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BRINE THAT WILL PRESERVE BUTTER A YEAR.

Among the many devices for keeping butter in a manner that preserves the fresh, rosy flavor of new, with all its sweetness, is the following from the *Dutchess Farmer*, which is said to be entirely successful: To three gallons of brine strong enough to bear an egg, add a quarter of a pound of nice white sugar and one table spoonful of saltpetre. Boil the brine, and when it is cold strain carefully. Make your butter into rolls, and wrap each separately in a white muslin cloth, tying up with a string. Pack a large jar full, weight the butter down, and pour the brine until all of it is submerged. This will keep really good butter perfectly sweet and fresh for a whole year. Be careful to not put upon ice butter that you wish to keep for any length of time. In summer, when the heat will not admit of butter being made into rolls, pack closely in small jars, and, using the same brine, allow it to cover the butter to the depth of four inches. This excludes the air, and answers very nearly as well as the first method suggested.—*Ex.*

ROTATION OF CROPS.

As desirable as rotation in office may be, it cannot be more so than a judicious rotation of crops raised on the farm. No matter how fertile the soil, it is conceded that constant cropping with one, two or three kinds will wear out the land. All good farmers concede that a proper rotation of crops, including the grasses, should be followed. Chemists inform us that the nutriment of feed-producing plants is taken in part from the soil in solution through the roots, and partly from the air through the leaves, and therefore that suitable food must be provided, or a manifest deterioration will result. The good farmer while he aims to produce the largest crops at the least expense will also be careful to keep up the fertility of the soil by a judicious rotation of crops, supplemented by the application of manures to the land. A judicious rotation of crops is imperatively demanded and practiced by all progressive farmers, and it is one of the best plans for keeping up the standard fertility of the soil.—*Ex.*

REPROVING A YOUTH FOR THE EXERCISE OF HIS FISTS, A SCHOOLMASTER SAID.

"We fight with our heads here," the youth retorted for a brief while, and replied that butting hadn't been considered fair at his last school.

DISRESPECT AT HOME.

One of the dangers of the home life is this habit of disrespect—that which is bred by familiarity. People who are all beauty and sunshine for a crowd of strangers, for whom they have not the faintest affection, are all ugliness and gloom for their own, by whose love they live. The pleasant little prettiness of dress and personal adornment; which mark the desire to please, are put on only for the admiration, and goes for nothing, while the home companions are treated only to the ragged gowns and thread-bare coats, the touzled hair and stubby beard, which if making the case and comfort of the same fashion of home, mark also indifference and disrespect which do so much damage to the sweetness and delicacy of daily life. And what is true of the daily dress is truer still of the manners and tempers of home, in both of which we find too often that want of respect which seems to run side by side with affections and the custom of familiarity. It is a regrettable habit under any of its conditions but never more so than when it invades the home and endangers still more that which is already too much endangered by other things. Parents and up-bringers do not pay enough attention to this in the young. They allow habits of disrespect to be formed—rude, rough, insolent, impatient—

and pave over the sore with the stereotyped excuse, "They mean nothing by it," which if we look at it a right is worse than no excuse at all; for if they really mean nothing by it, and their disrespect is not what it seems to be the result of stranger anger, uncontrollable temper, but is merely a habit, then it ought to be conquered without loss of time, being merely a manner that hurts all parties alike.

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Don't burn the mouth of your horse to "Lampas"—it is nonsense, to say nothing of its cruelty. Read the following by one of our most distinguished veterinary surgeons:

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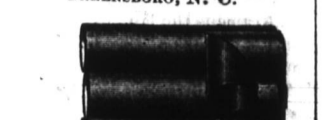
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