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AGRICULTURE.

GARDENING ALL THE YEAR ROUND. -Watering so as to merely wet the surface of the ground often does more harm than good. The roots of the plants are thereby attracted to the surface, thus temporarily moistened; but as it soon becomes as dry as before, and harder than ever, the young roots perish in the intervals of watering, and the plant is weakened rather than strengthened and not infrequently killed outright. The ground should be well soaked and the watering not frequent. In the case of trees, shrubs, and large plants, holes may be made near them with a dibble or sharpened stick, and water poured into them from the nozzle of a watering pot. Saltpeter, a tablespoonful or more to a bucket of water, is an excellent occasional application to most kinds of garden plants, being at destroyer. Many grubs and bugs may this solution.

To keep plants bearing: The production of seed is an exhaustive process. If we desire continued bloom, the plants must not be allowed to mature

Moss for potted plants is beneficial, at this season, to cover the earth around plants in pots and baskets with a layer of fresh moss, to be changed as it becomes dry and dead.

of the month are mainly the same as in the vegetable garden. Stir the soil, kill all weeds, transplant, shade, and richness, of ewe's milk compared with water. Liquid manure is here fully as effective as in the kitchen garden, giving wonderful size and brilliancy to the flowers. Rose and other bushes will be much benefited by a top dressing of pulverized charcoal and ashes composted with rotten muck or surface soil from the woods.

HAY FOR HENS .- The Poultry World advises the use of hay in the diet of fowls in winter, as they eat grass to advantage in summer. "Bulk in on natural pasture, 18.75; and ewe's food is required for health as well for poultry as man or animals. Rich and concentrated food is not readily digested and invites disease. Some cow's milk gave, 2.88; goat's milk, think a craving for bulky food is one chief cause of feather eating in winter, or among fowls confined. Now, just try and secure a good supply of second crop hay, short, and, if possible, containing clover. Cure only enough to preserve, and your fowls will eat a portion of it all winter when they would turn away from stale cabbage. What is not eaten will afford untold amusement in scratching over. Remember in winter, if poultry stand on one leg, unemployed, all day, they are disposed to have the blues. Idle meditations lead always to bad habits; while a healthy mind, in a vigorous body, suggests business, which, with fowls, means winter eggs and early chickens."

The above advice is good, although few suppose hens would eat hay if given them, but this is because they have not watched the habits of their poultry. We have noticed them often picking short bits of cut hay of almost any variety, and hay cooked for cattle is eaten greedily by them. We advise short-cut clover well boiled for them. Clover is better than any other hay beduce costiveness (which is the case with cause it possesses egg-making nutriment, besides fiber to separate the particles of grain. It is not bulk, as mere quantity that is needed, but coarse fiber to separate the concentrated food in the stomach, so that the gastric juice can Allen's Lung Balsam will prevent it, if circulate through the mass. The stomach cannot well manage solid food. Only a few minutes will be required to prepare the hay for a large number of poultry .- National Live Stock Journal.

Manuring.—It is commonly the case that the orchard is cropped year after year until the diminished yield shows that something must be done. The proper way is to give a moderate manuring annually; stable manure put on in the fall and plowed in, or in small orchards forked in may be alternated with ashes or lime on other years. Clover to be pastured by bogs, and afterwards plowed under is a fine fertilizer.

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same stone is a fool.—Spanish Proverb. | world him who is most successful.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

HOW TO COOK A TOUGH BEEFSTEAK -Pound it, put it in a spider, add about half a cup of cold water, cover closely, and set it back on your stove or range where it will only simmer, turn frequently, and renew the water, hot, as fast as it evaporates. It will take about two hours to render it tender, so if you want it for the table at twelve, you must put it to cook at ten. Salt it when you take it up. (Never salt meat when you first put it to cook, it hardens Add some water to the juice of the meat that should be left in the herbaceous plants, as among small spider, thicken with flour, and pour over your meat, and you will have a nice, tender steak that anybody can

A CHEESE RELISH FOR BREAKFAST. -Take one-fourth pound tresh cheese, cut it in thin slices, put it in a fryingthe same time a fertilizer and an insect pan, turning over it a large cupful of sweet milk; and one fourth teaspoonful be destroyed by copious waterings with dry mustard, a pinch of salt and pepper, and a piece of butter the size of a butternut; stir the mixture all the time. Roll three Boston crackers very fine, and sprinkle in gradually, then turn at once into a warm dish; to be sent to table immediately.

EWE'S MILK .- At the meeting of the North British Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at Edinburgh, recently, an interesting In the flower garden the operations paper was read by Dr. Stevenson Macadam, on "The Composition of Ewe's Milk." Having observed the extreme cow's milk and even goat's milk, Dr. Macadam arranged a series of trials as to the composition of ewe's milk, yielded by animals fed on good natural pasture, and on the same animals after being fed on extra diet, including linseed cake, cotton cake and oats. Taking the total percentage in solids by weight in milk, the average results were as follows: Town dairy cow's milk, 12.27; country dairy cow's milk 12.77; goat's milk, 13.43; ewe's milk, milk on natural pasture, with addition of feeding stuffs, 20.11; while taking the fat in the solids, the town dairy 4.31; ewe's milk, on natural pasture, 6.77; and ewe's milk with extra feeding, 8.27. The superior richness of ewe's milk, under any circumstances of feeding, over cow's or goat's milk was thus satisfactorily proved.

> TO CLEANSE THE WOODWORK A ROUND THE DOORS .- Take a pail of hot water; throw in two tablespoonsful of pulverized borax; use a good coarse house cloth—an old coarse towel does splendidly-and wash the painting; do not use a brush; when washing places that are extra yellow are stained, soap the cloth; then sprinkle it with the dry powdered borax, and rub the places well, using plenty of rinsing water; by washing the woodwork in this way you will not remove the paint, and the borax will soften and make the hands white—a fact well worth knowing. The uses of borax in domestic economy are numerous; and one of the most valuable is its employment to aid the detergent properties of soap.

Corns.—Roll a lemon till soft, then cut a thick slice; bind on a corn at night. If white in the morning it can be abstracted. A very bad corn may take several applications before a cure is ef-

VARIETIES.

Judge Pitman came downstairs the other day, says Max Adeler, in response to a call from his servant girl, and found standing at the front door a man with a carpet-bag. The man said, "Is your piano out of tune?" "No, I don't think minister to God's poor; we restore the lait is," said the judge. " Ain't you sure about it? "No; I never tried to see." "How long since it has been tuned?" "It has never been." "Then of course it ought to be tuned at once. You'll ruin it if you don't have it attend ed to." "I don't believe I will." "Oh, yes, you will, though. Nothing's worse for a piano than standing antuned." "Do you think you can tune it?" "Certainly. I can." "I'd like to know why not. I never saw a piano yet that I couldn't tackle." "There is one mighty good reason why you can't in this case." "I'd like to know what it is." "You want me to tell you do you?" "Yes," "Well, it's because I havn't got any piano," Then the man lifted his carpet-bag, rubbed his nose thoughtfully, and left.

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