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WHEN TO APPLY LIQUID MANURE. -One of the common mistakes made by amateur cultivators of flowers, is that of over-manuring. To grow plants in pots properly, but little crude manure should be mixed with the potting soil, unless plenty of foliage is required. The liquid form is the best in which to apply the stimulant, the chief value o which is that its effects are perfectly controllable and can be made constant if desired. No liquid manure should ever be given when plants are at rest, for if you do the growth is unnaturally continued, and the wood, not having time to ripen, is made worthless. When the production of fine flowers is desired. manure water should le applied when the flower buds begin to show themselves and commence to swell. Applied to roses the flowers will be largely increased in size and brilliancy of color. To geraniums, fuchsias, and other similar plants,

COMPOST FOR PLANTS .- The following is an excellent compost for house plants: 1. Good garden mould.

2. Mould from decayed turf, from a pasture or field.

3. Decomposed stable or cow 4. Mould from decayed leaves.

5. Sea or river sand, free from 6. Peat, from the meadows, that

has been exposed to frost. 7. Coarse sand or gravel. 8. Broken flower-pots, charcoal,

or oyster-shells.

9. Old mortar or plastering. Garden mould will not be needed if there is a supply of fine, decayed turf mould. About one-fifth of the pot may be filled with the drainage materials, viz., broken bits of pots, charcoal or oyster-shells. If a little meadow moss is placed over these, it will prevent the earth washing

OLD HENS .- It seldom pays to keep hens the third year. With age they become fat, lazy, and unproductive, get diseased and die. Though they may not stop laying if profitable layers, and their flesh is not as valuable as that of younger birds. In all cases there should be a succession of pullets for the production of eggs, and to be fattened off as they cease laying. But if chickens are not wanted for sale, they are wanted to renew the stock of hens, as no one can deny the expediency of having pullets to add yearly to the old stock, so that no cock or hen shall be kept longer than three years .- Poultry Monthly.

CURRY THE COWS .- An occasional currying (daily if possible) will add itary point of view. It is not the rule to do so, we all know, judging from the appearance of nine-tenths of the herds we see, yet those who curry-comb and brush in this direction find it pays to do so.

This is a most culpable and expensive practice, entailing untold labor in future years. We have had in hand the present season an old a blessed thing in this sickness.

garden, where every weed was left undisturbed, and no crop was planted last year. Pig-weed, milkweed, dock and burdock, dandelions, fennel, mustard, quack-grass, plantain, purslain, jack-in-the-pulpit, mallows, and divers other sorts have sprung up in their season, and disputed possession with the crops planted. There is only one excellence about them - they insure frequent cultivation of all crops, in you would have any harvest. The labor of subduing one year's seeding of these pests is immense. In the garden especially, no weed should ever be allowed to go to seed. When one crop is off, put in another, and when the last is gathered, plow, or rake, or harrow, and let the frost have free play at the soil.-American Agriculturist.

RAISING CREAM.—In many patent taste. creamers brought out the cold setting principle is employed, the object being to make a radical distinction between the serums and the fats of the supply should be given more the milk, but while the idea of incontinuously than to others. When tense cold may cause the cream to ising guano a big tablespoonful to be rapidly thrown up, the same two quarts of water is plenty. effect is produced as to allow the Some authorities say it should be cream to become chilled after releft standing until dissolved, but if moval. Whenever cream, on or off the guano is put in the watering-can | the milk, is forced below 45 degrees, first, and the water poured on it, it there is danger of destroying the will be mixed sufficiently. This grain and nutty flavour of butter, should be applied at least once a and the best result will always be found in a temperature between 45 and 55 degrees. The finest flavored and keeping butter in the world was made in a room in which the temperature could be kept at a uniform point, and the milk set in

HEALTH HINTS

ABOUT WARM MILK .- Considerable has been lately said in medical journals concerning the value of warm milk as a remedial agent in certain diseases. An interesting article ou the subject lately appeared in the London Milk Journal, in which it is stated, on the authority of Dr. Benjamin Clarke, that in the East Indies warm milk is used to a great extent as a a specific for diarrhoea A pint every four hours will check the most violent diarrhoea, stomach ache, incipient cholera and dysentery. The milk should never be boiled, but only heated sufficiently to be agreeably warm, not too hot to drink. Milk which has been boiled is unfit for use. This writer gives several instances in arresting the disease, among which is the following: The writer says, "It has never failed in curing in six or twelve hours, and I have tried it, well cared for, still they are not should think, fifty times. I have also given it to a dying man who had been subject to dysentery eight months, latterly accompanied by one continued diarrhoea, and it acted on him like a charm. In two days his diarrhœa, was gone; in three weeks he became a hale, hearty man, and | egg and water. now nothing that may hereafter occur will shake his faith in hot milk. A writer has also communicated to the Medical Times and Gazette a statement of the value of milk in twenty-six cases of typhoid fever. in every one of which its value was apparent. It checks diarrhea, and nourishes and cools the body. materially to the appearance of the cows, and is very beneficial in a san-food quite as much as those in health food quite as much as those in health and much more so in certain diseases where there is a rapid waste of the system. Frequently all ordinary food, in certain diseases, is do make a proper application of rejected by the stomach, and even loathed by the patient: but nature, ever benificent, has furnished food that in all diseases is beneficial-PRESERVING HARNESS .- Harness some directly curative. Such food should never be kept in stables is milk." The writer in the journal which are not kept entirely free of last quoted, Dr. Alexander Yale, manure. The ammonia thus pro- after giving particular observations duced is rapidly absorbed by the upon the point above mentioned, its leather, and the result is said to be action in checking diarrhoea, its the same as if it was saturated with | nourishing properties, and its action strong lye. It has the effect of in soothing the body, says: "We rotting the leather and harness thus believe that milk nourishes in fever, exposed, and will consequently re- promotes sleep, wards off delirium, main sound a comparatively brief soothes the intestines, and in fine is the sine qua non in typhoid fever." We have lately tested the value of WEEDS GOING TO SEED .- Just at milk in scarlet fever, and learn that this season, when cultivation is it is now recommended by the medmostly over, and the main crops ical faculty in all cases of this often harvested or laid by, we are most very distressing children's disease. in danger of allowing our old Give all the milk the patient will enemies, the weeds to go to seed. take, even during the period of

THE HOUSE.

BAKED MACARONI-Boil the macaroni until tender enough to run a fork through easily; drain and put into a deep dish-a layer of the macaroni with a little butter, salt and grated cheese; then another layer of macaroni with more butter, salt and cheese, and so alternate until the dish is full, making grated cheese the last layer, without butter. Pour over all milk sufficient to fill the dish. Bake in the oven until it is of a nice brown colour.

TO CURE A COUGH.-Roast a lemon very carefully without burning it; when it is thoroughly hot, cut and squeeze it into a cup upon three ounces of sugar, finely powdered. Take a teaspoonful every time your cold troubles you. It is as good as it it is agreeable to the

The Journal of Health asserts that no thoughtful mother should rest until she has taught her daughter to do well the following things: to make a cup of coffee, to draw a dish of tea, to bake a loaf of bread, to cook a potato, to broil a steak or chicken, to cut, fit, and make a dress, and to set a tidy table.

and age, warm and sunny quarters for them to stay in, and keep them sup-

SPRAINS .- The first and most important thing to do for a sprain is to give it perfect quiet; a single bend of the injured joint will retard what nature at once set to work to do, namely, to repair the injury. If it is an ankle joint, elevate the foot to keep the pressure of blood from the part as much as psssible.

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SWEET AND CRISP TART PASTE .-One pound and a quarter of flour, and one ounce of sifted loaf sugar. Mix up well together with a pint of new milk, and knead it lightly.

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