

THE HOUSE.

To OIL A FLOOR.—If the cracks are open, these are filled with plaster of Paris calcined as for masons' use.

THE CRITICAL PERIOD.—From the age of forty to the age of sixty a man who properly regulates himself may be considered in the prime of life.

A correspondent of the German town Telegraph keeps rats out of his granary by daubing all the angles on the outside of the building with hot pine tar.

To CLEAN SILVERWARE.—Save water in which potatoes have been boiled with a little salt; let it become sour, which it will do in a few days; heat, and wash the articles with a woollen cloth.

FOR SOFT CORNS.—Soak the feet well in hot water before going to bed, then pare the corn, and, after having just moistened it, rub a little lunar caustic on the corn and just around the edge.

GOLDEN PUDDING.—Half a pound of bread crumbs, quarter of a pound of suet, quarter of a pound of marmalade, quarter of a pound of sugar, four eggs; mix the suet and bread-crumbs in a basin, finely minced, stir all the ingredients well together.

Squash is a more delicate material for pie than pumpkin to make a good squash pie: Do not attempt to make a squash pie unless you have at least three eggs to spare for each pie.

Onions cut up with food for chickens are said to be an effectual remedy for chicken cholera.

QUICK PUDDING.—Seal a quart of milk; take three tablespoonfuls each of flour and cold milk, add three eggs and beat well together; pour in the milk, stir well together and bake half an hour.

Try buttermilk for removal of freckles, tan and butternut stains.

THE FARM.

MOULTING.—The moulting season for hens occurs about this time, and as fowls are not then laying eggs they are apt to be neglected.

Hyacinths may be grown in pots from four to six inches in diameter. Fill the pots with a light, rich soil, and then press the bulb down into it, and press the soil down around the bulb, to finish the operation.

The potato crop of Europe is 40 per cent. below that of last season. This, with the unexpectedly short crop of cereals, will cause a large demand for American agricultural products.

A writer in the Philadelphia Record strongly advises keepers of stock to grow peas and beans as better feed than corn for growing animals.

COWS IN WINTER.—We often hear dairy-men talk as if the height of skill in taking care of cows in the winter was to get all the hay down that it is possible to cram into them.

The use of the word "grade," applied to an animal which is a cross of some pure breed, or improved breed on the common stock of the country, is purely American.

KICKING COWS.—Take a snapping, attach a half-inch cord about a dozen feet in length, put the snap in the kicker's nose, draw the cord around her, letting it rest on her gambrel joints, or below.

Try a hot flannel over the seat of neuralgic pain and renew it frequently.

Try cranberry poultice for erysipelas.

SCIENCE.

A sulphur mine in Sicily was recently set on fire in a very curious manner. A waggon loaded with sulphur was being drawn up an incline, when the rope supporting it broke, and the waggon rushed back into the mine at a frightful speed.

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STAINING FLOORS.—Put one ounce Vandyke brown in oil, three ounces pearl ash and two drachms dragon's blood into an earthenware pan or large pither; pour on the mixture one quart of boiling water, and stir with a piece of wood.

VARIETIES.

Water spouts — Temperance orations.

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Why is a washerwoman like a navigator? Because she spreads her sheets, crosses the line, and goes from pole to pole.

"Did you know," said a cunning Yankee to a Jew, "they hang Jews and donkeys together in Poland?"

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