

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

Cream instead of Butter.

A housewife writing for the New York "Tribune" proposes virtually to abolish the churn. She says: "It would be well to train a family from the outset to regard butter as an incidental or luxury, rather than a necessity. The manufacture of it is one of the hardest and most time-consuming tasks that a farmer has to perform. Moreover, with all the work it involves, butter adds less to the health and sustenance of the family than would the eating of the cream that goes into the making of it. Where one physician advises the eating of butter, a thousand recommend the consumption of cream. I think no one will dispute the statement that of cream and butter eaters the former enjoy the best digestion, the best health and have the finest complexion. Then, why work one's self to death for worse than naught? Why not eat milk and cream instead of turning it into butter? Good bread is good enough without the addition of a condiment to make it palatable; and, eaten with sweet cream, what is more delicious?"

Lampblack.

One of the largest establishments for the manufacture of lampblack is at Petrolia, Pa. The method of production is remarkable. The flames of several thousand gas jets are made to impinge upon sheets of slate, on which the smoke or fine carbon is deposited, just as a piece of glass is smoked when held over a candle flame. When a sufficient deposit of the smoke has been formed on the slate, it is scraped off, packed, and sent to market.

The gas which supplies this lampblack comes from the ground near the works. Besides its oil wells, Petrolia is celebrated for its wonderful gas wells, which furnish inexhaustible supplies of fuel for steam engines, heating, cooking, etc.

From Petrolia to Pittsburg there is an oil pipe line by which oil is driven to market by force pumps, operated by steam power; the boilers being heated by gas supplied by one of the gas wells. We almost wonder that the Petrolia people do not introduce the use of gas engines and thus dispense with the use of steam boilers.

Horse Stables.

Before cold weather comes on, see that the horse stables are made comfortable. Nine farmers out of ten never make any change from winter to summer, or from summer to winter. Have the stables tight below, protecting the legs and body from cold draughts, but see that proper ventilation is secured above. Provide plenty of litter. Cut straw is the best, and now with cheap horse power at command, every farmer can cut enough straw in an hour to bed his horses for several weeks. It makes nice bedding and nice manure.

Good Advice.

This isn't meant for any of our readers, of course. We simply insert these eight lines as they are quite to the point, and will be just the thing to show to some of your neighbors:

In speaking of another's faults, Pray don't forget your own; Remember, those with homes of glass Should never throw a stone. If we have nothing else to do But talk of others' sin, 'Tis better we commence at home, And from that point begin.

As a rule the French bread is always sweet and good, and two things contribute in a great degree to this—that is, the manner and form of baking. They never make a thick loaf; no matter what the size or shape, it is always thin, and more than two-thirds crust, and they bake their bread until it is perfectly cooked. In baking so long and having so much crust, there is a peculiar sweetness given which can be attained in no other way.

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Rye Minute Puddings.

Heat milk to the boiling point, salt to taste, and stir in gradually rye flour to make a thick mush. Cook about fifteen minutes, and eat with sugar and cream. This we know to be good, and it recalls pleasant recollections of early home life.

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