

THE FARM.

TO RESTORE A RUN-DOWN PASTURE, without manuring, "and get a small return whilst doing so."

I knew a gentleman who kept certain fields on his farm for the production of hay only. The plan he adapted was to mow the grass at the proper season, and then leave it grow till the same period the next year.

BEANS should be planted the first week in June. Presuming that you mean field beans—not garden beans for use green—the common white bean is the one to plant.

The soil for beans should be prepared and enriched the preceding fall; or better, they should be put on sod that has been broken up in the preceding summer.

FRUIT-TREE CULTURE.—I. Instead of "trimming up" trees, according to the old fashion, to make them long-legged and long-armed, trim them down, so as to make them even, snug, and symmetrical.

2. Instead of manuring heavily in a small circle at the foot of the tree, spread the manure, if needed at all, broadcast over the whole surface, especially where the ends of the roots can get it.

3. Instead of spading a small circle about the stem, cultivate the whole surface broadcast.

4. Prefer a well pulverized, clean surface, in an orchard with a moderately rich soil, to heavy manuring and a surface covered with a hard crust and weeds and grass.

5. Remember that it is better to set out ten trees with all the necessary care to make them live and flourish, than to set out a hundred trees and have them all die from carelessness.

6. Remember that tobacco is a poison, and will kill insects rapidly, if properly applied to them, and is one of the best drugs for freeing fruit trees rapidly of small vermin—and is better used in this way than to make men repulsive and diseased.

LIQUID MANURE.—"It simply does wonders," said a gardener to us, many years ago. That expression well describes the effects of liquid manure judiciously used.

In the absence of other manure, Peruvian guano, at the rate of an ounce to a gallon of water, is the best substitute. Nothing else will so increase the productiveness of a small garden as the proper use of liquid fertilizers.

HOW TO APPLY FERTILIZERS.—If not strong enough to injure the first tender roots, a little manure near at hand gives the plant a good send off, like nourishing food to the young calf or other animal; the aftergrowth is much better if the young animal or plant is not dwarfed by imperfect and insufficient diet.

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THE HOUSE.

ORANGE MARMALADE.—Orange marmalade is a delicious and welcome dish to one whose appetite is feeble. For a small quantity take nine ripe and sweet oranges, three pounds of white sugar, grate the peel from two of the oranges to help to give flavour to the marmalade, then remove the skins, seeds, and tough fibres from all the oranges, slice them, and boil until they are smooth and soft, strain or rub them through a sieve, then add the sugar, and let it boil until it is as thick as you like to have it.

RHUBARB PUDDING.—Wash and cut the pie-plant in small pieces, cover the bottom of a pudding dish with it, then put in a layer of bread crumbs and plenty of sugar, and so on until the dish is full; add a little water, and only a little, as the pie-plant is very juicy. Make a sauce to eat with this of melted sugar, flavoured with cinnamon.

QUEEN CAKE.—Three-quarters of a pound of butter and the same of sugar, well beaten together; nine well beaten eggs, one pound of flour and spice to taste.

CLEANING BLACK GLOVES.—Black cotton gloves should be treated to a bath of scalding hot salt and water before wearing. Hang them up to dry without wringing, and when they are almost dry put them on the hand to stretch them and get them in proper shape.

BED-BUGS.—A correspondent writes:—Having once moved into a house (just vacated by a noted housekeeper) that was overrun by these vermin, we immediately set to work vigorously in applying coal oil and fine salt, well mixed together, to closets, base boards, etc., and in a few weeks the vermin were driven to parts unknown, and we were never again troubled with them. To any one who has not used this compound, and wishes to avoid the nuisance of bugs, my advice would be to have the bedsteads thoroughly washed, and when dry apply the mixture to every possible crevice

with a painter's small brush. Keep a supply of the mixture in a wide-mouthed vessel of glass or stone-ware, and well corked. If used faithfully, this will drive the vermin from the house and keep them at bay.

HINTS ABOUT RAISINS.—If you wish to avoid having all the raisins you put in a pudding sink to the bottom, follow this rule:—Cook the raisins in a little water on the top of the stove; then, when the pudding is half done, stir the raisins in. They will be evenly distributed through it, and there will be plenty of time for the crust to form on the top of the pudding.

TO MEND GLASS OR CHINA.—Take a small quantity of white glue, dissolve it in milk by soaking awhile, and then putting your dish into some hot water, stir often, and when dissolved put on your broken dishes while hot. I have just tried it, and think it a nice way, as it shows but little. If the glue gets cold set it in warm water again.

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TREATMENT OF SPRAINS AND BRUISES.—The best treatment of sprains and bruises is the application of water of such temperature as is most agreeable. The degree of temperature varies with the temperature of the weather and the vigour of the circulation. On a hot day use cool or cold water. If the circulation is low use warm water. The bruised or sprained parts may be immersed in a pail of water and gently pressed or manipulated with the hand or a soft cloth for ten or fifteen minutes, or even longer in severe cases, after which wrap up the parts in cloths wet in cold water, and keep quiet. This treatment keeps down the inflammation, and in nine cases out of ten proves a speedy cure. The liniments and filthy ointments so much used for sprains do not compare with this simple treatment in efficacy.

VARIETIES.

At a recent examination in a girl's school, the question was put to a class of little ones; "Who makes the laws of our Government?" "Congress," was the reply. "How is Congress divided?" was the next question. A little girl in the class raised her hand. "Well," said the examiner, "Miss Sallie, what do you say the answer is?" Instantly with an air of confidence as well as triumph, the answer came, "Civilized, half-civilized, and savage."

FORESIGHT.—Lady Margaret Herbert asked somebody for a pretty pattern for a night cap. "Well," said the person, "what signifies the pattern of a night cap?" "Oh, child," said she, "but you know in case of a fire!"

A young man of Port Jarvis was engaged to marry a young lady, but she retrograded on him. He then took a step farther and proposed to her mother. They are now both bossing that girl together.

GOOD FOR HIM.—A Philadelphia smoker removed the cigar from his mouth on entering a horse car, but insisted on retaining it in his hand. The conductor warned him to throw it away, as the smoke from it was offensive to women passengers, and finally ejected him by force. He sued the company for damages, but the verdict was against him, the Court charging the jury that he was a nuisance which the conductor had a right to abate.

Lecture upon the rhinoceros. Professor: "I must beg you to give me your undivided attention. It is absolutely impossible that you can form a true idea of this hideous animal, unless you keep your eyes fixed on me."

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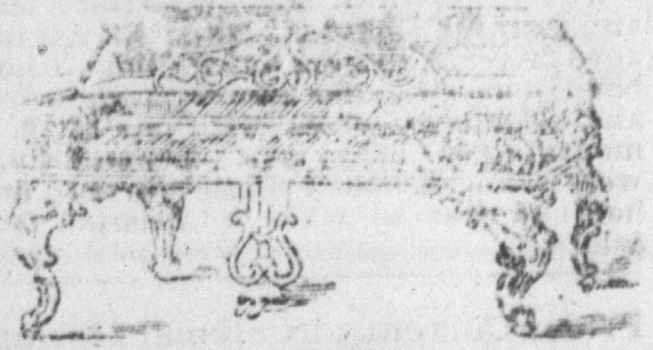
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