

FARM AND KITCHEN.

Requirements of Bean Culture. A mellow clay or sandy loam is well adapted to the growth of beans...

Improved Blackberries. All of the popular cultivated blackberries were originally found in a wild state. If any really excellent variety has been raised by cultivators from seeds, we are not aware of it.

Wounds. Farmers, in knocking around the barns during the winter, frequently get cuts and abrasions, which are affected by the cold weather, and prove only painful in this season, but open sores in the spring.

How to Maximize. Clean the horse's litter he dry and clean underneath as well as on top. Standing on hot fermented manure makes the hoofs soft and brings on lameness.

Change the litter partially in some parts and entirely in others every morning; brush out and clean the stall thoroughly.

To procure a good coat on your horse, use plenty of rubbing and brushing. Plenty of yellow grease opens the pores, softens the skin, and promotes the animal's general health.

Let the hoofs be well brushed out every night. Dirt, if allowed to cake on, causes grease and sore hoofs.

Whenever a horse is washed, never leave him till he is rubbed quite dry. He will probably get a chill if neglected.

When a horse comes off a journey, the first thing to do is walk him about till he is cool if he is brought in hot. This prevents him taking cold.

Let his legs be well rubbed by the hand. Nothing so soon removes strain. It also detects thorns or splinters, soothes the animal, and enables him to feed comfortably.

Let the horse have some exercise every day. Otherwise he will be liable to fever or bad feet.

Let your horse stand loose, if possible, without being tied up to the manger. Pain and weariness from a continued position induce bad habits and cause swollen feet and other disorders.

SPONGING THE HEAD.

Sponging the head frequently with sage tea will prevent the hair falling out. Moths can be kept out of garments by wrapping them in solid colored calico.

Have metal or earthen vessels for matches, and keep them out of reach of children. Wax matches are not safe.

Sour apple sauce is greatly improved by the addition of a tablespoonful of butter to a quart of sauce, and, moreover, there is much less sugar needed. A little lemon peel makes a fine flavor.

A Seven-Year-Old Soldier. A correspondent of the Boston Globe says: The following facts were given by a gentleman who served through the war and in the company with "Little Abe," who is believed to have been the youngest person enlisted.

The gentleman could not recall the name of the lad, who was known in the army as Little Abe, and who was enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, a short distance from St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1861, as a drummer, at the age of seven years and one month.

Little Abe was a freckle-faced boy, both officers and men. He displayed at all times the coolest bravery and utter ignorance of fear. His favorite position was in the front rank in battle, and as soon as he saw a soldier fall disabled he would throw away his drum, seize the musket of his fallen comrade, and lead and fire as coolly as the most hardened veteran, although his diminutive size and strength did not allow him to create the gun without some kind of a rest.

Curiosities of Trade. The demand for eyeglasses has fallen off very largely, but they are kept still and sold at exorbitant prices. The eye-stone will clear the eye. There is no doubt about that, but its movements are regulated by its shape and by a formation on the flat side of the base of the stone similar to a blade in a turbine water-wheel.

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Rattlesnake oil will unlimber joints afflicted with certain lamenesses, as all other oils or preparations will. It is called for often and the buyers may get rattlesnake oil or they may not. It is said to be a business of considerable importance in North Carolina to capture rattlesnakes and from the fat to produce the oil.

Chapped Hands. People sometimes suffer greatly with chapped and cracked hands. It is easily cured, however, if the following precautions are observed. Do not wash the hands while the healing process is going on often than necessary, and when you do wash them use Castile soap and warm water, dry them thoroughly and then rub them well with melted mutton tallow. Do this three times a day and you will soon cure the worst case.

Household Hints. Never take a light into a closet. Do not deposit wood ashes in a wooden vessel or upon a wooden floor.

COSTLY RUGS.

Where and How They are Made, and How They Get to This Country. When an American traveler arrives in the heart of the rug country in Asia he selects the best agent he can find, and gives him an order for, say 100 rugs of about the color and size of certain samples which he may find in the bazaars.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Mormon church is not only rapidly growing in Utah, but in Arizona and Idaho, while missionaries are at work all over Europe and the United States. The church contains the president, 12 apostles, 88 patriarchs, 3,885 sentinels, 3,154 high priests, 11,000 choirs, 1,500 bishops, and 4,400 deacons.

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Where to See the Great Treasures of New York.

No two men in America have had more experience with fine trotting stock, and none are better judges than Calvin M. Priest, of the New York Club Stable, 25th street, near Fifth avenue, and Dan Mack, of the Excelsior stable, West 20th street, New York, the champion double team driver of the United States. Both of these gentlemen say, that for painful ailments of the horse, such as cuts, bruises, swellings, lameness, stiffness, etc., Jacob's Oil is superior to anything they have ever used or heard of. This is also the opinion of Prof. David Rolando, the celebrated horse-shoer of the metropolis, and thousands of stockmen throughout the country. As a pain cure for man and beast, St. Jacob's Oil has no equal. Mr. Priest recites the case of a valuable trotter so stiff from rheumatism that he could not move a inch. By one thorough application of St. Jacob's Oil at night, the animal was completely cured, and was fit for the race track the next day.

Marion Booth, is to contest the will of her father, James Booth, by which she is disinherited.

The Unitarian Church of Clinton, Mass., has voted unanimously to use water instead of wine at the communion table.

Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" has become so thoroughly established in public favor that it is now the favorite remedy for all the ailments of the female system, such as irregular menstruation, white discharges, etc. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold by all druggists.

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