

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Rights of Land-Owners to the Road.

We have before alluded to the law upon this subject, and will add the following, from Judge Bennett's law:

"If a farm deed is bounded by, on, or upon, a road, it usually extends to the middle of the roadway. There are a few exceptional cases; but ordinarily the farmer owns the soil of half the road, and may use the grass, trees, stones, gravel, sand or anything of value to him, either on the land or beneath the surface, subject only to the superior rights of the public to travel over the road, and that of the highway supervisor or other similar officer to use such materials for the repair of the road; and these materials he may cart away and use elsewhere on the road, yet he has no right to use them for his own private purposes. No other man has a right to feed his cattle there, or cut the grass or trees; much less to deposit his wood, old carts, wagons or other things thereon.

The owner of a drove of cattle which stops to feed in front of your land, or of a drove of pigs which root up the soil, is responsible to you at law as much as if they did the same things inside the fence. No one has a legal right to pick up the apples under your trees, although the same stand wholly outside the fence.

No traveler can hitch his horse to your trees in the sidewalk without being liable if he gnaws the bark or otherwise injures them. You may unite the horse and remove him to some safe place.

If your well stands partly on your land and partly outside the fence, no neighbor can use it, except by your permission.

No man has a right to stand in front of your land and whittle or deface your fence, throw stones at your dog, or insult you with abusive language without being liable to you for trespassing on your land. He has a right to pass in an orderly and becoming manner—a right to use the road but not to abuse it.

Odd Scraps.

To improve old potatoes, lay them in cold water for half an hour before cooking. To make them mealy, pare off a ring of the skin, then throw them into fast-boiling salt water—a tablespoonful of salt to a quart of water. Cook until just done, then drain off all the water, lay a folded towel over the top, and set the kettle on the back of the stove, where it will not scorch. They will be ready to serve in ten minutes, but may stand a little longer without injury.

To make tough beefsteak tender, lay it in a mixture of oil and vinegar—three tablespoonfuls of the former to one of the latter. Leave it six hours in this preparation, turning it as often as convenient, or it may be left three or four hours on one side and turn over, to remain on the other side all night. The steak will lose none of its juices, neither will the flavor be materially changed, but the fiber will be softened.

To cook rice so that the grains will be whole and tender, wash it in cold water until the water looks clear, then cook it rapidly in boiling salted water for fifteen minutes, after which drain and place the covered sauce pan on the back of the stove to steam until the grains crack open and are tender, which will be in about fifteen minutes longer.

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Cribbing Horses.

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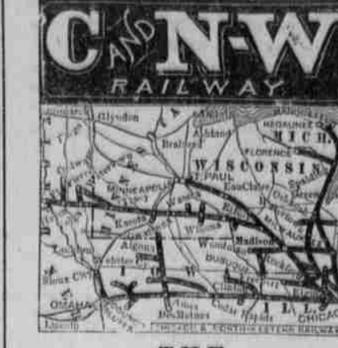
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