THE FARM.

Who are They?

A blustering fellow goes prowling about; He tosses the snow with a scuffle and

And pinches the toes, The ears, and the nose Of each little darling, wherever he goes

The timid birds hear him and hide their wee heads,

The mooly cows shiver in barns and in And sweet flowers say,

And home we will stay Until this noisy fellow gets out of the

A bright little maiden is soon on his track, And gently, though firmly, she orders

him back. Oh, fair she appears, In smiles and in tears; She calls to the flowers, 'Come up pretty

The birds hear her voice, and they twitter with glee,

And pink little buds peep the bright sky The grass twinkles out, And lambs skip out,

And who is this blustering chap, can you

And, oh, the glad children so merrily

and dell,

Whose whisper so arch Wakes oak tree and larch?-Why, she is Miss April, and he Mister

for a bull may be made by opening his second season of feeding ensilage a large horse collar at the top and to his cows. The food, he reports putting it on the bull's neck re- seems to agree with them, and they versed, i. e., opposite the position it like it. The milk is rich, with butwould have on the horse, as a bull's ter sweet and of good flavor and Take some freshly blown roses, (white), neck is largest on the top, while color. the breast of a horse is widest at the bottom. The hames should also be reversed to fit the collar, the traces being attached the san e as an ordinary harness. For working in IDIOTS .- The N. Y. Herald says a cart there should be a broad back- that "Delegate Post of Wyoming pad and breeching similar to any Territory has introduced a bill into cart harness. The bull may be Congress, which, it is to be hoped, driven by reins attached to a bit in will not be passed. It is called 'A his mouth, kept in position by a bill to reduce the internal revenue headstall which should extend be- tax on cigarettes;' but a more hind the ears to avoid getting into appropriate title would be, 'A bill it will seem as if nature had done the the eyes, which it would be likely to to make idiots and lunatics, and for do it put in front of the ears. An- other purposes; ' the 'other purother plan which works well is to poses' being, to fill up the gravering in the bull's nose, the reins undertakers!" passing back on each side of the

Graphic thinks farmers who destroy | The tax on it should be increased, moles make a serious and cruel mistake. "I have had," he says, "a field of wheat full of moles all the year without doing it the least possible injury; but, on the contrary, I verily believe that up to harvest they did my crop good. Again, it is said effects of cigarettes, is fully comfirmmoles eat seed corn, but this is a great mistake, for I have examined land. Their uniform testimony is, the stomachs of scores, but never that diseases of the lungs and of the found a single grain of corn in one heart are the almost sure result of of them. I believe 60,000 bushels of seed corn are annually destroyed weakened, and the nervous system by wire-worms."

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places where there are professional on children and children's children gardeners, the forcing of vegetables is to entail on them nervous weakis very little known in this country. ness and shattered constitutions, People in general are content with which will go on and down to com-"things in their season," and do not ing generations. trouble themselves to force or retard. Perhaps the easiest vegetable that for every wrong indulgence in to force is rhubarb; and by taking early life, they have to pay terrible a little trouble, material for pies penalties in later years, if the penaland sauce may be had some weeks ty of early death does not cut them in advance of the supply from the down long before they reach such open ground. The things needed | years! are clumps of rhubarb roots, soil, and a dark warm place. The roots should be dug before the ground freezes, but in most places there is has a tendency to harden and thickusually an "open spell" in winter en the delicate covering of the eye. when it may be done. As fine rhu- Nothing stronger than lukewarm barb as we ever saw, was forced in a barrel or cask; the roots packed eye, and this only when the eye is on a layer of soil and surrounded closed. The lukewarm water is by it, the cask covered tight, and soothing, and cools more rapidly set near a furnace in the cellar. A than cold water. box to hold the roots, and set in a cupboard or closet in the kitchen,

moderately warm, and see that the roots are sufficiently moist. A few roots will give an astonishingly abundant supply, much more tender and crisp and less violently sour than the out-door crop. - American Agriculturist.

SULPHUR FOR SHEEP .- Mix a little sulphur with salt and feed occasionally to sheep. It will effectually destroy sheep ticks. The same remedy applied to cattle troubled and dry food, scraps of meat occasionwith lice will soon rid them of versupply for cattle and sheep. If a mixture of one part of sulphur with seven of salt be freely applied there will be no trouble with vermin.

SIGNS OF A GOOD COWS .- A long. slender tail is not itself an indication of a good cow. It is a sign of good breeding, and well-bred cows are generally better cows than scrubs, In a good cow there are several physical marks of excellence; the head and the face broad and dished, the eyes large, the neck thin and long, the dewlap is light, the shoulders small, the back straight and broad, the belly large and deep, the udder large, broad and extended forward, teats set well apart, the limbs slender, the rump broad and This is one good-sized loaf. bony, the tail long and fine, the skin And who is this maiden who robes hill seft and mellow; if one of these be lacking, the chain, is broken and the cow's character doubtful.

A Massachusetts farmer who has HARNESS FOR A BULL.—A harness one and rye in the other. This is three hours.

HEALTH HINTS

A BILL BEFORE CONGRESS TO MAKE fasten the reins by snaps on to the vards, and make millionaires of the

"Mr. Post," the Herald continhead through the rings in the har- ues, "must be an enemy of the ness. Every bull should have a human race. He could not, if he strong ring in his nose by which he | tried, hit upon a more certain method should be tied, and he should also of killing off a large portion of the be broken to mind at the word and rising generation, and of making the motion of the whip. When this | idiots of the one that is to follow it. is thoroughly done he can be driven | The cigarette annually kills off by the whip alone.—N. Y. Tribune. thousands of children and young men; and those whom it does not A correspondent of the London destroy physically, it ruins mentally. not reduced. It would be well to place it so high as to put these poisonous packages beyond the reach of the small boy!

So far the N. Y. Herald. And what it says as to the poisonous ed by the leading physicians of the such smoking, and that the brain is shattered, and the general health undermined by it, to an extent that FORCING RHUBARB.—Outside of is little imagined; while the effect

When will our young men learn,

Many eyes have been ruined by opening them in cold water. This water should ever be applied to the

Try a newspaper over the chest, will answer; or a box or barrel may beneath your vest, as a chest probe placed in the kitchen. Keep tector in extremely cold weather. not go.

THE HOUSE.

FEEDING CHICKENS .- A great deal may be said in regard to feeding, pushing the young chicks along towards maturity as rapidly as possible. The first month or two is the most critical period; while yet 'downy,' they are very tender. Their thin covering is not able to resist the cold winds or pelting rains; and unless judiciously fed on cooked ally, cut onions and cabbage, and milk, min. The use of sulphur with salt | if it can be had, they will not thrive as well repays the trouble of keeping a rapidly as we would wish. A well fed and well cared for chick or adult fowl, is not as liable to disease as a neglected one. It is poor economy to stint young or old birds; and it is well to bear in mind that there is more profit in feeding well and pushing the chicks ahead than in not feeding them at all .- Poultry Monthly and

> SPONGE CARE. - Beat two eggs very light, beat in one cup of granulated sugar, then half a cup of sifted flour in a little at a time, then the other half cup of flour in which one teaspoonful of baking powder has been mixed, and lastly a scant half cup of hot water, almost boiling, stirring in a little at a time. Bake in a moderately hot oven:

SUET PUDDING .- One cap of molasses, one cup of suet, chopped fine of raisins, one half pound of currants, two concrete silos each capable of one teaspoonful of soda, a little salt, and holding about 300 tons, has corn in flour to make stiff as for cake. Steam

> COLOURING FLOWERS. — Perhaps some of your many readers would like to know how to artificially colour roses. some that have just been cut off. The stem should be cut with a sharp knife slanting, without jamming the stem ; put the stem in a cup of green, red or blue ink. Let them stand until the roses have entirely changed colour, it will take from one to three minutes to change the colour of the rose to a beautiful blue, green or red; all the leaves of the rose will be handsomely coloured and the colouring will not rub off, but work. After it is fully coloured, wipe off the stem dry and paste some gum or wax over the end of the stem and it will retain its colour; or take some wet cotton and wind it around the stem and then wind some tin foil round and tie it snug at the top of the foil, and it will keep fresh and hold its colour and can be worn in the hair or as a button-hole

VARIETIES.

LINES written in a lady's album, which are worthy of a place in one's

1. Three things to admire-intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness. 2. Three things to love-courage,

gentleness and affection. 3. Three things to hate-cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

4. Three things to delight in-frankness, freedom and beauty. 5. Three things to wish for-health,

friends and a cheerful spirit. 6. Three things to avoid-idleness. loquacity and flippant jesting.

7. Three things to pray for-faith, peace and purity of heart. 8. Three things to centend for-

honor, country and friends. It is the temper of a blade that must be the proof of a good sword, and net

the gilding of the bilt, or the richness of the scabbard; so it is not his grandeur and possessions that make a man considerable, but intrinsic merit.

At a door of a ready-made clothing store in one of the poorest quarters of Paris is the sign, 'Don't go somewhere else to be robbed; walk in here.'

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