

FARM AND HOME

Meadow Lands.

When there is a meadow included in a farm it can be made very profitable. On a great many of these meadows the muck is so deep that it is almost an impossibility to cultivate it properly, even should it be drained. But the best thing to do with it is to take off the surface, and this is a good season of the year to do this work.

There is entertained by many persons very erroneous opinions about the yield of grass and its quality. Some have an idea that grass is scarce everywhere, and if a heavy crop is secured good results are sure to follow its use as feed for the stock. We may call grass by the term English, and suppose because at some indefinite period in the past we stocked down a piece of land with timothy and red-top, that the grass still remains the same, and that it is as good as the same kind of grass grown upon dry uplands.

In order to produce the best articles of the dairy it is absolutely necessary that our lowland meadow should be well drained. Perhaps if they were thus drained such a large quantity of hay would not be produced, but if value was considered then we could estimate the product at double that of this coarse, water-stuffed, though in reality taking a series of years in succession it is very doubtful if they would produce as much weight for we have been considering the crop produced in one of the most favorable seasons.

On the other hand, if the desire be to supply eggs and chickens for market, a cross of any of the large varieties with common fowls will prove very satisfactory. This branch of the undertaking will need more room and a closer attention to the smaller details. There is no difficulty in making this business a profitable one if it is undertaken in the spirit that is required to make any vocation a success.

and strictly by themselves. Care must be used each year as the flocks increase, to select from among them the best ones for layers, and the finest cocks for sires. -American Stockman.

Stones on Public Highways. A single loose stone, which might be thrown out in two seconds, is sometimes struck by wagon wheels fifty times a day, or more than 10,000 times a year. Ten thousand blows of a sledge hammer as hard on one wagon would probably demolish it entirely, and the stone does no less harm because it divides its blows among a hundred vehicles. There is, therefore, probably no investment that would pay a higher rate of profit than a few dollars' worth of work in clearing public highways of loose and fixed stones. -Practical Farmer.

Household Hints. Cut hot bread or cake with a hot knife, and it will not be clammy. Camphor placed in drawers or trunks will prevent mice from doing them any injury.

Ceilings that have been smoked by a kerosene lamp should be washed off with soda water. Soft soap should be kept in a dry place in the cellar, and not used until three months old. Cayenne pepper blown into the cracks where ants congregate will drive them away. The same remedy is good also for mice.

A lump of bread about the size of a billiard ball, tied up in a linen bag and placed in the pot in which greens are boiling, will absorb the gases which oftentimes send such an unpleasant odor to the regions above.

A cheap water filter may be made as follows: Make a mattress of charcoal broken in small bits to fit a large common flower-pot; put it in the bottom of the pot, with a mattress of sand over it, each about five inches thick; hang this pot on a faucet, with a vessel under it to receive the water.

The Old Blue Chest. One day last week five or six women with serious faces and hushed voices were gathered in a room in a house on Fort street east. For two years a poor old woman had lived there, not exactly a beggar nor an object of charity, but certainly in want. She had a husband when she first moved there—a poor old man whose days could not be long; but one day he was missing. He may have fallen into the river, or he may have wandered out into the country and died.

There was but little in the room beyond an old blue chest—battered and bruised and splintered, but yet holding together. It had seen strange times, that old blue chest. It had held silks and broadcloths perhaps—it had surely held rags. It had been moved from house to house and from town to town. It had listened to laughter, and had heard sobs and moans. It had grown old no faster than the woman whose hands had so often lifted its lid.

There is no necessity to regret your cough if you will only use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at once; the most reliable remedy in the world for Coughs, Colds, etc. At the funeral of a wealthy Chinaman in San Francisco the coffin was elevated on a platform in the street, and around it the priests, mourners, and bands of music marched for hours.

child's dumb watch. Hands were broken and gone, face scratched and case battered, but the woman handled it as if a touch would shiver it. There was a doll's head, a boy's fish-line, some toys, a yarn ball, and other things to show that in the long ago that dead woman had felt the soft kisses of children, heard their "good nights" and thanked God that she was blessed. Each relic was wept over—each was replaced with fresh tear stains. They asked the old blue chest no questions. Its replies might have been voiceless to a man, but to a woman and mother each one had a tale in words as plain as print. They shed more tears as they bent again over the poor old dead, and they said to each other: "If she had only told us of this how we would have loved her and sought to lighten her sorrows."

What One New York Girl Did. When a girl concludes to put up her hair and make herself look sweet, the best policy is to let her have her own way. She can't be drawn away from her mirror by any of the ordinary things of this life. A fire will sometimes do it, but it has been shown that even a fire may fail to excite some girls.

The Chicago Times says: Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure is highly endorsed by ministers, judges, physicians, surgeons, by men of literary and scholarly distinction, and by individuals in all the walks of life. Under favorable conditions the chestnut and the oak will live 1,000 years. The beech and ash live less than half as long.

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[Wasson Central Wisconsin.] Being asked concerning the oil, Mr. Aug. Kieckhefer informed the questioner that St. Jacobs Oil had proved an excellent and most useful remedy in every family that had used it. A large majority of cases pronounced incurable have been entirely cured.

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[Mt. Clemens (Mich.), True Record.] W. T. Lee, Esq., of this paper, says: Being convinced of the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil in curing rheumatism, I have no hesitancy in recommending it.

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