bar in Brooklyn, and is a graduate of the New York public schools. The first honor in the law class was taken by a blind man.

Miss Sara M. Pollard has been farming with much success for nine years near Dugdale, Polk County, Minn. She conducts her farm without the aid of hired help except during harvest, doing her own plowing, seeding and harrowing. When working on the farm Miss Pollard wears a bloomer suit, short skirt falling just below the knees, with trousers to match. At all other times she wears the ordinary dress of women.

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