

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Raising Seed Potatoes.

A correspondent says: Good crops may be grown on a great variety of soils, but it must be borne in mind that a soil that is adapted to one variety of potatoes is not at all suitable for another, and the one variety requires to be planted much thicker than another on the same kind of soil. Hence it is of prime importance to the grower that he should understand the nature of his ground and also of his seed. I always cut my potatoes to a single eye and by making the hills a trifle closer and less seed in each better results are obtained than by throwing in seed by the handful. The potato when propagated from the tuber in the usual manner naturally tends to deteriorate and revert to its primitive condition. The causes which produce deterioration are a continual planting upon the same soil without a change of seed and imperfect cultivation. The remedy is to procure recently originated varieties possessing the greatest amount of natural vigor. If I was to make a list of any of the newly originated varieties I would name the Mammoth Pearl as the best for a general cropper; the Magnum Bonum (not the English variety of the same name) for earliness and productiveness combined having yielded last year 548 bushels from one acre of ground, without any manure whatever, and dug sixty days after planting.

Use of Salt.

In many cases of disordered stomach, a teaspoonful of salt is a certain cure. In the violent internal aching termed colic, add a teaspoonful of salt to a pint of cold water, drink it and go to bed; it is one of the speediest and best remedies known. The same will revive a person who seems almost dead from receiving a fall, etc. In an apoplectic fit, no time should be lost in pouring down salt water, if sufficient sensibility remains to allow of swallowing it; if not, the head must be sponged with cold water until the senses return, when salt will completely restore the patient from his lethargy. In a fit, the feet should be placed in warm water with mustard added, and the legs briskly rubbed, all bandages removed from the neck, and a cool apartment procured if possible. In many cases of bleeding at the lungs, when other remedies fail, Dr. Rush found that two teaspoonful of salt completely stayed the blood. In the case of a bite of a mad dog, wash the part with a strong brine for an hour; then bind on some salt with a rag. In toothache, warm salt water held to the part and renewed two or three times will relieve in most cases. If the teeth be covered with tartar, wash twice a day with salt and water. In swelled neck, wash the part with brine, and drink twice a day, also, until cured. Salt will expel worms, if used in food in a moderate degree, and aid digestion, but salt meat is injurious if used much.

Delicate Breakfast Rolls.

Take one quart sifted flour, one measure each of acid and soda, (or two heaping teaspoonfuls acid, and one moderately heaping teaspoonful soda,) of Horsford's Bread Preparation, one teaspoonful salt, three and a half gills water; drop with spoon into the "Gem" baking pan. Before mixing the above, set the "Gem" pan on the stove, butter it, and let it get very hot before filling, so that the rolls will begin to bake as soon as they touch the pan.

Sheep-Raising in Michigan.

It pays to raise mutton in Michigan. The Lancaster Republican says that last fall Jerry Spaulding, of Ionia, bought a large number of sheep, paying from \$2.50 to \$4 a head—the flock averaging less than \$3 apiece—and fed them through the winter. April 1st he sold 600 fat sheep, averaging 140 pounds apiece, at six cents a pound, or \$840 per head, aggregating \$5,040.

Graham Griddle Cakes.

Mix together dry, two cups Graham flour, one cup wheat flour, one measure each of acid and soda, (or 2 heaping teaspoonfuls acid and moderately heaping teaspoonful of soda) on Horsford's Bread Preparation, and one teacup sweet milk. Cook immediately.

A Looing Joke.

A prominent physician of Pittsburgh said jokingly to a lady patient who was complaining of her continued ill health, and of his inability to cure her, "try Hop Bitters!" The lady took it in earnest and used the Bitters, from which she obtained permanent health. She now laughs at the doctor for his joke, but he is not so well pleased with it, as it costs him a good patient.

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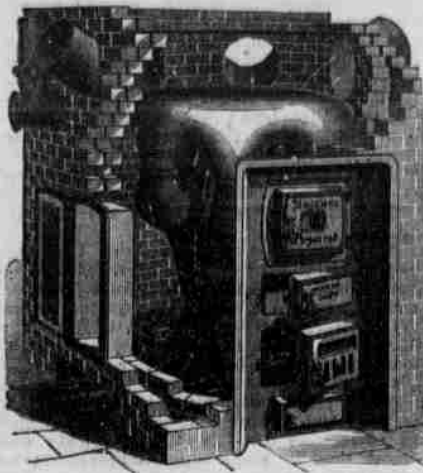
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