

# The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

## Potatoes for Cows.

The *Bural New Yorker* says: "Potatoes as cattle food will probably come into common use this season in those districts where heavy crops glut the local markets and heavy freights preclude the distant ones. In this connection, the results of a series of experiments by Dr. Wolff, a German chemist, may be profitably instructive to some of our readers. He experimented in feeding raw and cooked potatoes to two cows, together with hay and rape-seed cake. When fed on cooked potatoes the animals did not give as large a quantity of milk as when fed upon raw; but the milk made nearly a third more butter, forty-two pounds of milk having been required to make a pound of butter in one case, and only twenty-seven in the other."

## Wearing Flannel.

The majority of people are not aware of the beneficial effect of wearing flannel near the body, both in cold and warm weather, as prejudiced people believe. Frequently colds and constantly hacking coughs soon leave on adopting flannel garments. There is no need of bulk about the waist, which condemns the wearing of flannel with those who prefer wasp waists to health, for in that case the flannel can be cut as loosely fitting waists, always fastened at the back. There are scarcely any of the bad effects of sudden changes of weather felt by those who wear flannel garments, and mothers should endeavor to secure such for little people, in preference to all those showy outside trimmings which fashion demands.

## Worth Trying.

The following successful experiment is reported. A Frenchman is to be credited with a discovery that if mortar is likely to peel off, the tendency can be prevented by substituting sawdust for hair in the original mixture. He had previously tried in vain to make mortar that would stay in a place on a building exposed to damp winds near the seashore. After frequently renewing the mortar in the old way, he tried the use of sawdust in place of hair, and was quite successful. The sawdust had been thoroughly dried, and its coarser portions was removed by sifting.—*Cleveland Trade Review.*

## Gloves and Pin-Money.

Gloves were introduced into England in the tenth century, but were only used by the wealthy people, and were considered very valuable. As New Year's gifts they were quite popular, or sometimes "glove-money" in place of them. "Pin-money" originated in somewhat the same manner. Pins were so costly that money spent or laid aside for them was called "pin-money," and it became so important that it grew into the name of dower, which was settled upon the lady at her marriage.

An Iowa paper very truly says that an extra price received for a superior article is nearly all profit. And this is especially the case with the farm. It costs no more to raise a good horse than a poor scrub. No more feed, care, or time is required. And if the plug horse can be raised so as to pay expenses, there is a fine profit in raising first-class horses. The same in the case with meat cattle. In fact, it costs more per pound to raise such a steer as would sell for three cents per pound, than one which sells for six cents per pound. In this case there are nearly double the number of pounds, and double the price per pound, and yet, the choice steer takes no more food or care than the other. In this case not only the extra price is the profit, but the extra weight also.

In selecting crops to plant it should be borne in mind that the growth of some crops impoverishes the soil more than that of others, and also that some make richer manure than others. A crop of red clover, for instance, does not impoverish the soil as much as one of timothy grass, while a ton of clover will make manure worth about half as much again as that made from an equal weight of timothy hay. The manure from a given weight of peas and beans, also, it is calculated, is worth twice as much as that from an equal weight of oats, barley, rye or Indian corn.

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