

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

Remove the Calf Early. E. M. M. writes: It is great cruelty to allow a calf to suck its dam several weeks and then remove it.

Threshing Oats by Hand. Some good farmers are re-adopting the old method of threshing their oat crops with a flail, leaving the work to be done in the winter.

How to Build a Cistern. The following directions for constructing a cistern are worthy of all acceptance. We find them in an Indiana paper.

Stabled Animals. Farmers who pride themselves upon their nice horses and cattle are not aware, perhaps, that a dark stable is a source of serious discomfort to a horse especially.

A Dog Who Wore Spectacles. An optician--I was told, some time ago, the following remarkable story of a Kentucky dog that had become almost totally blind.

Dumley's Soft Thing. "Yes," said Dumley, who has recently received a government appointment, "I've got a mighty soft thing."

Farm and Garden Notes.

Salt plentifully sprinkled on the icy doorstep will have a better and cleaner effect than ashes.

When butter is gathered in the churn in granular form it is never overchurned. Pounding it after it is in a lump or large mass is what overchurns it.

Cows fed on meal mixed with straw cut and moistened, says Prof. Arnold, give more milk and considerably richer, than when fed on the best hay alone.

Large profits do not always depend upon large crops. One may grow an extraordinary large crop, but the expense of so doing may balance the receipts.

Lay in a stock of green food for winter use by cutting and curing short grass and clover, or raising a lot of mangel beets or turnips. Ensilage, cabbage, late cut grass, rye or barley is good for this purpose.

In this country nearly three dollars' worth of milk, cream, butter, and cheese together are sold and consumed to every dollar's worth of beef.

Old leather contains a considerable percentage of ammonia compounds, which are very slowly soluble. A good way to dispose of old boots, therefore, is to bury them at the foot of an apple tree.

The necessity of keeping sheep on dry footing should not be forgotten. A yard in which sheep are kept should be one where there is plenty of drainage.

A Maine correspondent of the New England Farmer dilates on the utility of the humble wheelbarrow on the farm, but considers it, as usually made, entirely too heavy.

During the past six years the average yield of wheat per acre has been greater in New England than in any other portion of the country, showing 15.1 bushels against 11.9 for the whole country.

A cleanly kept cow will yield sweet milk, with an agreeable, sweet odor, and quite free from any taint or injurious quality whatever.

The growth and quality of wool, says an exchange, is always an important item as regards the profit in keeping sheep, and if we allow the sheep to fall into a low condition in the fall, when wool is making good growth in order to protect the animal during the winter, not only the quality but quantity will be affected.

Smoky eggs are often caused by fowls getting too fat. When you know it to be a fact that the hen is getting old, the probability is, this is the cause of the small sized eggs and the diminution of the quantity.

Most farmers do not attach the value they should to the milk after the cream has been taken off. There are possibilities with milk and eggs beyond the vision of the average farmer.

While at play one day some children, who knew the poor brute's infirmity, placed upon his nose a pair of common spectacles, the glasses of which happened to be very strong.

The next morning he started off to the hunt with the other dogs, and soon it was he who led the pack. But unfortunately his spectacles brushed up against a bush and were torn from their resting place.

The dog is now a confirmed spectacle-wearer, so much so that when any one attempts to remove his goggles he becomes very savage.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

N. Varole, a surgeon and physician of Bologna, is said to have discovered the optic nerves about 1538.

The first Christian church in England is said to have been erected at Glastonbury, Somerset, about A. D. 60.

An Amati violin, which originally belonged to Louis XIV., has recently been sold at Buda-Pesth for £700.

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Wonders of Electricity.

The Electric Club of New York, which was thrown open recently, at the very threshold the visitor was dazzled with a brilliant display of electric light, and as his foot pressed a concealed lever in one of the steps, the door flew open.

Inside, of course, every room was lit by electricity. Electric displays are used in the frescoes, and a maze of wires are concealed in floors and ceilings and permits a member at any moment to produce weird displays for visiting friends.

Electricity runs a stove in the house on which steak may be cooked. Electricity locks and unlocks the cashier's safe, and electricity is the invisible musician which operates the piano. Electricity blacks the visitor's boots.

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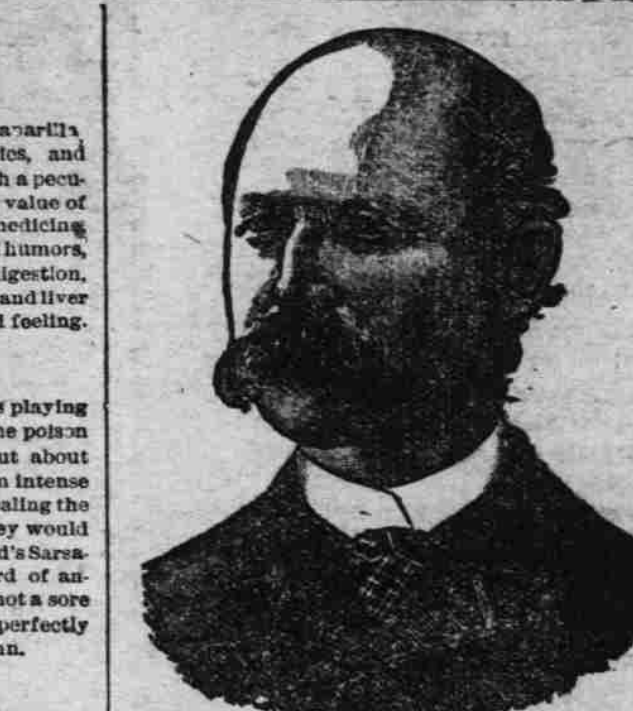
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