

Farm Notes.

Starved Stock.

Pertinent to our editorial on "crucially to animals" elsewhere, we have a few observations to submit relative to starving stock. There is passing our window as we write, a cow so poor that she would require two overcoats and a horse blanket to make a decent shadow. We inspect her more closely and find that she is "out of milk." Her owner, whoever he may be, is a utilitarian, whether white or colored. The animal yields him no milk, and hence he permits her to shift for herself on the cheerless charities of a wintry world. There is absolutely nothing for her to eat and she must struggle for a precarious subsistence by plundering the cotton bales left on the street, or break in and forage upon somebody's garden. If the latter, the poor, starved beast is fortunate if she escapes without a shooting or dogging. Then what should be done with the owner of a beast that allows it to starve for want of attention or freeze for want of shelter? That he is unfit to own stock can't be gainsaid. If he can't protect and feed his stock, he should sell out to somebody who can. It is a moral sin, whether it be a legal crime or not, for the owner of stock to fail to provide shelter and food. Rather than feed his stock in winter he will calculate on the animals dragging out a miserable existence till spring and grasses come to their relief. One can't travel the county roads without encountering shivering, starving stock, stuck about in the fence corners gazing wistfully on a fodder stack in the neighboring field. Fat, well-cared for stock is the exception. Why not let public opinion scorn and scold such owners, until they feel ashamed of their remissness? It is the duty, the stern, inexorable duty of a man to care for his stock, as he would for his family, and are they not part of his family? How many owners of stock in Tarboro fail to feed and shelter their stock?—Tarboro Southerner.

FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

WHEN it is desirable to filter water quickly, for immediate use, employ the following method: Put a quart of clean water over the fire and just bring it to a boil; remove it and strain it three or four times through a flannel; cool it and keep it for use in a covered jar or pitcher.

A PUDDING sauce is made by stirring butter and sugar together to a cream, and beating the whites of one or two eggs to a stiff froth, and adding to the sugar and butter: when well mixed add a very little boiling water; season to taste.

PEACH PIE—Line a pie tin with nice past; cut peaches small, and put in a thick layer of peaches; then make a custard and pour over, and bake. When done make a frosting of the whites of two eggs, and a little sugar; cover your pie and set in the oven a moment to brown the frosting.

RICED CAKE—Take eight beaten eggs, a pound of white sugar, half a pound of butter, a pound of rice ground very fine, a little salt, three tablespoonfuls of milk, and any flavoring liked. Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs, then the milk and salt, stirring in the rice last. Bake in small pans.

A TEASPOONFUL or more of powdered borax thrown into the bath tub while bathing will communicate a velvety softness to the water and at the same time invigorate and rest the bather. Persons troubled with nervousness or wakeful nights will find this kind of a bath a great benefit.

A NOTED cure for neuralgia is hot vinegar vaporized. Heat a flat-iron sufficiently hot to vaporize the vinegar, cover this with some woolen material, which is moistened with vinegar, and the apparatus is at once applied to the painful spot. The application may be repeated until the pain disappears.

A FEW sweet herbs should have a place in every garden. Every cook and housekeeper knows the value of the little patch of herbs upon which she makes such daily drafts in summer and which furnishes her with nice collection for winter seasoning, without which the Thanksgiving turkey would lose all flavor, while strong kinds are excellent as medicine.

TO REMOVE stains from ivory, make a paste of prepared chalk and a small quantity of sweet oil and sal volatile. Apply it moist with a piece of wash leather, and let it remain till dry. If colored yellow place them in alum water previously boiled and cooled. Take out and brush well and wrap them in a linen cloth wet in cold water, and dry gradually. If dried too rapidly out of the alum water they will be injured.

CHINA SICK HEADACHE.—A Vermont correspondent writes that, after suffering from sick headache for twenty years, with frequent attacks of diphtheria, quinsy and erysipelas, she has discovered the cause of all her troubles. Eight months' abstinence from meat has cured her of dyspepsia and all the ailments she has suffered from, and her health is better than it has been for many years. On a diet of vegetables and cereals, with fish and eggs occasionally, she is well and strong. Happy are they who find out their limitations, physical, intellectual and spiritual, and do not ruin health and happiness in a vain endeavor to digest something beyond their powers.

A NEW WAY TO TREAT DIPHTHERIA.—Quite a discovery in the treatment of diphtheria has been made recently. A young man whose arm had been amputated was attacked by diphtheria before healing took place; and instead of the matter incident to that disease being deposited in the throat, the greater portion appeared in the arm, and the diphtheria was very light and easily managed. Dr. Davis profited by this, and in his next case of diphtheria blistered his patient's breast, and on this blistered part the chief deposits appeared. This was also an easy case of the disease. The theory is that diphtheria usually appears in the throat because of thinness of the lining of the throat. Hence, when the blister breaks the skin upon the other part of the body the disease appears there.

A CAREFUL DIET.—The health depends largely upon the diet. Good food is in many instances better than medicine. How many dishes in common use ought to be discarded from tables if we would not become acquainted with that unwelcome visitor, dyspepsia. I am convinced by observation that many more might be restored to health if nourishing food suitable to their condition, and needful rest from work or care were given them, instead of stimulating the system by exciting drinks and powerful drugs. Give nature a chance and she will do much toward repairing the wasted energies, if the kind of food is given that the case demands. There is much choice in the kinds of meat and the manner of preparing them, which we should always observe when cooking for an invalid guest, or member of the family. The fruits and vegetables should also be selected with great care, and often it is necessary that some special dish should be prepared for them, as they are necessarily deprived of so much that others indulge in. We feel more than repaid for extra work when we have succeeded in getting something to tempt the appetite of the sick, with no bad results to follow.

AROUND THE HOUSE.—For good common pie crust, allow one heaping handful of flour for a pie, and a tablespoonful of lard or butter for each handful.

TO REMOVE grease from a wall paper, lay several folds of blotting paper on the spot and hold a hot iron near it until the grease is absorbed.

TO TAKE ink out of linen, dip the ink spot in pure melted tallow, then wash out the tallow, and the ink will come out with it. This is said to be unerring.

A GERMAN mixture for the removal of alum, sulphur and seltzer from one part of each—in fine powder, mixed.

GOOD JOHNY cake is made with three cups of corn meal, one teaspoon of salt, one of sugar and one of butter. Wet it with hot water, add one egg, spread on sheets; and bake brown.

TO REMOVE paint from windows, take strong bicarbonate of soda and dissolve it in hot water. Wash the glass, and in twenty minutes or half an hour rub thoroughly with a dry cloth.

COTTAGE PUDDING.—One pint milk; three eggs, beaten separate; one-half cup flour, with one teaspoonful of baking powder; a lump of butter the size of a walnut. To be eaten with or without sauce. Very nice.

A TEXAS Mule Story. Not long since a Texas man read in a paper that if a string were tied tightly around the root of a mule's tail it would, in cases of colic, give the animal instant relief. He tried the remedy on one of his own mules, and the doctors say that the portion of the tail thus isolated was soon swelled up bigger than the mule. The Texas man says the mule turned its head and saw his monstrous tail and got alarmed and began to kick. The first kick drove the mule's tail away out behind, but it immediately swung back and knocked the mule forward a little as the tail was so heavy. That made the mule madder than ever and he kicked like fury. That only gave the tail more momentum, and on its return it knocked the mule about a rod. He looked around and didn't see anybody and kicked again. The tail was there as calm and regular as a pendulum and it came back like a steamboat running a race. That time it lifted the mule over the barn yard fence. But the mule lit on its feet and struck out again—game as ever. The tail fairly laughed as it caught the mule on its haunches and drove it down the lane a mile and a half at every whack. It looked like destruction to the mule as mule and tail disappeared in the distance. But after three or four hours, a returning cloud of dust was seen and soon the mule emerged therefrom kicking as briskly as ever—but the tail was totally used up and gone. Not being able to offer any more resistance, of course the mule kicked himself back to the starting point. This is not a campaign lie.—New Orleans Times.

A man in Texas, who believes that the whole face of the earth will be covered by a flood next November, is building an ark, which will hold fifty persons and food enough to last forty days and forty nights. Tickets for the round trip \$500 each.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence.

Words of Wisdom. Suffering has its limits, but fears are endless. Money is like muck, not good except it be spread. He that is not industrious envieth him that is. One maxim is, "A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck." It is easier for a man to descend to earth than to mount to heaven. However laborious the life of the good, it is less so than that of the bad. True virtue is like precious odors, sweeter the more incensed and crushed. If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers it shows that he is a citizen of the world. True philosophy places us above honors, but nothing places us above our own teeth. The mind has more rooms in it than most people imagine, if you would furnish the apartments. The evils of this world will continue until philosophers become kings, or kings become philosophers. Strong minds, like hardy evergreens, are most verdant in winter; when feeble ones like tender summer plants, are leafless. There are truths which some men despise because they will not examine because they despise. Childhood often holds a truth with its feeble fingers, which the grasp of manhood cannot retain, which it is the pride of utmost age to recover.

A Murderous Mother. A despatch from Toronto, Canada, dated Dec. 2, says: Mrs. Annie Casey was arrested this morning on the charge of murdering her two children. Her sister-in-law saw the woman and her two children in bed, and says she was sober then, although given to drunkenness. The sister-in-law went to the house this morning and called Mrs. Casey, but received no answer. She went to bed, and found the mother either stupefied or feigning sleep, with one child lying over on its face and the other by her side. Both were literally broiled alive, the skin having peeled off. When asked how it occurred she said she knew nothing about it, but from the fact of the coal-oil lamp being broken, apparently deliberately, it is inferred that she poured coal-oil on her children, and then burned them to death. There is an appearance on the floor which supports this strange theory. Mrs. Casey is without scar or burn herself. Two children of the same family were burned to death in a stable in the rear of the house on Car's lane, where the family lived, some time ago. There was something peculiar in that burning, and the present occurrence causes a horrible suspicion as to the death of the children in the hay shed. Great excitement exists.

A Novel Fight. Last Tuesday a pig belonging to a colored man living in Pike county met with a singular adventure. The young roaster was doing some pigging in a swampy part of a field and came across a large snapping turtle sleeping quietly on a log. Piggy didn't know a turtle from a tea kettle and he promptly put his nose under one side of the turtle's shell and turned him over on his back. The turtle was naturally indignant and as the pig's nose came near his head he fastened on to it and settled down to business. The pig was frightened nearly to death and tried to run away but as the turtle was nearly as heavy as the pig the running was slow. The squealing of the pig finally brought help and the turtle was captured and found to weigh twenty-eight pounds.

Definitions. Tennyson can take a worthless sheet of paper and, by writing a poem on it, make it worth \$5,000. That's Genius. Mr. Vanderbilt can write fewer words on a similar sheet and make it worth \$50,000. That's Capital. And the United States Government can take an ounce and a quarter of gold and stamp upon it an "Eagle Bird" and "Twenty Dollars." That's Money. The mechanic can take the material worth \$50 and make it into a watch worth \$100. That's skill. The merchant can take an article worth 25 cents and sell it to you for \$100. That's Business. A lady can purchase a comfortable bonnet for \$10, but prefers to pay \$100 for one, because it is more stylish. That's Foolishness. The dicker digger works ten hours a day and shovels out three or four tons of earth for \$1. That's Labor.—Richmond State.

L. B. Smith, of Fairbault, Minn., says:—I am still wearing an "Only Lung Pad," and it has helped me; I intend to have another of extra strength soon.—See Adv.

John, my dear, said she tenderly if you do not buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup immediately, I will go home to my mother; I can't stand this coughing any longer. He bought a bottle.

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