

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

FALL CALVES. Many of the best cows are now bred to drop their calves in the fall, and there is a general belief among farmers that fall calves are hard to rear.

LIBERAL STRAW BEDDING. The farmer who raises wheat or oats or rye largely, and has not stables fitted with manure gutters and reservoirs, will do well to use straw liberally for bedding.

WIRE FENCES. One of the neatest and most durable fences that can be made is a woven-wire netting. The meshes should be sufficiently close together to keep out chickens, 2x4 is small enough for all practical purposes.

WINTER PROTECTION FOR GRAPES. It occasionally happens that an exceptionally cold winter brings the subject of winter protection very forcibly to the notice of all who grow grapes.

PROFITS OF INERTNESS. The rubber tip at the end of several pencils has yielded \$100,000 in England.

TO GET PURE WATER. The temperature of water for horses is not so much an object as the purity of it. While it is best to have it cool, it is more important to have it free from all impurities.

RAISE YOUR OWN COWS. A half dozen good cows are worth a dozen poor ones. It takes as much food and care to keep a poor cow as it does a good one.

what is the best course to pursue. There are but few farmers who do not now have at least one, two or three cows fairly good, which can be used as a start in improvement.

Keep pieces of chalk where the young animals can lick them. The shelter that shuts out both pure and cold air is not a profitable structure.

The farmer who makes his own pork and hams puts another bond on health and pays himself for so doing. A few fawns well cared for are more profitable than a large number neglected.

Produce of Inertness. The rubber tip at the end of several pencils has yielded \$100,000 in England. As large sums as were ever obtained for any invention have been obtained by the inventor of the inert pencil.

Upward of \$10,000 a year was made by the inventor of the common needle threader. To this foregoing might be added thousands of trifling but useful articles from which handsome incomes are derived.

The Champion Pork Eaters. The Chinese says Frank Carpenter, one of the greatest pork eaters of the world, the pigs are the scavengers of the city.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Some of the Principal Indications of Longevity.

Habits and Conditions Which Tend to Lengthen Life.

A physician who issued a work on the subject of longevity, early in the present century, stated that it would appear that the principal natural indications of a long life are: to be descended, at least by one side, from long-lived parents; to be of a calm, contented, and cheerful disposition; to have a just symmetry or proper conformation of parts.

Another writer states that, "exercise contributes to the preservation of human life; it invigorates our faculties; it dissipates all the superfluous humors of a plethoric habit; it is a gain of time, the enemy of disease, the duty of the young, and the delight of the aged."

Professor Huxford says, "peace of mind, cheerfulness and contentment are the foundation of all happiness, all health and long life. Certain habits and dispositions of mind, such as melancholy, care, depression, fear, anxiety, faint-heartedness, and, in particular, avarice and hatred, which are hostile to life, claim a distinguished rank among those means which tend to shorten it."

Dr. Pilsbry, who treated the subject in an able manner a century ago, shows that the due regulation of the passions contributes, perhaps more than any other cause, to health and longevity. The passions, such as anger, ambition, hope, love, etc., when kept within proper bounds, gently excite the nervous influence, promote an equable circulation, and are highly conducive to health, while the excess of prevailing affections, such as grief, fear and despair, produce the opposite effect.

General Grant's Log Cabin. Among the deeds recently filed in St. Louis county there is one from L. H. Gunn to Henry J. Weber, the nurseryman, conveying to him 121 acres of land, being part of the 160-acre tract occupied by General U. S. Grant and his family.

"Scop a Little to Boot." About the time that Daniel Drew began his Wall Street career he was up in the country one time to visit some friends and two farmers called upon him to decide a case.

"Well, legally speaking, a bushel is only a bushel," he answered. "And can the measure be swept off?" "I think it can."

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Farmer Hudson of Templeton, Cal., has grown a beet that is seven feet long and weighs 134 pounds.

One of the customs established in the little hamlet of Georgetown, Me., is an annual reunion of all the aged people in town.

A West Union, West Virginia, man set fifteen snares in his garden, and the first night caught thirteen rabbits and two opossums.

A petrified apple at Harrington, Md., was discovered by small boys; the stem and fruit were very lifelike; all the "color of an apple."

Wolves have been howling gratuitously at night, killing stray cattle and other animals making a nuisance of themselves around San Pedro Bay, Fla.

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An Englishman has bought the contents of the royal castle of Nuremberg, containing the most complete collection of instruments of torture extant, costing \$30,000 in all.

A lady's hand was discovered in a dust bin in a fashionable part of West London, and caused a sensation. It transpired, however, that it was the hand of a mummy dating back to the time of the Paracelsi, which a careless servant had knocked off while dusting.

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The Minister's Rus.

The collection box in a certain Scotch church was found empty. The minister thereupon joined Tam, the Kirk officer, in his homeward walk after service, and lamented to him that he would have to do a thing he did not like, which was "just to raise the devil, and he'll come to the man that took that money, either in a wind that'll leave him leaf nor sheaf, or wi' a rope to hang him over his own door."

The next night the minister sent a man over to Tam's barn to hang a rope with a noose at the end of it on the door. Tam came down to thresh; but, seeing the noose and his own shadow on the wall, he rushed back to bed and remained there till daylight.

A Business Man's Mistake. Stranger (who has yelled himself hoarse over Jinks' telephone without getting any reply) — See here, I can't do anything with this telephone.

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