

FARM AND HOME.

Sweet Herbs.

A well regulated garden cannot be considered complete unless it contains a selection of some of the principal varieties of sweet, aromatic herbs for soups and other dishes.

Fertilizing Bones.

Not many years ago the bones of animals had no money value and were considered useless rubbish.

Two prominent bone products enter largely into daily use, viz., glue and animal charcoal.

Farm and Garden Notes.

- Old hens like oats.
Buty old fish near grape vines.
Give fowls a good supply of water.
Bronze turkeys are the hardiest.
Omnia cadit sub mole vana.
Crude petroleum preserves wood.
Though shallow for grain crops.
Eight Graham hens are good layers.
Carrots improve the coats of horses.
Never buy a milk cow in poor condition.
Do not let the weeds get a day ahead of you.
Oxalic acid will remove potato stains from the hands.
Sprinkle hellebore and water on rose bushes to kill the insects.
Swine that do not have considerable milk feed become unhealthy.
Persons and cattle have been killed by eating the pomace of castor berries.
Orchard grass sometimes runs to thumps, because too little seed has been sown.
Wheat bran fed to cows produces a good flow of milk, but does not make butter.
The ideal ear of corn is one with twelve rows, ten or twelve inches long, uniform in size from the tip and well cupped at the tip.
All soils contain an almost inexhaustible amount of plant food.
Farmers in Norfolk, England, have undertaken to grow at least 100 acres of clover this year.
On their faith in this assurance an association has been formed which will invest at least \$100,000 in plant for the manufacture of beet-sugar there.
The house slops should all be saved.
It is surprising what an invigorating effect results from throwing the soap-suds upon plants in the growing season.
An ordinary flower garden may be kept in a thrifty condition if every plant receives an application.

bottom. Two bottles cost about fifty cents and will clean an ordinary cistern.

A Massachusetts fruit-grower says that, in thinning fruit on peach trees one should take off what he considers enough and then pick off half the remainder.

A correspondent of the Evening World says: "Now is the time when the prudent farmer is astir, making every effort in his power to keep down all weeds and give the young crops a good start."

It won't do to "make haste slowly" in milking, for it should be done rapidly and thoroughly.

Pine Extract For Bathing.

It has long been recognized that the atmosphere of pine forests has an invigorating and beneficial effect upon people with weak constitutions.

Such facts show the value of things so often overlooked, or so little esteemed as to be permitted to go to waste.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

- Diligence is the mother of good luck.
A company attitude is rarely anybody's best.
Every one has a fair turn to be as great as he pleases.
Earthly paradise: the parents young, the children small.
Men do nothing excellent but by imitation of nature.
Speak well of your friends—of your enemies say nothing.
It is a species of agreeable servitude to be under an obligation to those we esteem.
A great name is like an eternal epitaph engraved by the admiration of men in the road of time.
Give freely to him that deserveth, and asketh nothing, and that is a way of giving to thyself.
Do you know that a wise and good man does nothing for appearance, but everything for the sake of having acted well?
Men make themselves ridiculous not so much by the qualities they have as by the affectation of those which they have not.
Half-knowledge is the bane of teaching, as half-truths are the curse of some pulpits and the perilous poison in many books.
No more pernicious notion ever infested a young person's head, than that anything of worth is accomplished in life without serious labor.
The wheel of fortune is ever turning. As soon as you reach the top if you neglect to keep stepping you are rolled again into the mud; more exertion being required to keep there than to cling to the wheel as it carries you there.
The Sea of Matrimony.
"Yes," said an old sailor, who married well along in life, and was the father of an interesting family, "they call it the sea of matrimony, because they who sail upon it, usually encounter so many squalls."—Merchant Trader.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Steel pens are generally made of the finest and most costly steel. In some European countries those which have been used are carefully saved, while we throw them away by the ton.

A correspondent in India writes that the foreigners located there seldom go out unless accompanied by snake dogs.

Ten years ago neither India, Australia nor the Argentine Republic had sent a cargo of wheat to Europe.

According to the last census the total area of the United States and the territories, not including Alaska, is 2,670,000 square miles.

We are becoming a great cheese and butter-eating nation. The home consumption of these two articles of diet has increased in a greater ratio than any other food.

Shall we paint our statues? Yes, says Professor Trow, the director of the Dresden collections of antiquities.

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THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

NETTLE RASH, OR URTICARIA.—This is a nervous affection of the skin, in which blotches resembling those of the nettle-sting appear upon the surface, accompanied by itching and burning sensations.

REMEDY FOR GOLD FEET.—All that is necessary is to stand erect and very gradually to lift one's self up on the tips of the toes, so as to put all the tendons of the foot at full strain.

How TO STAY WELL. A doctor thus addresses a patient in a sketch in a recent magazine: You have every advantage in life, your existence might be a happy one, if you had expense no—any method in your madness, if you were not entirely a slave to your own feelings, whether real or imaginary, and they are more often the latter than the former.

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Anecdote of Washington Irving.

Many years ago—in fact, back in the thirties—Dr. Grant, of Enfield, whose reputation as a physician in Connecticut is still in memory of the first rank after years of retirement from practice, was traveling in South Carolina, his native state, going by stage from Savannah to Augusta.

"Well, don't you think the *St. Albans* is one of the most beautiful specimens of English which our country has produced?"

"Well, no," the unknown replied. "I cannot say that I see anything remarkable in it."

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