

Agriculture, &c.

INSTINCT IN SHEEP.—We observed a young lamb entangled among briars; it had seemingly struggled for liberty until it was quite exhausted; its mother was present, endeavouring with her head and feet to disentangle it.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE PIG-STY.—No animals deteriorate faster than swine. The trough is a great element in the character of a hog; he is amazingly like a dandy; if he has to hunt his food, even with the slightest effort, he soon becomes too enterprising to be a fine specimen.

TO PREVENT SOWS OVERLYING THEIR PIGS.—A railing or board should be fixed against the sides of the pen of a sow, before the pigs come, about eight inches above the floor, and it should jut out from the sides of the pen from eight to ten inches.

PARENTAL EXAMPLE.—There is food for thought in the story that is told of a young lad, who for the first time accompanied his father to a public dinner. The waiter asked him, "What will you take to drink?"

HOW TO CLEAR A YOON OF MOSQUITOES OR OTHER FLIES.—Take a piece of gum camphor about one-third the size of an egg, and evaporate it by placing it in a tin vessel and holding it over a lamp or candle, taking care that it does not ignite.

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The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that potatoes when used for the production of alcohol, are to be considered as grain. Would it not be more etymological to reverse the decision, and to decide that everything should be called potato which is the foundation of potatoes?

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

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