The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

To Smoke Hams.

A writer in the Husbandman gives this recipe for smoking bacon:

"Take a tin pan or kettle of corn cobs and set them on fire so as to make them smoke; then turn bottom side up over the smoking cobs the barrel, or whatever you wish to pickle or salt your bacon in, so as to thoroughly smoke the inside of it. Burn at least two pans of cobs under it, so as to smoke it well. Then pack the shoulders or other meat that you wish to make bacon of, in the cask, and after preparing your pickle, heat it nearly boiling hot, and pour it on the meat, and let the meat stay until it is pickled, when it is made into bacon, ready for use and well smoked. I smoked my bacon by this process last fall, and it is well done. The bacon can remain in the pickle until used, and should it ferment scald it over."

Jefferson's ten Rules.

Take things always by the smooth handle.

Never spend your money before you have it.

We seldom repent of having eaten too little. Pride costs more than hunger thirst

and cold. Nothing is troublesome that we do

willingly.

Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

Never trouble another for what you

can do yourself. Never buy what you don't want be-

cause it is cheap. How much pain the evils have cost

us that never have happened. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.

Dealers in corn and pork say that the best Western corn comes from between Iowa and Northern Tennesse, which includes Illinois, Missouri, Iowa Kansas, Nebraska and Southern Dakota. Corn cannot be profitable where it is too cold. The corn of Minnesota, except in the Southern part of the State, is never as good as in Iowa. The consequence is that Iowa is getting to be an immense corn-producing (as well as wheat-producing) State, and partly because it is found highly profitable to let the hogs consume the corn. Iowa farmers make money on hogs. Chicago buys most of its hogs from Iowa, and most of the hogs bought by the Boston packers come from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

How to Choose a Good Cow.

A crumple horn is a good indication a full eye another. Her head should be, small and short. Avoid a Roman nose, which indicates thin milk and little of it. See that she is dished in the facesunk between the eyes. Notice that she is what stock men call a handler-skin soft and loose, like the skin of a dog; deep from the loin to the udder and a very slim tail. A cow with these marks never falls to be a good milker.

An exchange says: Four years ago I heard that winter onions or shallots set around the trees would prevent borers from working on peach trees. I tried the experiment on fifty trees just set, and on examining them to-day I find many trees not thus protected are full of worms, but I have never found a worm on one with onions growing around it. I set eight to twelve around each tree.

Tinned ware which tarnishes very readily is probably inferior in quality, and dangerous to use, being contaminated with lead, which is readily dissolved by weak acids.

When jellies are put away, care should be taken to cover the top with finely pulverized sugar, which will prevent moulding.

To destroy moths' eggs, saturate the fabric, carpet, or other goods, with warm water, and apply a hot flat-iron for a few minutes.

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