

FARM AND GARDEN

DON'T PLANT TREES DEEPLY.—There is an error which many fall into, which is, digging deep holes in heavy land and setting the trees into them too deep.

One of the members of the Central New-York Farmers' Club reported last fall that he planted two acres with small potatoes, while a neighbor selected his seed with care.

A farmer in Oneida County, N. Y., broad-cast about 1,000 pounds of salt per acre on part of his potato land, and harrowed it in.

Poles cut in summer will not last as long as those cut in winter by five years.

Lime should only be applied in a finely divided condition and not in small lumps, as is frequently the case.

Put soap-suds from the wash-house round the young grape vines every week.

A good mess of carrots keeps the horse in good condition.

Manured crops may be given between the rows in a young orchard, without injury to the trees.

HEALTH HINTS.

Don't eat too much—most people do. Says Sidney Smith, "I have eaten and drunk, between my tenth and seventieth year, forty-four horse-wagon loads more than was good for me."

POWER OF SUNSHINE.—From an acorn, weighing a few grains, a tree will grow for one hundred years or more, not only throwing off many pounds of leaves every year but itself weighing many tons.

How to COOK OATMEAL.—Many dislike oatmeal because too often it has a bitter taste. This is caused by rapid cooking by which it is apt to be burnt.

HOUSEHOLD.

LOBSTER CROQUETTES. When two tablespoonfuls of butter and a half a tablespoonful of flour have been cooked together until they bubble, there should be added a scant half cupful of cream or water.

When these ingredients become hot, an egg, well beaten, should be added. The mixture should be cooled, and portions of it should be shaped like cylinders, dipped into beaten egg and cracker crumbs, and fried.

POACHED EGGS.—To present a nice appearance must be cooked with care. An egg poacher may be used, but a bread pan, filled with boiling water, with muffin rings placed in it, is more easily handled.

SNOW CUSTARD.—½ package Coxe's gelatine, 3 eggs, 1 pint milk, 2 cups of sugar, juice of one lemon.

Make a custard of the milk, eggs, and remainder of the sugar, flavor with vanilla or bitter almond, and when the meringue is turned out of the mould, pour this around the base.

LEMON SYRUP.—Put a quart of water to two pounds of white sugar, and boil together, skimming till clear.

POTATO SCONES.—Mash any cold potatoes which may have been left from a previous meal until quite smooth, adding a little salt.

Headache caused by anxiety or fatigue of brain or body is said to be cured by the application of the right hand to the forehead and the left to the back of the head—producing a magnetic circulation.

A HUSBAND'S CHRIST MAS PRESENT.—A gentleman sauntered into a large dry goods store in the city of L—, a few days before Christmas, and remarked casually to the attentive clerk: "I want something for a Christmas present for my wife. What have you got?"

Get woollens and furs packed away early, before the moths begin to fly. Tie them up in newspapers—two or three thicknesses—and they will be perfectly safe without camphor or cedar chests.

To remove spots from furniture, take four ounces of vinegar, two ounces of sweet oil, one ounce of turpentine. Mix and apply with a flannel cloth.

Mix a little carbonate of soda with the water in which the flowers are immersed, and it will preserve them for a fortnight.

The best method of obtaining a good shape for an under bodice is to pick an old dress with a basque to pieces, and cut from the lining.

SAUSAGE CROQUETTES.—Sausage meat, two beaten eggs and cracker dust. Mould the meat into little balls, dip in the egg then roll in the dust and cook slowly until done through and through.

TROUT baked in cream is very nice. Clean the fish, pepper and salt both inside and out, put in a dripping pan and pour cream over it.

SCIENCE.

The acme of enjoyment in country riding will be reached when one can travel about on his tricycle without the necessity of "working his passage." That desideratum seems to have been attained by the invention of a tricycle propelled by electricity.

A writer in Nature states that the small birds that are unable to fly 350 miles across the Mediterranean Sea are carried over on the backs of cranes.

VARIETIES.

A Boston lady tells the Transcript how a pet dog and a cat belonging to the same family managed to open the door into the kitchen. The dog would stand by the door, and puss would jump up, catch one paw over the latch and press the other on the thumb-piece, and as the door swung open, she would drop down on the dog's back, and ride in triumph.

There was a man he had a clock, His name was Matthew Mears; He wound it regular every day For four and twenty years.

"Q pa" said a young lady, "why don't you get fir-trees? It would be economical to raise our own furs, and then we could raise whatever kind we wish."

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The gratitude of the wife at receiving as a Christmas present the cloth for eight new shirts for her husband, can be better imagined than described.—Harper's Magazine.

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