

THE FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Straw and chaff are too valuable to be wasted in the yards, or for bedding, where leaves, swamp muck, or even dry earth or sand can be used.

Clover seed will be a good crop this year, wherever there has been a good stand of clover. When well sowed, it is the most profitable crop on the farm.

Sheep should have some better feed than the bare stubble at this season. With some grain or mixed feed, sheep will pick around the fields and consume much of the rubbish.

Pork is high, and will probably remain so. But it will be safest to hurry up the feeding swine, and make sure of the market.

It would be a good plan to keep a note of every little thing that needs attention, so that by-and-by all may be done in order.

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MANAGERS.—Cut a piece from the cucumber or melon to be pickled, scrape out the inside, and let it lie in salt water two days. Then fill with bean pods, grated horse radish, chopped onion, mustard seed, cloves and peppers. Replace the piece.

TO CLEAN CARVED FURNITURE.—Apply a paint brush dipped in kerosene oil. It will remove all dust from cracks, make the furniture look like new, and the smell disappears in an hour if the windows are open.

TO RELINE A STOVE.—Ten cents worth of clay from the potter's, worked to the consistency of putty, pressed firmly around the sides and into the corners of the furnace-box and left to dry overnight, will make in every respect a more desirable lining than the fire-brick bought in the stores.

MOCK CHICKEN FRICASSEE.—Take a fine fat shank and with a pint of water allow it to simmer until perfectly tender; remove the large bones, season to taste, and add two table-spoonfuls of flour, smoothly blended with a teacup of milk.

FRIED MUSH SUPERFINE.—In a pudding boiler or water-tight kettle put Indian meal, a little salt, and enough hot water to wet thoroughly. Place the kettle in a pot of boiling water and let it boil for about half an hour, then set it

away until perfectly cold. It will then turn out like a pudding mold. Cut in slices, flour, and fry like doughnuts. There must be abundance of boiling lard to make the mush crisp and free from fat.

SALT-RISING BREAD.—The morning before the bread is to be made take one table-spoonful of fresh corn-meal and one table-spoonful of new milk; on this pour a half teacup of boiling water; let this mixture stand until the next morning in some warm place, like the tin over a cook stove; then stir a pint of warm water and flour together, and when of the right consistency stir in the meal mixture, and if the flour is good and the meal fresh the risings will be up or running over in an hour or in two hours and a half at longest.

Donn Platt, describing Madame Tussaud's waxwork show in London, tells of a funny little episode of recent occurrence there. To the great mass of visitors after night these wax figures are so life-like and real that it is dangerous to get out of line, for it is not uncommon for some weary man or woman, who has seated himself or herself, to be mistaken for a wax creation and commented upon and criticized by the crowd.

As the feed falls off, two quarts of corn-meal a day for cows will help to keep up the quantity and quality of the milk. Calves and yearlings should not be allowed to fall off in condition at this season.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Interesting News from Home and Abroad.

A duel was fought in the dark at Waco, Tex., between Charles Carrick and J. M. Turner, over some trivial matter. The distance was four feet, and the weapons used were six-shooters. Three shots were fired, and Carrick was killed.

Two cases of yellow fever are reported from Fort Jackson, Fla. A. J. Thacker, commissioner of patents, has resigned, to enter upon the practice of patent law in Chicago.

The California election resulted in a victory for the Democrats. By a coalition of the two English ironclads Iron Duke and Vanguard in the channel, the latter was sunk.

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One day the facetious John Philpot Curran, who was also very partial to the said corned mutton, did me the honor to meet Father O'Leary. To enjoy the society of such men as an intellectual treat. They were great friends, and seemed to have a mutual respect for each other's talents, and as it may easily be imagined, O'Leary versus Curran was no bad match.

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