

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Chicken or Fowl Cholera.

A few years ago inquiries about chicken cholera came only from the Southern and Western States. Of late we have had them from the Eastern States, including New England. When domestic animals die off suddenly, by a rapidly fatal disease, it is the custom to call it "cholera."

This was the case with the so-called hog-cholera, which has been shown to be a complication of diseases, readily traceable to neglect and bad management. From what we have heard of chicken cholera it appears to be a protest against improper feeding and housing, rather than any well-defined disease, such as roup, etc.

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Farm and Garden Notes.

Grapes exposed to the sunlight contain three and three-fourths per cent. less acid than those which have remained in darkness.

Tens of thousands of poultry owners have no idea as to how much corn a fair-sized fowl eats in a year, so careless are their habits as to accuracy. The amount is about one and a half bushels.

In husking be careful to sort out all the poor ears and soft nubbins. Put only sound corn in the crib. Give the nubbins to the pigs. It will not do to feed such food to horses; they need good sound grain.

An English paper in discussing diarrhea in lambs, suggests that a simple relaxation of the bowels, produced by fresh grass, a change of pasture, and an allowance of good linseed cake or other dry food will probably be sufficient restorative.

The Boston Journal of Commerce recommends as a cheap and reliable substitute for commercial fertilizers such as superphosphates, etc., the following combination, viz: Take one barrel of pure, raw, finely ground bones, and one barrel of the best wood ashes; mix them on a floor, and add gradually three pailfuls of water, mixing thoroughly with the hoe.

Household Hints.

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Story of a Song.

John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," was a warm personal friend of John Ross, who will be remembered as the celebrated chief of the Cherokees. At the time the Cherokees were removed from their homes in Georgia to their present possessions west of the Mississippi river, Payne was spending a few weeks in Georgia with Ross, who was occupying a miserable cabin, having been forcibly ejected from his former home.

"No," said the soldier. "Do you?" "Yes," answered Payne. "I composed it." "The deuce you did. You can tell that to some fellows, but not to me. Look here. You made that song, you say. If you did—and I knew you didn't—you can say it all without stopping. It has something in it about pleasures and palaces. Now pitch in and reel it off, and if you can't I'll bounce you from your horse and lead you instead of it."

The threat was answered by Payne, who repeated the song in a slow, subdued tone, and then sang it, making the old woods ring with the tender melody and pathos of the words. It touched the heart of the rough soldier, who was not only captivated but convinced, and who said that the composer of such a song should never go to prison if he could help it.

The deacon's son was telling the minister about the bees stinging his pa, and the minister inquired: "Stung your pa, did they? Well, what did your pa say?" "Step this way a moment," said the boy. "I'd rather whisper it to you."—Funny Freaks.

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

How They Are Made When the Proper Season for Them Arrives—New Fangled Notions Introduced.

In eating, as in everything else, the vast majority of people are governed more by the season than by any actual, arbitrary condition of appetite. Take, for instance, buckwheat flour. The item "buckwheat cakes," says the New York World, is never seen on the bill of fare of any restaurant in New York in summer, and the cakes are never seen on the table of a private family in hot weather.

With a view to ascertaining definitely something about the restaurant trade in buckwheat cakes, now that the buckwheat season is about to begin, a reporter of the World visited several of the downtown restaurants early this season and questioned the proprietors and managers on the subject.

Regarding the first item—the amount of buckwheat cakes sold and eaten—the result was not satisfactory, for the reason that in many places where griddle-cakes of different kinds were sold, buckwheat had not yet been added to the list, while in places where they had been placed on the bill of fare it was said that the sales had not yet been very extensive.

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