

THE FARM.

Don't let the weeds get the start of you. Keep the ground well stirred, and not only will the weeds be kept down, but the crops will be greatly benefited by the loosening and comminution of the soil—a more important matter, indeed, than the killing of the weeds.

Evidences of neatness and care, 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.

Don't fail to thin out the fruit, if your trees are heavily loaded. Inexperienced growers are apt 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.

TREATMENT OF TIMOTHY.—An Iowa farmer has come to the conclusion that the treatment generally recommended for timothy is all wrong and contrary to that practice on other kinds of vegetation.

MUSTARD PLASTERS.—These biting plasters are often very essential, but if prepared with hot water they will raise a blister too quickly for comfort.

BORAX IN THE TOILET.—Keep a cup of powdered borax on your washstand; it will do wonders in the way of softening the skin.

HEALTH HINTS

NO MORE COLD FEET.—A curious novelty was announced the other day in connection with some new houses which are being erected in New York with all the modern improvements.

YOUNG TURKEYS.—Young turkeys should be fed very little of anything. Their natural food consists of bugs and flies which they pick off grass and weeds, and worms from the ground.

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.

RHUBARB JELLY.—Take some rhubarb wipe it with a clean wet cloth, peel it, and cut it into pieces an inch long.

Dry, toasted bread, very brown and very dry, makes a refreshing drink for an invalid, by pouring hot water on it, and letting it stand until quite cool.

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.

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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 following:

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 between midnight and noon (1 to 12) precisely as at present, and to 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 fuel, for coal bricks.

A large Lacustrine canoe, in excellent condition, has been found near Bex, 4,000ft. above the sea level, and nearly 3,000ft. above the Valley of the Rhone.

Every package of poison kept in the house should be very plainly labelled, and put where children cannot get at it. It has been suggested that a package of the proper antidote should be attached to the poison, and that a few pins trust through the corks of the bottles containing poison, with points projecting, would prevent their being mistaken for other bottles in the night.

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