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AGRICULTURE.

LIGHT BRAHMAS-WHY KEEP THEM. -First, because they answer all purposes for which fowls are kept. Second a four-foot picket or lath fence keeps them from your neighbor's yard garden and choice flower beds, from your own front yards, and other places where poultry are not wanted. Third, they lay in winter during cold weather, when eggs are scarce and high in price, bringing at least five cents a dezen more than eggs from smaller breeds, are the first picked out in market. Fourth, at three months old they make good broilers, being hardy, can be raised early in spring, when prices are high; their skin being yellow, looks better dressed than pale-fleshed ones. Fifth, all the nice marked ones command a ready sale among fanciers, a single bird bringing more than three or four pairs of common fowls. It has been said they are inveterate setters. I wish night." Americans do not seem to they were, so as to raise early birds; the trouble is, they keep laying too late in the season before wanting to set | they eat fruit at night, and hence have and some lay all summer long, showing | not the sovereign idea of it they would no inclination to broodiness, and when have, if they had eaten it at proper they do, are easily broken up by poun- times. They eat it as dessert at dinner. ing up a few days. Often when raising a brood of chicks, the old hen begins laying when the little ones are no larger than robins .- Farm Journal.

ORCHARD FERTILIZERS. - The Scientific Farmer advises, as the flesh of most fruits contains much potash, as well as lime, in combination with the fruity acids, and the seeds phosphoric acid, the application each year per acre of from 200 to 250 pounds of bone dust, 300 to 400 pounds of sulphate of potash, the latter guaranteed to contain 35 to 40 per cent. of sulphate of potash. This would give us 70 to 80 pounds of potash, 50 to 66 pounds of lime (from the bones), 10 to 20 pounds of nitrogen, and some magnesia in the potash and fertilizer. Such treatment has been found successful by growers in both the United States and

A pretty way to decorate your portico in the winter is to grow ground ivy in a shady place during the summer, and in winter fill your hanging baskets with it; all it needs is a little water occasionally, as freezing does not

EARLY GARDENS .- Now is the time to commence preparations, if you want an early and plentiful garden. Plow or spade the ground fifteen inches deep and bury in with the plowing a solid coat of manure, or manure and muck. Drainage is the first consideration, but having once secured proper dryness either by under or surface drains, your garden will need no future care except surface working. Old salt from meat and fish barrels, and soot from chimneys or stove-pipes, should be collected and mixed with manure or muck for the garden. For potatoes, salt and soot are especially valuable. A few barrels of road dust, mixed with sifted coal dust, and used as an absorbent for henmanure and vaults, will be valuable. One of the richest of fertilizers is made from alternate layers of road dust and the sweepings of hen-houses.

A breeder of-poultry says, " Every spring I procure a quantity of cedar boughs and scatter them plentifully in and around the hen house. This is all that is necessary, as the odor of cedar keeps away lice. This remedy is cheap, simple and affective, and is worth try-

Scaly legs in fowls are caused by a parasitic mite which burrows under the skin of the shank and feet. They may be destroyed by applying a mixture of lard and kerosene oil.

Having heard it said that fowls eat eggs in winter because they are dry, a Rural New-Yorker correspondent supplies his with water, and " the first day they drank several basinfuls. This seemed to corroborate the theory of

Those keeping fancy pigeons will find that the best food for them, and on which they will thrive, is the small field pea. Cracked wheat and corn makes a good change.

The English have outstripped everybody else in their zeal for raising potatoes. They hold frequent petato exhibitions, with large prizes offered for the best, and the number of new varieties yearly announced to the public is very large.

HEALTH HINTS.

NEURALGIA AND RHEUMATISM .- A very simple relief for neuralgia is to boil a small handful of lobelia in half a pint of water till the strength is out of the herb, then strain it off and add a teaspoonful of fine salt. Wring cloths out of the liquid as hot as possible and spread over the part affected. It acts like a charm. Change the cloths as soon as cold, till the pain is all gone; then cover up till perspiration is over, so as to prevent taking cold. Rheumatism can often be relieved by application to the painful parts of cloths wet in a weak solution of sal soda in water. If there is inflammation in the joints, the cure is very quick; the wash needs to be luke-warm.

WHEN TO EAT FRUIT .- The Spanish proverb has it: "Fruit is golden in the morning, silver at noon, but lead at have heard of this proverb, nor to have one of their own experience. Mostly This may be the proper time to eat dried fruits, but it is not the right time to eat juicy ones. The Spanish people learned their proverb from eating the very juicy fruits, like oranges. These should be eaten in the morning, a little before dinner-not later than noon. Early in the day they will, if eaten, prove to he the best possible medicine | 8.00 a. m.-(Accommodation) Mondays, for the bilious. - Ex.

TO PREPARE AN INVIGORATING BATH.—A teaspoonful or more of powdered borax thrown into the bath tub while bathing will communicate a velvety softness to the water, and at the same time it invigorates and rests the bather; persons troubled with nervousness or wakeful nights, will find this kind of bath a great benefit.—Family

SALT RHEUM.—To these who suffer from this worrying complaint I would recommend rubbing the parts often with raw mutton fat, just, warmed enough to spread smoothly on as you would any other eintment.

Hard corns may be treated as follows: Take a thick piece of soft leather or felt; cut a hole in the centre. Upon going to bed at night fill the hole in the centre of the leather with a paste made of soda and soap; wash it off in the morning, and repeat the same process for several nights and the corr will be removed.

Chilblains and cold sores should be bathed nightly with ammonia. A single application will allay the intolerable burning, and make you wonder next day whether you had chilblains

THE HOUSEHOLD.

When freshly spilled, ink can be re moved from earpets by wetting with milk Take cotten batting and soak up all the ink that it will receive, being careful not to let it spread. Then take fresh cotton wet in milk and sop it up carefully. Repeat this operation, changing the cotton and milk each time. After most of the ink has been taken up in this way, with fresh cotton and clean, rub the spot. Continue until all disappears; then wash the spot in clean warm water and a little soap; rinse in clear water, and rub until nearly dry. For ink spots on marble, wood or paper, apply ammenia clear; just wetting the spot repeatedly till the ink disappears.

MUTTON CHOPS .- Sprinkle with vinegar, pepper and salt; dip them in egg, sprinkle with cracker or bread crumbs,

It is a common practice of cooks, and often of those who are called good housekeepers, to sprinkle salt over meat when just ready to put over the fire. Now, to salt any meat before it is well heated through-or, better still, half cooked-will injure very materially the best ever sold in market, and certainly quite spoil a poor article, no matter whether it is steak, roast or stew. It will harden the fibres, toughen the meat all through, extract the best part of the juice, make it very injurious to the stomach and give no pleasure to the palate.

BEEF LOAF. - One, and one-half pounds of beefsteak chopped very fine, and free from gristle; two cups rolled crackers (fine) one cup of cold water, one-half cup of butter, salt and pepper to suit the taste, bake till done.

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