

Agriculture, &c.,

THE BOY THAT STUCK TO FARMING.

Farmers' boys are not the only ones who make thrifty men, though to begin with they have much in their favor.

When I was a boy my first savings of ten-cent pieces, earned by Saturday afternoon work—for school kept half a day on Saturday then—were expended in buying a heifer calf.

When the calf was one year old I traded it for two steer calves, and now I had to put in good and strong to pay for their keeping; but I occupied all my spare time in teaching these calves to work in the yoke, and at one year old they would gee and haw as well as old oxen, and my father paid me for their use in leading the team for breaking in his two and three-year olds.

Again I had a piece of ground each year after I was fourteen, that I could work and plant on shares; and if I wanted help, why, I had to give two days of my time to the hired man's one day.

I always had some time to play, time to read, and now look back with love and pleasant thoughts to the old farm and the farm hand who taught me how to use tools, and whipped me when I neglected to drive the team out straight at the end of the furrow in ploughing.

The remembrance of my own boyhood has always induced me to favor all items of encouragement at home on the farm; and I believe, if it were more generally practiced, we should have more good farmers, and less broken-down merchants, or loafing, hanging-on, time-serving clerks, ready for anything except honorable labor and usefulness belonging to the highest order of creation.—Exchange.

WINTERING CALVES.—It is a common belief among herdsmen that it is as much of a task to carry a calf through the first winter as it is the second. It has been a fancy of ours to handle calves for threescore years.

A HINT TO LOVERS OF FLOWERS.—A most beautiful and easily attained show of evergreens may be had by a very simple plan, which has been found to answer remarkably well on a small scale.

THE CORK TREE.—Is a species of oak growing abundantly in Spain, Portugal, and Italy. In Georgia the experiment of raising the tree from the acorn has been successfully tried.

A bridge at Denver, Col., bears this notice: "No vehicle drawn by more than one horse is allowed to cross this bridge in opposite directions at the same time."

Domestic Economy.

BAKED SOUP.—Take one pound of lean beef, chop rather fine, place in an earthen pot which will hold five quarts of liquid.—Slice and add two onions, two carrots, two tablespoons of rice well washed, a pint of whole or split peas, a teaspoon of black pepper, and a tablespoon of salt; pour over all one gallon of cold water; put the lid of the jar on it, or a close fitting plate, and bake four hours. This is a nice, wholesome dish.

APPLE SNOW.—Put twelve good tart apples in cold water, and set them over the fire; when soft, drain the water, strip the skins off the apples, core them, and lay them in a deep dish. Beat the whites of twelve eggs to a stiff froth; put half a pound of finely powdered white sugar to the apples; beat them to a stiff froth, and add the beaten eggs. Beat the whole to a stiff snow; then turn into a desert dish.

ROAST GOOSE.—The Hearth and Home says a goose less than a year old can be cooked so as to taste almost as well as turkey. When the animal is nearly ready to be killed, put vinegar into its food, and the day before its neck is brought to the block, pour a spoonful of vinegar down its throat.

PASTRY.—The universal error as to the unhealthful nature of pies, puddings, and pastries, taking it for granted that they are well-made and properly cooked, has arisen from the simple fact that, being eaten after we have made a full meal of other things, the stomach is oppressed by them, and if the process is repeated, becomes eventually dyspeptic; that is, has not power to work up the food, because it has been "worked to death" already.

SCRAMBLED EGGS.—Beat six eggs enough to mix white and yolk together; put two ounces of butter in a pan set on the fire, and when melted, take off the pan, and add salt, pepper, and, if you like, a pinch of nutmeg; mix it in; then add the eggs, with a tablespoonful of gravy or essence of beef; put the pan again over a slow fire, stir constantly till cooked to suit, and serve warm.

A ROYAL SALAD.—Let your lettuce be perfectly dry. First boil an egg fully fifteen minutes; then take the yolk, a teaspoonful of salt, three-teaspoonful of pure, dry mustard, a little Cayenne pepper, half-a-dozen very young green onions chopped very fine: this must not be omitted; if not to be got, a due proportion of the youngest onions must be used.

WHEN CELERY IS USED INSTEAD OF LETTUCE, double or treble the quantity of mustard is necessary. It cannot be excelled if the different mixtures are thoroughly done.

QUICK-MADE YEAST.—Take a pint of new milk, a tea spoonful of salt, and table-spoonful of flour, and stir well together; set it by the fire and keep it lukewarm, and it will be ready for use in an hour.

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MESSENGER ALMANACK.

MARCH, 1871.

Full Moon, March 6th, 11h 24m. after on. Last Quarter, " 13th, 6h. 5m. after noon. New Moon, " 20th, 11h. 45m. after noon. First Quarter, " 29th, 2h. 30m. morning

Table with columns: Day, SUN. (Rise, Sets), MOON. (Rise, Sets), High Tide at Halifax.

THE TIDES.—The ebb of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Parlsboro', Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newpo, t, and Truro.

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