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THE FARM.

of you. Keep the ground well house in warding of malaria is be kept down, but the crops will be and comminution of the soil-a more important matter, indeed, than the killing of the weeds.

Evidences of neatness and core and of a genuine love of the beautiful, will invest the plainest farmhouse with a charm to the children growing up in it that will never fade from their memories while life lasts. Wherever they may go in after years, the pretty country home with its bloom and greenery will abide in their thoughts, a precious dream of peace and pappiness. For the children's sake, then, if for no other reason, don't forget to make the houseyard pleasant to their eyes.

Don't fail to thin out the fruit, if wet. your trees are heavily loaded. Inexperienced growers are ant to rejoice in the number of their apples or peaches. "What a magnificent crop I shall have," is the thought of such a one, as he looks with delighted anticipation upon his loaded trees. Yet it isn't numbers, but size and quality, that count at harvest-time. Thirty or forty fine large apples are easily worth a hundred or more small, half-grown specimens. Two-thirds to three-fourths of the fruit which sets may often be removed with advantage.

TREATMENT OF TIMOTHY .- An Iowa farmer has come to the conclusion that the teatment generally recommended for timothy is all wrong and contrary to that practice on other kinds of vegetation. He states that the so-called authorities recommend cutting the stalks quite high, and condemn the practice of pasturing the fields after the crop has been secured for hay or feed. In his opinion the old stalk should be removed after the scythe or mower has cut it off, as it damages the root and prevents it from throwing up sprouts if it remains on the plant. He notices that horticulturalists cut away the stalks of bushes that have produced fruit and that they are careful to cut off the limbs of trees that have been broken or shows signs of disease. If they remain they are certain to take up considerable sap that would otherwise go into wood in process of formation. The portion of the stalk of timothy between the part cut off by the scythe is bound to go to decay, and the sooner it is disposed of the better for the living parts of the plant. In harvesting timothy for seed he would cut it a little green and then mow close to the ground, curing the last cutting for hay. He thinks it advantageous to pasture a timothy meadow after the crop of hay is secured so as to secure the breaking off the stocks that remain below the scythe or cutter. If this theory is the correct one it would be well to use a heavy roller on a timothy field after the hay crop has been secured. This would break off the stalks, and if the ground was tolerably wet would press the roots into the soil so that they would be less likely to be iajured by the hot sun. It has been generally held that the presence of the stalks that remained after they had been cut ty the scythe was beneficial in shading the roots.

> SUNFLOWER-SEED FOR POULTRY .-The æsthetic craze may not be so productive of practical results as some other ideas that suddenly take hold of the public mind, but the sunflower being the standard, as it were of this new idea, may receive the attention it deserves, and become not only a fashionable foible, but also a profitable plant. The Mammoth Russian is one of the most profitable varieties, and should be cultivated in rows six feet apart, the rate of from 50 to 100 bushels vation. per acre, and for poultry makes the best feed of anything we have ever tried. They should be fed about three times a week during the layanimal heat.

the feathers an extra glossy coat, night. Control of the R. S. Liver and Steel Street,

and a clean, bright look to the combs and gills. The advantages of a Don't let the weeds get the start | small plot of sunflowe's near the the young .- Farmers' Advocate.

pick off grass and weeds, and worms from the ground. Eggs boiled hard made from sour milk, are the best food for them when young. It is more important to keep them out of the dew and wet than it is to give them any food other than what they obtain for themselves. They should never be allowed to ramble around when the grass is

Italian bees gather honey from flowers which fail to attract black bees, because the former have a longer tongue and are able to find honey which is beyond the reach of the black variety.

THE HOUSE.

RHUBARR JELLY .- Take some rhubarb wipe it with a clean wet cloth, peel it, and cut it into pieces pound of white sugar. Put it in to liked. boil for about ten minutes, or until pots or moulds. The quickest way til quite cool. to know if it will set is to drop a little on the plate to cool.

MUSTARD PLASTERS .- These biting plasters are often very essential, but if prepared with hot water they will raise a blister too quickly for comfort. Beat up the white of an egg slightly, stir it thickly with mustard, and apply to the seat of pain. No blister will rise. take the half of a sponge cracker, dip it into scalding hot water, sprinkle dry mustard over it and apply, and it will not be apt to blister. A very sticky plaster can be made by stirring up the mustard with molasses, and it will not affect the skin with too great severity.

BORAX IN THE TOILET .- Keep a cup of powdered borax on your washstand; it will do wonders in the way of softening the skin. If you have been working in the garden or doing things about the house which have tended to make your hands rough, when you wash them dip your fingers in the borax, and rub your hands well with it.

SCIENCE.

The watch and clock trade is on the verge of ruin, if it only knew it The American Society of Civil Engineers is arranging a scheme for a standard time for the whole world which would involve the fol-

It is proposed to have only one series of hours in the day, extending from midnight to midnight and numbering from 1 to 24, without interruption; to number the hours 12) precisely as at present, and to ercise the better. denote the hours between noon and midnight by letters of the alphabet.

The coal dust which was formerly rejected as worthless is now burned in immense quantities in France, in the form of patent fucl, for coal

A large Lacustrine canoe, in excellent condition, has been found rear Bex, 4,000ft, above the sea level, and nearly 3,000ft, above the Valley of the Rhone. No lacustrine with the plants four feet in the rows. relies have ever before been met The result will be a yield of seed at | with in Switzerland at such an ele-

Every package of poison kept in the house should be very plainly labelled, and put where children ing season, and will give the very cannot get at it. It has been sugbest results in eggs. During cold gested that a package of the proper weather, the oil in the seeds serves antidote should be attached to the the same purpose as in the lamp, poison, and that a few pins trust and furnishes fuel to keep up the through the corks of the bottles containing poison, with points pro-For show birds and exhibition, a jecting, would prevent their being port of New York alone, from Europe, a short diet of sunflower seeds gives | mistaken for other bottles in the

HEALTH HINTS

No MORE COLD FEET.—A curious novelty was announced the other stirred, and not only will the weeds | worth all the trouble of culivating | day in connection with some new them, s well as the ornament and houses which are being erected in greatly benefited by the loosening development of the aesthetic among New York with all the modern improvements. It must be a strange brain that originated the idea of Young TURKEYS .- Young tur- beds supplied with pipes for steam keys should be fed very little of heat instead of slats, so that the anything. Their natural food con- tenants of these domiciles can warm sists of bugs and flies which they their bedsteads at will. This must embody the modern notion of the warming pan, so dear to the hearts and chopped fine, mixed with curd of our grandmothers; but can anyone imagine a more enervating process than the general adoption of this idea. The Russian peasant who sleeps on the stove is a sort of illustration of the effect of this application of heat. Perhaps the next thing we shall hear of will be refrigerating pipes instead of slats for summer beds.

The idea of warming-pans reminds us of the march of progress in that direction also to the footwarmers, first of earthenware, then of tin, which replaced the pan of living coals and the hot bricks of fifty years ago, to be superseded in in their turn by the rubber bags filled with hot water, which are so effective and so comfortable.

Eggs taken raw are very strengthening. Break a tresh one in a glass, an inch long. To each pound of add a little sugar and beat to a stiff rhubarb put three quarters of a froth, then add a little ice water if

the juice is well drawn. Strain the Dry, toasted bread, very brown juice into a preserving pan, and let and very dry, makes a refreshing it boil quickly until it clings to the drink for an invalid, by pouring hot spoon, skim it, and put it into jam water on it, and letting it stand un-

> A GOOD COUGH MIXTURE.-Take two ounces of balm of gilead buds, the freshest you can procure, and them boil very slowly in a quart of water. Let it simmer down to one pint, then strain it, and add one pound of honey in the comb and the juice of three lemons. Let them all boil together until the wax in the honey is dissolved. This has been known to cure a cough of long

It would be a healthful plan to lay aside the carpets of sleepingrooms during the summer, and substitute the cool fresh mattings.

A palatable drink for a fever patient is made by peeling and slicing some good tart apples, scattering some white sugar over them and pouring boiling water over them. When cold pour off the water, and

One of the chief offices of a good nurse is to think for her patient. An invalid should never be teazed with the exertion of making a decision.

FOR NOSE BLEEDING .- Roll a piece of soft paper quite hard and pack hard between the upper lip and gum, and in a few minutes the bleeding will stop.

A London lecturer on female attire said recently: Dressed as women are, the less exercise they take the better for health. In fact they are seldom fit to stand erect or walk a block, but should be rolled around or carried on a palanquin. Not one woman in 10,000 has room inside her clothes for the rise and fall of the ribs in breathing, and there is not one in 10,000 whose vital organs are not displaced by external between midnight and noon (1 to pressure. While this is so, the less ex-

SCIENCE.

In Yucatan and Honduras musk is extracted from alligators. Their fat is used for oil, and their skin for shoe

One of the deepest wells ever drilled for oil purposes is the Tack Bros. well, recently finished in Millstone Township, Elk County, Pa. It was drilled to a depth of 2,600 feet, and wasdry. The sands were found regularly, and the second sands looked very encouraging. but all hopes were abandand when the third sand was passed and no oil found.

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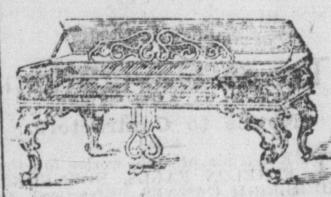
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