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Farm and Fireside.

Horse Stables.

To have healthy and hearty horses due care must be taken to provide them with suitable stables. These should be warm, dry, and well ventilated. If the roof is of straw let it be thatched so that it does not leak. No farmer can afford to have water leaking down upon his horses. Have first a roof that does not leak, next see that the sides of the stable are free from cracks, so that there will be no drafts upon the horses. Have the ventilators so that they are under your control. After you have a good roof and tight sides, properly ventilated and lighted, it is proper to consider the floor of the stable. You can get no better one than earth. This will keep the feet of the horses in good condition, and needs only to be kept level by filling in the holes made by the stamping of the feet of the horses. If you have an earth floor be sure and keep it free from a ridge over which the horse must hang when it lies down. The next best floor is one made of short blocks of wood, such as are used in paving city streets. If the stable is not on the ground level, of course a floor will needs be made of plank. Of whatever the stable floor is made have a drain. This will facilitate keeping the horses clean and the stable clean and healthy. Have the stalls wide enough to allow the horses to lie down comfortably. It is well enough to have the partitions high enough to prevent the horses reaching each other. Be sure to have no projections in the stables, upon which the horses can hurt themselves in lying down, turning around or raising their heads. This will necessitate having the ceiling high enough to clear their heads when jerked up suddenly. Have the feed boxes and racks just high enough to allow the head to be in a natural position while eating. Have both these so arranged that there will be no waste of grain or hay. To save time in feeding have grain bin and hay handy to stable. When the stable is made comfortable, convenient and healthy, see that the surroundings are made the same. Don't have a great pile of manure just in front of the door. Have a small drain to carry the water from the stable, so that it may be approached handily, and be at the same time more healthy because free from stagnant water. Now is the best time of the year to put your stable in good shape.—Farm, Field and Stockman.

For the Ladies.

BALMETTO CAKE.

1 lb. flour, 1 lb. butter, 1½ lbs. sugar, 12 eggs, two grated cocoanuts, 2 lbs., citron sliced and floured—bake like pound cake It will require longer time on account of the fruit.

LEMON SNAPS.

1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, ½ cup of hot water, 1 lemon juice and rind, 2 teaspoons baking powder flour to make a stiff dough—roll thin and bake crisply.

COCOANUT JUMBLES.

1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 2 eggs, 1 large cup of grated cocoanut flour to make a dough stiff enough to roll out. Bake in a quick oven.

SPICE DROPS.

1 cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup currants, 1 cup butter or lard, 1 teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves, and soda, flour to roll.

SPONGE CAKE.

Any number of eggs you wish. The weight of the eggs in white sugar, one more than half in flour. Beat the yolks of eggs well with the sugar, add the whites stiffly beaten. Sift the flour in last and stir lightly—bake in large or small pans.

GIB'S TEA CAKES.

1 lb. sugar, 10 oz. butter or 6 oz. lard, 4 eggs, 1 oz. ammonia dissolved in a cup of cold water—flour to make a soft dough, very soft—roll very thinly, and bake quickly.

Profit in Rearing Horses.

Horses have always been the most profitable farm stock. The increase in railroads instead of reducing the demand for horse labor has always increased it, and as the traffic of peace and the exigencies and wastes of war increase, the demand for horses keeps pace with them or runs ahead of them. It is so just now. The threatening condition of European politics has led to a large demand for horses in America and the value of horse stock has risen considerably during the last three or four months and promises to rise still further. Farmers should take advantage of this favorable opportunity for increasing their stock of horses. As compared with beef cattle the profits are fourfold. A 3-year-old steer weighing 1200 costs as much as a 2-year-old colt. The one is worth $30, the other is worth from $100 to $150 as it may be bred and reared. It costs but a trifle more to breed and rear a colt worth $150 than one $100, hence it is advisable to secure the service of the best sire that can be procured. This is a timely consideration just now as the season is coming on, and while thinking over it let us add one more remark, viz: that while a good sire is desirable a sound dam free from faults and blemishes is equally so; for disease, unsoundness and even blemishes are inherited and will almost certainly reappear in the colt. —Exchange.

To Prevent a Calf From Sucking.

The most effectual way to break a calf from sucking her dam, says Dizie Farmer, is to separate the calf entirely from the dam, but if this is not practical or desirable make a muzzle for the calf as follows: Insert long, sharp, flat headed spikes in a piece of harness leather two inches wide and long enough to go round the muzzle of the calf. Stitch or tack another piece of leather to the back of the first so as to hold the spikes in position. Stitch into circular shape, and attach to the calf's nose by means of a headstall. The spikes should be about two inches apart and three inches long, and would be better if made of steel, which may be done by any blacksmith.

The Object of Experiment Stations.

The object of the national and state agricultural departments and experiment stations is the promotion of agriculture by such scientific investigations and careful experiments as farmers cannot make for themselves, and which require the skill of trained specialists. At the various stations that now exist in almost every state, analyses of commercial fertilizers are made, as well as experiments with growing crops and best methods of combating the numerous species of destructive insects. In short, everything pertaining to the success of agriculture is considered and reported on.

Young rye gives a rich color to the milk, and promotes the flow. For late pasturage it is excellent, but should not be fed exclusively. In the winter season succulent food is best obtained from ensilage, but the rye can be used until frost freezes the ground.

Wit and Humor.

Example and Precept.

Angry father—See here, George, your mother tells me you have been smoking cigarettes.

Frightened boy—I smoked just one, sir.

A. F.—Just one! I've a great mind to take you out into the woodshed and give you a flogging.

F. B.—I won't do it again, father.

A. F.—Well, I'll let you off this time, seeing that you promise not to do it again. But mind you keep your promise. Now go and bring me my pipe and tobacco pouch. Smoking cigarettes! The idea!—Boston Courier.

Ben Johnson used to dress shabbily. Being informed that Lord Craven would be pleased to see him, Ben went to his lordship's mansion. The porter not liking his looks or dress, refused to admit him. Rough language and much noise attracted the nobleman to the door. "I understood" said Ben "that your lordship wished to see me." "You, friend! Why, who may you be?" "I am Ben Johnson." "No, no; you cannot be the great author who wrote the 'Silent Woman!' You look as if you could not say "boo" to a goose." The dramatist looking straight at the nobleman with a comical air cried, "Boo! boo!" "I am now convinced," said his lordship, "you are Ben Johnson."

Young Gentleman—Is smoking unpleasant to you?

Young Lady—It depends entirely on the smoker.—Illinois State Journal.

Jeweller—The inscription you wish to have engraved on the inside of this ring, if I understand you, is "Marcellus to Irene."

Young man (with some embarrassment)—Yes, that's right. But—sir—don't cut the "Irene" deep.—Chicago Tribune.

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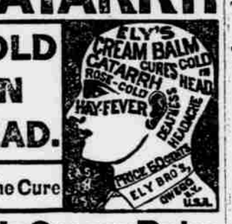

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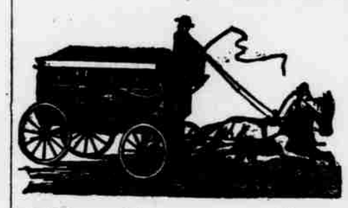

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