

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Does it Mean You?

A man who prided himself on his morality, and expected to be saved by it, was constantly saying: "I am doing pretty well, on the whole. I sometimes get mad and swear, but then I am perfectly honest. I work on Sunday when I am particularly busy, but I give a good deal to the poor, and I never was drunk in my life." This man hired a canny Scotchman to build a fence around his pasture lot. He gave him very particular directions. In the evening, when the Scotchman came in from work, the man said: "Well, Jock, is the fence built, and is it tight and strong?" "I canna just say it is all tight and strong," Jock replied, "but it's a good average fence, anyhow. If some parts are a little weak, other parts are extra strong. I don't know but I may have left a little gap here and there, a yard or so wide; but then I made up for it by doubling the number of rails on each side of the gap. I dare say that the cattle will find it a good fence, on the whole, and will like it, though I canna just say that it is perfect in every part." "What!" cried the man, not seeing the point; "do you tell me that you built a fence around my lot with weak places and gaps in it? Why, you might as well have built no fence at all! If there is one opening, or place where an opening can be made, the cattle will be sure to find it, and will go through. Don't you know, man, that a fence must be perfect, or it is worthless?" "I used to think so," said the dry Scotchman; "but I hear you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord it seemed to me that we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence will not do for them, I am afraid an average character will not do in the day of judgment."

Horse Collars.

The Valley Farmer says collars are, or should be made so as to throw the chief force on the lower part of the shoulder. The horse can apply but little strength on the upper part, and for this reason breast collars are coming greatly into a vogue, as the strength is exerted on the lower part of the shoulder. The collar should be purchased of the proper size. Just before putting it on the first time, immerse it in water letting it remain about a minute, and immediately put it on to work. The collar, by being wet, will adapt itself to the shoulder, and should dry on the horse. When taken off, it should be left in the same shape it occupied on the horse, and ever after you will have a snug-fitting collar and no wounds.

Worth a Trial.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are worse than wasted in the use of lard made into pie crust annually. To be sure a white flaky crust looks nice and tastes better, but it lays the foundation for dyspepsia, rheumatism, gout and palsy. For years I have been experimenting to find out how to make palatable pie-crust without lard, and this is the way: Take good, rich buttermilk, soda and a little salt, and mix just as soft as can be mixed and hold together; have plenty of flour on the moulding board and rolling pin; roll very thin; then make and bake as other pies or in a slower oven, and when the pie is taken from the oven do not cover up.—Country Gentleman.

Soft Soap.

Spring is at hand, and we farmers' wives are thinking about making soap. I have quit making an "ash leach," and occupying two or three days in making soap. I procure a cake of concentrated lye or a box of potash at the drug store, put it into three gallons of soft water, adding four pounds of soap grease. When it has boiled till quite clear, I put it into a barrel and add twelve gallons of soft water. When it gets cold you will have a nice lot of soap, and made with little trouble. "My man" says it is cheaper than ashes, too, as the latter are worth more for manure than for soap.—Aunt Nancy in Practical Farmer.

King Cakes.

The following is from a cook book over two hundred years old: "Take a pound of flour, three quarters of a pound of butter, half a pound of sugar, and half a pound of currants well cleansed; rub your butter well into your flour, and put in as many yolks of eggs as will lithe them, then put in your sugar, currants, and shred in as much mace as will give them a taste; so make them up in a little round cakes, and butter the paper you lay them on."

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPEALS FOR 1877. Notice is hereby given that appeals based on the Spring charges of 1877, will be held by the Board of County Commissioners at their office in the Court House, as follows: For the boroughs of Duncannon, Liverpool, Marysville, Millerstown, New Buffalo, and Newport, and the townships of Buffalo, Greenwood, Howe, Liverpool, Miller, Oliver, Plain, Rye, Watta, and Wheatfield, on TUESDAY, THE 8th DAY OF MAY, 1877. For the boroughs of Bloomfield and Landisburg and the townships of Carroll, Centre, Jackson, Juniata, Madison, Sandy Hill, Saville, Spring, Toboys, Tuscarora and Tyrone, on WEDNESDAY, THE 9th DAY OF MAY, 1877. Where and at which times all persons feeling themselves aggrieved, will be heard by the Commissioners and assessors of the several districts. By order of the Board. W. GANTT, SOLOMON BOWER, GEORGE CAMPBELL, County Commissioners. Attest: CALVIN NELSON, Clerk. April 19, 1877—18.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of Solomon Bigham, Assignee of George Metchet and wife, has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Perry county, praying for an order of sale to sell the Real Estate of said Assignee, situate in Miller township, Perry county, Pa., and that the Court has fixed TUESDAY, the 12th of June, 1877, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the hearing of said petition, when the same will be granted, unless cause be shown to the contrary. D. MICKY, Prothonotary. April 17, 1877.

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ESTATE NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of John S. McElroy, late of New Buffalo borough, Perry Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned residing in the same borough. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement to JOHN HASKIN, Administrator. February 11, 1877. Jpd

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