

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

Wood Ashes for Peach Trees.

I have never known a person who would dispute the assertion with which the chapter on peaches in Thomas' Fruit Culturist opens, that "the peach, when in perfection, is the most delicious fruit of our climate." Unfortunately, the disease known as yellows, and the enemy known as the peach-borer, make it, in many localities, one of the most difficult of fruits to grow. For several years I have used wood ashes about my peach trees with marked success in obviating these two evils. About a peck of fresh ashes is applied each spring and fall about the stem of the tree in a little conical mound, that previously so placed being spread upon the soil when a new application is made. The conical mound prevents the attack of the borer, and the dressing of ashes upon the soil stimulates the vigor of the tree, so that it is enabled to resist the disease. But this must be accompanied by regular shortening-in of the last year's growth, and by thinning of the fruit, to prevent overbearing, which exhausts the tree and leaves it an easy prey to disease. A case of yellows occasionally, though rarely, appears in my orchard, as must be expected where a disease is constitutional, but by this treatment peaches are now successfully grown where their cultivation was for a long time abandoned.—Cor. Country Gentleman.

Prize Crops.

A gentleman of Boston has made an offer to the farmers' boys of York county, Maine, which will doubtless stimulate interest in agriculture, and aid in training a class of enterprising young farmers. He offers prizes—the first of \$100, the second of \$50, and five prizes of \$10 each—for the largest crop of Indian corn on lots of one-eighth of an acre each. The conditions are that the contestants must have lived in York county at least two years; must be under seventeen years of age on the 1st of June; must enter their names with the president of the York County Agricultural Society on or before May 1st; must do the work themselves, except that they may have help to drive the team in ploughing or cultivating; and must at the end of the season make a report, giving a detailed account of the land used, and of their processes of cultivation. They may use as much of any kind of fertilizer as they please. The corn is to be measured under the direction of the president of the county agricultural society, whose decisions and awards must be final. If such prizes were offered to boys of other States, the effect would soon be seen in improved methods of cultivation.

Hint on Churning.

An experienced dairyman states that he considers the critical point in the process of churning, in order to make good butter, is just when the butter and buttermilk begin to separate. Two or three gallons of cold, strong brine added to the churning at this moment, he claims, wonderfully facilitates the process, and improves the condition of the butter; the warmer the cream the more brine is needed and the more important this part of the work. He also suggests that only brine should be used in washing the butter.

New Way to Cook Chickens.

Cut the chicken up, put in a pan and cover it over with water; let it stew as usual, and when done make a thickening of cream and flour, adding a piece of butter and pepper and salt. Have made and bake a pair of short cakes, made as for pie crust, but roll thin and cut in small squares. This is much better than chicken pie and more simple to make. The crusts should be laid on a dish and the chicken gravy poured over while both are hot.

Fat bacon, chopped fine and sprinkled plentifully with black pepper, is a convenient and reliable remedy for cholera in chickens. Last summer a number of hens were cured by its use. When found, they had dropped from the roost; they were so far gone that they could not get up, and were only able to raise their heads occasionally. They were given a comfortable shelter by themselves; a teaspoonful of the mixture was forced down the throat of each bird, morning and evening. No other attention was paid them. At the end of the third day they were set at liberty and went about as usual, giving no further trouble. Water may be placed where they can help themselves, but no food is required. Smaller doses may be given in cases less severe.

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