The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Origin of Wheat in America.

Some time ago we published the commonly recieved statements in regard to the introduction of wheat into America from Europe; but If the fact stated below be true, then wheat must have been grown in America long before the advent of the Spanish, English, or Dutch to this country, or even of the Norsemen. It is generally supposed that Cortez planted in Mexico, in 1530, the first wheat ever grown on American soil,-From Mexico, wheat was introduced into Peru. The English and Dutch brought it to the present limits of the United States at the time of their first settlements here-1607, 1614, and 1620.-Now however, the story is brought forward that wheat was known to the Mound Builders, who inhabited this country, Heaven only knows how many centuries ago, but certainly no later than the year 1000 A. D. As our readers are aware, these aborigines have left traces of their occupation all over our country, especially in the Mississippi Valley. In a mound opened in Utah were found buried the remains of a man nearly six and a half feet in length, the the skeleton of a woman nearly as long, and moreover several handsful of wheat preserved in a stone box. If this discovery was really made, and we are assured that it was, the supposition that wheat was unknown in America before the coming of the Europeans is erroneous. It has commonly been supposed that the only cereal known to the Mound Builders was our maize or Indian corn.-Scientific American.

Canning Sausage Meat.

A correspondent of the Practical Farmer says: We have been putting to test our original experiment of canning sausage meat, and it may be the experiment will prove a failure; but from present appearance we are confident the result will prove most favorable; and our sausage will be preserved in better shape than ever before. We have put up some twenty-four quarts, using both tin and glass cans, and the meat seems to be keeping very nicely, so far. We intend to keep a few cans till next barvest time, and think by that time the test will be sufficient. Our mode of canning was as follows: After the meat was ground fine, it was put in a granite ware kettle, some twenty-five pounds at a time, seasoned to suit the taste, with pulverized sage, ground black pepper, and salt; mix thoroughly as it is heating, bringing the meat to a scalding heat, then fill the cans, packing the meat snugly and when full, put a couple of spoonfuls of heated lard over the top. Seal directly and set the cans in a cool place. Try the recipe, sister, and report the result.

Dust For Lice.

A correspondent of Farmer's Advocate says: "Some ten or twelve years ago, an agricultural writer observed his bull to be free from lice, but not so the rest of his cattle; and thinking over the matter he came to the conclusion that the habit of pawing dirt over himself must have the effect of keeping the lice off the bull and he tried dry earth on the rest of the cattle with the best effect." Ever since reading the above I have used nothing but dry earth, and have repeatedly put it on cattle having lice, and have found it efficacious, both as a preventive and as a cure. If in winter I find it needed and cannot get it otherwise I go into my cellar and obtain a few quarts, (no danger of using too much) and dry it on the stove; I then sprinkle it over the back from head to tail, and the earth working in and through the hair, soon destroys all lice. I believe the earth to be just as efficacious, less dangerous and less expensive than tobacco or, any acids recommended.

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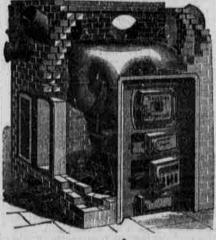
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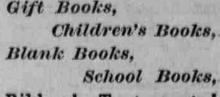
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