

# FARM AND GARDENS

## Saddle Horses.

Singular as it may seem, there are those who predict that the present popularity of the bicycle is likely to result in an increased demand for saddle horses, or even say that its effects may be seen already in some localities.

The habit of exercise in the open air, of frequent excursions to points near by or far away, and the gaining of confidence in the safety of trusting to other means of locomotion than the luxurious buggy or carriage, is already creating, they say, a desire to compare the ease of riding the horse and the wheel. They wish to know whether the pleasure and exhilaration which they feel upon the iron steed cannot be found equally well and with equal safety upon horseback, with a relief from the labor of pedaling.

Some of those who can afford it are trying to acquire as much skill upon horseback as they have in bicycling, and others may follow their example. It is scarcely half a century since the buggies were almost unknown, and the two-wheeled chaise or the heavier carriage was the resort only of old people too clumsy to ride as they did in their youth, or of some young dandy who desired to go out in company with a companion of the other sex. The farmer's son could well content himself upon the horse, often without a saddle at all, and sometimes the daughter was equally skillful. Now it is only the rich man's son who has been able to take his lessons at a riding academy who prefers the horse to the bicycle, but if the horse becomes fashionable, many who are not rich will find that they must acquire the art or take their place among the unfashionable crowd, destitute of the proper accomplishments of society.

And when that time comes shall we see the young man and maiden using the saddle and pillion, as did their grandparents, instead of the tandem wheel? Who knows? Horse breeders may take the hint to break their colts to a good saddle gait, and accustom them to flowing skirts or to bloomer costumes. Perhaps it was to encourage this fancy for horseback riding that the managers of agricultural fairs in Maine desired the equestrian exhibition by a troop of United States cavalry.—Boston Cultivator.

**Breeds of Sheep.**  
Some persons are apt to become lost among the many breeds of sheep and unable to make a choice on account of the variety offering. But a good sheep may be of any kind, just as a good man may be of any race, or color, or white or black or yellow, for the purpose for which any one is raised is valuable for some special location, as, for instance, the mountain breeds, as the squally or the lowland breeds and the marsh breeds. But it has appeared that all these breeds when brought to this great North America have found home anywhere, and everywhere, without any regard to their antecedents. It is true that some of our breeds seem to do better in some places than in others, but yet others thrive side by side with them. It is in the man rather than in the place or the sheep that success in the rearing exists. And the right man will always find the right place for any kind of sheep he may take a fancy to. Indeed, this word exactly fills the bill; it is the fancy of the man which always does and always will control the choice of the flock. This may be thought somewhat questionable, but, as a matter of experience, the writer of this, who has kept sheep in the North and South, East and West, during forty years past, and has kept every leading breed during that time, must say advisedly and truly that as far as choice of breed is concerned it is immaterial; all that is wanted is a good sheep and a good shepherd to manage it. Then all goes well.

As to the fleece, we may say there is a demand for every kind of wool grown, and as for mutton, while it is true that some naturally surpass other kinds, it is only for the excessively nice mutton eater that one well-kept and fed sheep will surpass any other kind. It is somewhat like the gifts of mind mentioned by an old writer; men have them not all alike, but some exceed others very greatly in the kind of them. All, however, are useful and find a place in the world. So it is with the sheep. We have here many less kinds than exist in that small country, England, more properly Great Britain, and Ireland, or the United Kingdom, but there each man swears by his favorite kind, that it is the best, and so it is for him. And so let us all choose according to our fancy, and then make our choice, by skillful culture, the best for each one of us.

There is no war of breeds anywhere; every specialist in breeding sheep is helping to advance the race. The only thing to be done is to get the chosen breed of the best sheep possible, and then by the best management try to keep it up to the highest standard. But don't let any of us be like the man whose mind could not be made up to a choice, and so made no choice. Every one who can should have a flock, and care for it as well as he can, by study of the animal and due attention to every one of its necessities.—An Ancient Shepherd, in American Sheep-Breeder.

**Fowls on the Farm.**  
Not many more years than can be counted on the fingers of one hand not one farmer in ten knew the names of a half dozen breeds of poultry. But today the farmer who cannot tell his choice of the different breeds, and the reasons of his preference, is considered behind the times. This is as it should be, for nowhere else can a small flock of fowls be made to yield so much clear profit as on the farm.

It seems to me best that the farmer should keep but one variety of chickens, if he intends raising only for eggs, broilers, or market stock. We have settled on Buff Cochins as the kind that suits us best. They are extremely gentle, of large size, quick growth taking only about two months to reach frying size. They are heavily feathered, and so stand the cold weather well, and lay better in winter than in summer, which suits us, as we do not care to sell eggs when they are down to five or six cents. When they reach this price, we think it pays to boil a few occasionally for the little chicks, if we have more from the common hens than we need for kitchen use.

Eggs from our best hens sell readily among the neighbors for a good price, for setting, if we have more than we wish to set ourselves. We aim to have our early chicks ready for market as early as possible, and these are sure to bring good prices in the home market.

Later, when everybody and all his folks are taking chickens to market, prices take a leap downward, and as by this time all except the very small chicks can almost pick up a living, and as fowls, live or dressed, are in demand about Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, and often between times, we keep our chickens growing on to be ready for the market at some of these times.

When setting hens, we set two at one time, and when they hatch, put all the chicks with one hen, and if the other hen seems doing well—if she seems bright and in good flesh—put more eggs under her, and set another hen at the same time. This is late in the season, when one hen can take care of twenty-five or thirty chicks; earlier it is not safe to allow more than fifteen to the hen.

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

**When Fingers Are Stained.**  
When the fingers are stained in peeling fruits, preparing green walnuts, or in similar ways, dip them in strong tea, rubbing them well with a nail brush, and afterward wash them in warm water and the stains will disappear.

**Scorched Linen.**  
To restore scorched linen, take two onions, peel and slice them and extract the juice by squeezing or pounding. Then cut up half an ounce of white soap and add two ounces of Fuller's earth; mix with them the onion juice and half a pint of vinegar. Boil this composition well, and spread it, when cool, over the scorched part of the linen, leaving it to dry thereon. Afterwards wash out the linen.

**May Quilts.**  
The inveterate sewing woman's last, worst gift to the world is the hay quilt. It is made of flannel, cretonne or wool and a few armfuls of hay. The good are sewed across the top and bottom from side to side at distances of about fourteen inches; then the hay is put in lightly and the remaining side sewed down. When the hay becomes limp the quilt may be hung before the fire, and it will soon become crisp again. The warmth of these quilts cannot be realized except by those who have tried them.—New York Journal.

**To Clean Carpets.**  
For cleaning the spots on the carpet or gall or ammonia and water are excellent. The proportion is one tablespoonful of household ammonia to four parts of water, or use one tablespoonful of ox gall to one quart of water. Apply with a sponge or flannel not too wet and rub until nearly dry. Lime spots may be removed with vinegar. This must be used quickly and washed off immediately. For soot, cover with salt or cornmeal and sweep up. To remove ink spots pour on milk, and as it becomes colored absorb with a blotting or other soft absorbent paper; coarse butcher's paper is good. As soon as the ink is removed wash with warm water and castile soap—nothing stronger—to remove the grease of the milk.

**Silver's Tarnish.**  
To remove stains from silver, especially such as are caused by medicine or by neglect, use sulphuric acid, rubbing it on with a little flannel pad, then rinsing the articles most carefully at once. For less ingrained stains, the pulp of a lemon, whose juice has been used for lemon squash, may be recommended, as both efficient and harmless. Indian silver and brass is always cleaned by natives with lemon or limes. It may be as well to warn housekeepers in these days, when pretty serving is such a consideration, that where one had to reheat food in a silver dish from which it is impossible to shift the eatable, a baking tin should be half filled with hot water, a doubled sheet of paper should be placed in this and the silver dish stood upon it, after which it will take no harm from the effects of the oven heat. Again, as eggs and vinegar are alike apt to discolor plated or silver dishes, always run a little weak aspic jelly over the silver dish before dipping the mayonnaise, etc., to be served in it, and if this coating is allowed to set before putting in the other materials the dish will suffer no damage that hot soap and water will not easily remove.

**Recipes.**  
**Pears With Whipped Cream.**—Peel five medium-sized pears, which must be perfectly ripe. Cut the fruit into eighths the long way of the pears, removing the cores. In serving add a tablespoonful of powdered sugar to each dish of the pears and on top place two teaspoonfuls of whipped cream.  
**Cheese Fingers.**—One cupful of flour, one tablespoonful of butter, one-quarter of a cupful of grated cheese, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne, one-half of a teaspoonful of baking powder; mix with water as for biscuit. Roll out thin; cut in finger lengths and bake pale brown in a moderate oven.

**Eels on Matelote au Gratin.**—Cut two pounds of eels into inch lengths and rub inside with a little salt. Fry an onion, cut small, in a little butter; add the eel, a pint of broth, half a bay leaf, six pepper cones and three cloves. Simmer three-quarters of an hour and pour into a shallow baking pan; cover with bread crumbs; dot with butter and bake a light brown.

**Broiled Tomatoes.**—Three or four tomatoes of good size properly sliced are quite sufficient. After peeling and chilling them to keep them firm slice them. Season with two teaspoonfuls of salt and a sprinkling of pepper; dip them in melted butter and then in sifted bread crumbs. Cover with a tin pan to keep in the heat and broil for eight minutes, turning them when they brown. If they "run" dredge a little flour over them. Serve on a hot dish, with a little butter on each slice.

**Purée of Green Peas.**—Take two cups of tender young green peas, a small slice of salt pork, one onion, a carrot, three or four parsley, a branch of sump celery, a bay leaf, one clove, a teaspoonful of pepper, half a cupful of rich cream and one tablespoonful of rich butter. Put the salt pork in a kettle over the fire, and when it has fried a light brown add the onion and carrot sliced fine, the parsley minced, the bay leaf, celery and clove. Fry the vegetables a delicate brown; add one quart of hot water and the peas. Let it cook slowly for an hour. Then remove and strain through a puree sieve. Add the cream and butter. Serve with croutons.

With favorable weather for the next two or three weeks, the farmers of Ontario will gather the best crops they have had for twenty years.

**Things Worth Learning.**  
Remember that it is a mark of good breeding to thank a person for a gift the day it arrives.  
Acknowledge an invitation for dinner or luncheon the day it arrives.  
Thank your hostess for your visit the day you return home.  
Either leave your card or write a note to a friend as soon as you hear that friend is ill.  
Keep sufficient paper and envelopes on hand, so your notes can be drafted at once, and remember that a dirty note is the hall-mark of good breeding.

**An Indian Actress.**  
An Indian girl is playing Puck in *Midsommer Night's Dream*. Her name is Ollie Heath, and she was born and raised among the Cherokee tribe. Subsequently she attended a seminary and there gained her first knowledge of stage art.

**A Light Lunch.**  
Benny Bloomer—"Oh, papa, the goat has swallowed a Roman candle!"  
Mr. Bloomer—"That's all right. He merely wanted a light lunch."—Life.

**A GRAND WORK**  
Kelping Tired Mothers and Giving Rosy Cheeks to Children.  
Thousands of tired, nervous, worried women have found strength, health and happiness in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies their blood, strengthens their nerves and gives them good appetites. Pale and puny children are given rosy cheeks and vigorous appetites by the good blood enriching qualities of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is indeed the mother's friend and it may well have a place in thousands of families. Be sure to get Hood's.

**Hood's Pills** are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.  
**Permanent Paste.**  
Soak an ounce of refined gelatine in cold water for an hour, then drain off and squeeze out the water as much as possible. Put the gelatine in a jelly-pot and place the pot in a pan of hot water over the fire. When the gelatine has melted stir in slowly two and one-half ounces of pure alcohol. Put in a wide-mouthed bottle and cork tightly. This glue or paste will keep indefinitely, and can be melted for use in a few minutes by setting the bottle in a basin of hot water. As it contains a very small percentage of water, it affects the gloss of the prints but little and dries almost immediately.—Harper's Round Table.

**Tough on the Doctor.**  
Doctor—I'm surprised to see you out so soon.  
Patient—Yes; the dog upset the medicine you left for me.  
There may be lots of nice men in the world, but the bill collectors don't meet them.

**Carpets**  
Good Ingrain Carpet, 29c. per yard. Heavy Brussels Carpet, 45c. per yard. For the asking, we mail you, free of all charges, our new Colored Carpet Catalogue, which shows all goods in lithograph colors. You can make your selections as well as if you were here at the mill, and save from 50 to 60 per cent. profit you are paying your local dealer. If you wish quality samples of carpet, send 5c. in stamps.

**Julius Hines & Son,**  
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Please mention this paper.

**Preserving His Boots.**  
A new wrinkle may be learned from an English soldier who was noted for keeping his boots in better condition and making them last longer than any of his brother officers. When asked what he did to them to prevent the leather from cracking and keeping it soft and smooth his reply was "Mutton bone." When an explanation was demanded he said: "It is nothing, I assure you. My man asks the cook for a knuckle bone, which he cleans and then bakes. After rubbing the leather with cream, he then frots them as hard as he can with the bone. Usually my boots last me three years.—New Orleans Picayune.

**Lazy People.**  
The laziest people on earth live on the Sandwich Islands. None of the natives do any work to speak of. Nature gives them enough to eat without any considerable labor, and they seem contented with what they thus receive.  
Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. 25¢ trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 361 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup** for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c. a bottle. If afflicted with sore eyes use Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c. per bottle.

**There is a Class of People** who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new kind of coffee, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-quarter as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. It is sold at 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

**A NECKLACE OF PEARLS**  
Is a beautiful possession. If a woman owns one, and if a single pearl drops off the string, she makes haste to find and restore it. Good health is a more valuable possession than a necklace of the most beautiful pearls, yet one by one the jewels of health slip away, and women seem indifferent until it is almost too late, and they cannot be restored. To die before you are really old is to suffer premature death, and that is a sin. It is a sin because it is the result of repeated violations of nature's laws. Pain, lassitude and weariness, inability to sleep, dreadful dreams, starting violently from sleep, are all symptoms of nerve trouble. You cannot have nerve trouble and keep your health. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the womb, the ovaries and the bladder are affected. They are not vital organs, hence they give out soonest.

**Deafness Cannot be Cured** by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portions of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

**Keep in Good Form** during the winter. Riding will do it, and a Columbia bicycle will do it best of all. You can depend on a **Columbia Bicycle** to give you plenty of winter exercise and just as good service as it will in summer.

**STANDARD OF THE WORLD** means that Columbias are the patterns for all others. **\$75 to all alike.** Hartford Bicycles, Better than any except Columbias, \$50, \$45, \$40. POPE MFG. CO., Hartford Conn. If Columbias are not properly represented in your vicinity, let us know.

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They Used to Say "Woman's Work is Never Done."

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