

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Household Hints. Hash made of two parts potato, one part corned beef, and one part beefs, is an appetizing dish for breakfast.

In paring potatoes or apples, one is apt to cut the thumb, more or less, not deeply enough to render the place sore, but disfiguring, sewing, etc., are uncomfortable for several days afterwards.

A little charcoal thrown into the pot will sweeten meat that is a little rick. Not if it is anyway tainted—it is then not fit to eat—but only if kept a little longer than makes it quite fresh.

Dry bread can be made exceedingly palatable by steaming it. Butter it and eat it while still hot. It is really very nice.

When frying cakes, roll and cut out all the cakes before you begin to fry them, then you can give that attention to the cooking upon which success depends.

Farm and Garden Notes. Figs like a warm, dry bed, and change of food. When in confinement and fed largely upon meal, a few small lumps of coal, cinders or charcoal, are eagerly crunched and aid the work of the stomach.

With the soil in good order, old pastures are preferable to those more recently cleared, as they contain finer and more nutritious grasses, which will produce richer milk, better flavored butter and cheese, as well as fatter stock.

J. W. Sanborn, of New Hampshire, finds as the uniform result of many trials that coarse foods and grain make a more economical fodder than good hay, and he therefore recommends the cultivation of an increased area in hull crops.

Rust may often be removed from steel tools by immersing them in kerosene oil for a few days. This loosens the rust so that it may be rubbed off. Where the rust is not very deep-seated emery paper will do, but if of long standing the tools must be refinished.

Fowls will never touch food, if they can help it, which lies near any droppings or an unclean place. Special care should be taken, therefore, to cleanse the ground of all pens and runs daily. The smaller the run the greater must be the cleanliness and the labor spent on it.

Save the Manure. The importance to the farmers of the manure made on the farm is not sufficiently appreciated by a majority of them; hence it is that line upon line and precept upon precept are in order in connection with it.

The following figures represent the amount of these two ingredients found in 1,000 parts of fresh manure of the different animals. Thus, 1,000 parts of horse manure contain 14 parts nitrogen and 3.5 parts phosphoric acid.

Save all the manure. The fall and winter months are the best seasons for applying it. Frequently it is advisable to plough the land before spreading the manure, so that the essence of the manure may not be washed away.

Native of Arizona. An engineer upon the Southern Pacific Railroad recently sent to General Master Mechanic, A. J. Stevens, from Gila Bend, an assortment of the semi-tropical animal pets of that region.

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DEAD-ALIVE MAN.

A Singular Phenomenon in Hagerstown, Md. The Dead Arises, and Speaks, and Lives a Day or Two. (A letter from Hagerstown, Md., to the Baltimore Gazette says.)

An incident is related in the experience of a clergyman here which suggests strongly some of the weird sketches of Poe. The only difference is that this is true—a plain recital of what actually occurred.

Among the flock of the minister referred to was a family of foreigners, and the father of the family was stricken with a fatal illness. One night the pastor received a message summoning him immediately to the bed-side of the sick man.

The messenger stating that he was dying, the minister hurried to the bedside. Some time elapsed before the arrival at the scene, where the attending physician was found surrounded by the sobbing and shrieking family.

To his great regret the doctor informed the minister that he was too late; that the sufferer had died fifteen or twenty minutes previously. And, in fact, there on the bed lay the stark and rigid form of the departed, the lower jaw fallen, the body stiffened with the rigor mortis.

With the demonstration of the fact that the family gave full way to their feelings, making no effort at self-control. A son, in particular, was more demonstrative and inconsolable than any of the rest.

His father, begged him to come back, and with difficulty could be kept from the body. Hoping to comfort the grief-stricken family by spiritual consolation and sympathetic conversation, the clergyman remained on the scene until near two o'clock in the morning.

At this time, when the pastor was thinking of leaving, the son, who seemed to take the death so much to heart, was seized with another paroxysm of grief more violent than any preceding it.

He tore himself from those who sought to restrain him, threw himself on the body of his father, embraced him, calling him, lashed the cold face with tears, shrieking that he could not let him go; that he must say one word and one more look.

As if the agonized voice had penetrated the silence of the other world, and reached the "still cold ear of death," the lips of the father moved, they opened and cast a sad, reproachful look on the weeping son, and in the well-known voice came distinct words: "Oh! why did you bring me back?"

As soon as the awe-stricken group could regain their presence of mind, after this appalling scene, they immediately administered restoratives to the patient, when the minister left him very weak but still alive.

He was sent for by the father the next day, who gave him an account of his death (as he evidently believed it had been) and his experience to the time when he was apparently recalled to life.

The Oyster Industry.

The study of the oyster industry for the census has been made by Mr. Ernest Ingersoll. From advance sheets it appears that oysters occur, with some interruptions, commencing just south of the mouth of the St. Lawrence, in the Canadian bays, till, crossing from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific coast, the boundaries of the United States are passed.

The oyster of the Pacific coast, however, attains neither the size nor the quality of the Atlantic oyster, and does not even belong to the same species. The oysters of San Francisco bay are small and of different quality.

In the Gulf of Mexico, Galveston has an annual traffic of some 85,000 bushels, mostly gathered close at hand, but also from other points along the coast as far as Louisiana. At New Orleans, it varies, with "lugger-rigged" vessels, retaining their own language and national modes of dress, have the oyster traffic mainly in their control, amounting to 295,000 bushels a year.

Mobile handles 104,500 bushels annually, and racks a considerable quantity for shipment, trying part of them both in the Gulf and on the Atlantic side, and up to the Carolinas, oysters are found in massed lumps, checking their own growth. There are known as oyster oysters. They are of the same species as the larger ones of the Atlantic side of the continent, but are stunted. Large oysters are found at some localities along the Florida and the Georgia coast, but the traffic in them is not very great.

Some oysters from more northern regions are used even in Florida. Large marketable oysters are found along the Carolina shores and islands. On the North Carolina border, in particular, it seems as if there were oysters enough for a much larger traffic, but the people there have not awakened to the opportunity before them, and the great oyster field of the waters from Chesapeake bay to Narragansett bay has cast minor opportunities in the shade.

The Chesapeake bay and its branches is one of the principal of the oyster producing areas, and becomes a prominent region for oyster traffic. Delaware and New Jersey derive a large traffic from the oysters of Delaware Bay, while their boats bring Philadelphia in a early reach of a share of the benefits of these beds.

Outside of New Jersey the oyster business is large, and oyster planting assumes a greater importance. It seems, both from the testimony of early settlers and from the great shell mounds apparently made by the Indians at the time of great floods, that oysters were at once very abundant and often attained great size, even upon the Maine coast. At the present time just enough are found on the Massachusetts and New Hampshire coasts to keep up the remembrance of former profusion, while on the Maine coast they have fallen below market importance.

But enough can be occasionally found to show the possibility of truth in the indications of the shell mounds. Yet further north, along the Canadian bays south of the St. Lawrence, a few thousand bushels of very fine oysters are annually taken for the Canadian cities. The number of persons engaged in the oyster industry in the census year, the product and its value, and the capital employed for the United States, are shown as follows:

Number of persons employed, 82,805; bushels of oysters produced, 22,195,379; value of oysters sold, \$19,438,532; total capital invested in oyster industry, \$10,583,275.

Severe and indiscriminate raking or dredging has diminished the abundance of beds that were once deemed inexhaustible. The export of 1879 was \$22,306, of which Canada took nearly a fourth and Europe took nearly four-fifths. The ice of the winter of 1881 was a serious hindrance to the industry, and in some places was a direct injury to the oysters themselves, freezing upon the very bottom where they lay.

A pony farm, at Ranch located near Leon Springs, Bexar county, Texas, has been fitted for the breeding of ponies for saddle purposes. The owner proposes to raise Shetland ponies and a particular breed of horse, which he claims can be made a paying business in the glorious climate of Texas.

Macaroni.

Macaroni is eaten with relish equally by all civilized European peoples. But the incident which originally gave it its name is known to few of those—even in Sicily, its birthplace—who hold it in the highest esteem.

Once upon a time a wealthy Palermitan noble owned a cook with an inventive genius. One day, in a rapture of culinary composition, this great artist devised the farinaceous tubes which all love so well, and the succulent accessories of rich sauce and grated parmesan, familiar to those who have partaken of "macaroni alango" in southern Italy.

Having filled a mighty china bowl with this delicious compound, he set it before his lord—a gourmet of the first water—and stood by, in deferential attitude, to watch the effect of his experiment. The first mouthful elicited the ejaculation "Car!" idiomatically equivalent to "excellent" in English.

After swallowing a second mouthful, he exclaimed "Ma, car!" or "excellent, in deed!" Presently, as the flavor of the toothsome mess grew upon him, his enthusiasm rose, and he cried out, in a voice tremulous with joyful emotion, "Ma, caroni!"—indeed, most expressly, "sabliment, and superlatively excellent!"

In paying this verbal tribute to the merits of his cook's discovery, he unwittingly bestowed a name upon that admirable preparation which has struck to it ever since.

The Glass of Fashions. Lichen green is a new shade. The new red is carmine color. Stylish fans are of medium size. Satin, with jet beads, is the new gimp. Redingotes and polonaises are revived. Combination costumes are losing favor.

Double breasted raquettes are out of style. Eglantine pink is a new shade for spring. Worth is bringing plain stuffs into fashion. Pearl margarites trim white satin dresses. New cotton satinettes are as lustrous as silk.

Jersey dresses are fashionable for little girls. Colored Spanish laces ornament new bonnets. Spangles are on new silk fans for evening wear. Ethetic valentines are displayed in the shops.

Gold braid and gold lace new trim black bonnets. Stained glass designs are copied in new spring gowns. Watteau tea-gowns are worn by ladies of aesthetic tastes.

The "comets of 1881" is a new design for cambrics and lawn. India red fanlards are made up as Mother Hubbard wrappers. Moons and large polka spots will be stylish for spring dresses. A puff just below the back of the waist is on the newest dresses.

Embroidery patterns, done in feathers, appear on new bill dresses. New opera cloaks have appliques of plush all over the satin mantle. Narrow bands or Greek fillets of silk ribbons are worn on the hair. Small mantles of figured India cashmere are worn with black dresses.

A Boy's Luck.

The Norristown (Pa.) Herald in a recent issue referred among others, to the following cases of special interest. They are their own commentary. Mr. Samuel C. Nyce, resides at 308 Marshall street, and holds the responsible position of clerk in the Pennsylvania Legislature at Harrisburg.

While Mr. Nyce and family were in the country recently, his boy, aged three years, fell and broke his leg. He recovered, but a very troublesome stiffness set in and he could scarcely use the leg. The injured limb was rubbed several times with St. Jacobs Oil, and the stiffness was so much reduced that the boy was able to use his leg freely.

Dr. Knipe said it was the use of St. Jacobs Oil that cured the stiffness. Mr. Nyce himself used the Great German Remedy for toothache with good effect, and also for a sprain and pains of rheumatic nature and always with good effect. Mrs. Nyce also says she thinks the Oil is a splendid thing, and she always keeps it on hand.

Flax is cultivated in California as a field crop. Last season 10,952 acres, producing 10,167,545 pounds, were grown. The Nebraska City (Nebr.) Press says: St. Jacobs Oil strikes heavy blows for good all around, and its virtues for rheumatic pains are lauded upon every hand. Try it, all ye who suffer.

Jamaica rum is made, it is said, in large quantities out of the cast-off shoes of New York City. We are not that we are, nor do we treat, or esteem each other for stiel, but for that we are capable of being.

"Throw Physic to the Deuce." We do not feel like Hamlet's Marcellus for this expression of disgust. Even nowdays most of the ailments are great repulsive pills, known as "throwing physic." Hamlet, both ever taken Dr. Pierce's "Fragrant Pills" he would not have uttered those words of contempt. He drooped.

A prominent gentleman at an archery contest shot the marker in the head and nearly killed him. Nobody blamed the girl, because they all felt the man was standing at a safe distance from the target when he was shot. The "Golden Medical Discovery" (made registered as a trade-mark) cures all humors from the simple or eruption to great violent eating sores.

Spirit of Arkansas. The cotton crop of Arkansas amounts to more in money value than the wheat crop of Minnesota. Minnesota grows more cotton, but Arkansas grows better wheat than Minnesota.

There are in Alabama 2,250,000 acres of Government land subject to entry under the homestead and pre-emption laws, and the selling of land was never brisker than at present.

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What is an absolute monarchy? It is a system of government under which one man does all the bossing and keeps his eye out for "gold, power, tipple, powder, mines and royal balls."

Observations of Regularity.

In eating, drinking and resting, as a means of maintaining or restoring health. No less irregularity in the habit of body. The function of the bowels cannot be suspended without an accompanying disturbance of the liver, and stomach, and other sympathetic evidences of bodily ill-being.

A course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will give an impetus to the operations of these organs, which is manifested not only in the beneficial effects it produces upon them, but also in more regular and active bilious secretion, and the disappearance of wind in the stomach, and colicky pains, the waste matter thrown off during the process of digestion is then effectually expelled, and the system more thoroughly purified by the channel devoted to that purpose by nature.

The "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce cures female weakness and kindred affections. Always Keep Cool. To think in your mind and act in your life, and to be an excellent example to others, is the duty of every man and woman.

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