

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

A Discovery About Corn.

A exchange tells of a man who plants, two or three weeks after the crop is planted, a new hill of corn every fifteenth row, each way. And this is the reason: If the weather becomes dry after the filling time, the silk and tassels both become dry and dead. In this condition, if it should become seasonable, the silk revives and renews its growth, but the tassels do not recover. Then for want of pollen, the new silk is unable to fill the office for which it was designed. The pollen from the replanted corn is then ready to supply pollen, and the filling is completed. He says nearly all the abortive ears so common in corn crops, are caused by the want of pollen, and he has known ears to double their size in this filling.

Hardening Butter.

A method in practice among the best butter makers in England for rendering butter firm and solid during hot weather is as follows: Carbonate of soda and alum are used for the purpose, made into powder. For twenty pounds of butter one teaspoonful of soda and alum are mixed together at the time of churning and put into the cream. The effect of this powder is to make the butter come firm and solid and to give it a clean, sweet flavor. It does not enter into the butter, but its action is on the cream, and it passes off with the butter milk. The ingredients of the powder should not be mingled together until it is required to be used, or at the time the cream is in the churn ready for churning.

It is said that a good Colorado potato bug destroyer can be made with Mandrake root dried for a week or more in the shade. Put one-quarter bushel in a barrel, fill with water and let it stand for two days, stirring now and then; strain the liquid through a cloth into a garden sprinkler; sprinkle toward sunset only those plants on which the young brood hatch and before they scatter to adjacent plants.

A Wisconsin man has experimented with potato-seed for more than twenty years. He has concluded that it is best to plant small potatoes whole, selecting the most perfect specimens of the variety to be raised. He thinks if all would adopt this plan, we would hear less of potatoes running out. He has planted the White Peachblow for twelve years or more, and the first crop was better than the first.

That often fatal disease, chicken-cholera, usually prevails during the summer. The Lancaster Farmer says that it is often caused by feeding too much whole corn when the fowls are deprived of coarse sand or gravel. Damp, musty corn, gases from manure piles, with stagnant water to drink, will sooner or later produce it. Proper attention to fowls would not only remedy this disease, but others equally fatal, which neglect and inattention produce.

Mr. Ambrose Madden, of Asbury Park, N. J., has patented an attachment for use with halters for preventing horses from cribbing and to cure them of that pernicious habit; and the invention consists in a combination of rigid arms and straps hung upon the halter and carrying a spiked plate, which is retained beneath the animal's under lip in such manner that the motions of the horse in the act of cribbing cause the spikes to prick.

A good way to kill moths in carpet is to dip a coarse towel in clean water, and wring it out. Spread it smoothly on the carpet, then iron it dry with a good hot iron, repeating the operation on all suspected places and those least used. It does not injure the pile or color of the carpet in the least. It is not necessary to press hard, heat and steam being the agents, and they do the work effectually on worms and eggs.

An exchange says, we have found upon trial that crude carbolic in the proportion of two tablespoonfuls to a half pail of water will kill the weeds in garden walks. Apply with a watering pot. It must not come in contact with grass or flower borders. Weeds in lawns, such as dandelions, daisies and plantains may be killed by having a drop or two of undiluted carbolic or strong sulphuric acid poured into the crown of the plant.

A beefsteak chopped up fine and baked with flour and yeast in the form of a "meat-bread," is the latest dietetic sensation. It is asserted that meat thus treated entirely disappears during the process of purification, the nutritive principals becoming incorporated with the bread. M. Scheurer Kestner has just been explaining the process.

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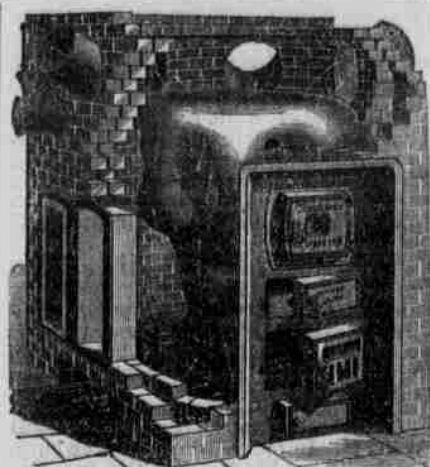
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