

FARM AND GARDEN.

SHALL WE KILL THE CROWS?—The great majority of farmers would, we presume, unhesitatingly answer Yes. They know they have suffered from these sooty depredators, and would gladly see the whole race of them swept from the face of the earth.

USE OF CROWS.—For a farm that is overrun with cutworms prepare your corn for planting as follows:

Two gills of tar, dissolved by turning on to it boiling water; stir one minute, then put in the corn; stir one minute, and drain off the water; mix in a little plaster of Paris and stir a minute or two, and it will separate as readily as dry corn.

IS POULTRY-RAISING PROFITABLE?—Poultry-raising is profitable if it is sensibly and methodically pursued. As a branch of farming that requires so little handwork, and carries with it so much enjoyment and takes up so little space about a farm, we know of nothing that could take its place equally profitable.

A GOOD COW.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune says:—A cow should have a good constitution; to have this she can't be too broad on the back, and full back of the forelegs; then the broader over the loins and to the tail the better, and as straight down behind as you can get; in short, a cow that will make a good beef, for this is what she comes to. Then, if you can have the head and neck small, milk veins large, horn small and green, and be well marked in the escutcheon, and sleek-coated, all the better; but these latter points are not essential to a good cow, as experience has abundantly proved.

The New York Herald gives the following method of treating scratches:—Wash the horse's heels clean in warm soap suds morning and evening and then oil them. If this does not effect a cure, dissolve ten grains of chloride of zinc in four ounces of water and apply with a sponge twice a day.

Cleanliness is next to godliness for the human race, but for milk cows it is the virtue that leads all others. Stalled cows cannot be kept from all bad odours, but the stable should be cleaned and fresh-littered at milking time.

There is a three-legged cow on Byrd Island, near Richmond, Va. The animal can be seen every day grazing along the river shore. She was born with three legs and gets along very well.

SCIENCE.

There is a discussion going on in European papers upon the question of the effects of freezing upon the flavor of meat, which appears to show that even the development of flavor is arrested and kept in abeyance by the congelation. If frozen at once after being slaughtered it is devoid of flavor immediately on being thawed, but "ripens" in the same time and manner when liberated from the freezing as if it never had been frozen.

RECREATION.—There is little doubt that men, especially professional men, do not give themselves sufficient variety of occupation. Variety itself is recreation. Sameness of work for a long time, with little or no intermission, may be likened to a constant bending of the bow, which soon loses its elasticity or breaks. Recreation, of some kind, is just what the etymology of the term implies, re-creation, is necessary for every one. It need not be idleness, nor quait-playing, nor boating, nor ball playing, nor forestry, nor bicycle-riding, though all of those are good; but a mere change of occupation, a bringing in to use of unused muscles, or of idle brain convolutions, as when one leaves writing for riding, or sawing the air before a jury for sawing wood in the back-yard, or planning for planting. Work properly interrupted by something which shall be recreative, work without worry, joyous, exhilarating work, cannot be harmful, but rather beneficial.

HEALTH HINTS.

HOT WATER AS A MEDICINE.—A young man who was compelled to resign his position in one of the public schools of this city, because he was breaking down with consumption, and who has ever since been battling for life, although with little apparent prospect of recovery, was encountered several days ago in a Broadway restaurant.

"I see," he said, "that you seem surprised at my condition. No doubt you wonder what could have caused such a change. Well, it was a very simple remedy—nothing but hot water."

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long been entertained. The old school practitioners have tried for years to cure consumption, but they are as far from doing it as ever.

"Now, the only rational explanation of consumption is that it results from defective nutrition. It is always accompanied by mal-assimilation of food. In nearly every case the stomach is the seat of a fermentation that necessarily prevents proper digestion. The first thing to do is to remove that fermentation, and put the stomach into a condition to receive food and dispose of it properly. This is effected by taking water into the stomach, as hot as it can be borne, an hour before each meal. This leaves the stomach clean and pure, like a boiler that has been washed out. Then put into the stomach food that is in the highest degree nutritious and the least disposed to fermentation. No food answers this description better than tender beef. A little stale bread may be eaten with it. Drink nothing but pure water, and as little of that at meals as possible. Vegetables, pastry, sweets, tea, coffee, and alcoholic liquor should be avoided. Put tender beef alone in a clean and pure stomach three times a day, and the system will be fortified and built up until the wasting away that is the chief feature of consumption, ceases, and recuperation sets in."

"This reasoning impressed me. I began by taking one cup of hot water an hour before each meal, and gradually increased the dose to three cups. At first it was unpleasant to take, but now I drink it with a relish that I never experienced in drinking the choicest wine. I began to pick up immediately after the new treatment, and gained fourteen pounds within two months. I have gained steadily in the trying climate of New York; and I tell you, sir, I feel on sure way to recovery."

Here an old gentleman who had been standing near and evidently listening to the conversation, turned to the teacher and said: "This remedy of hot-water drinking attracted my attention for some time. It has been of immense service in relieving me of a terrible dyspepsia that tormented me for many years. I tried numerous able physicians, and there is probably no medicine that is prescribed for such an ailment which was not given to me; but none of them gave me any permanent benefit. But the simple remedy of drinking hot water, accompanied by a rational regulation of diet, has cured me entirely, advanced though I am in life. It was not the dieting alone that did it. I had tried it before. It was the use of hot water that cured me, for that made it possible to derive benefit from a judicious diet. I have also found this treatment of great benefit in kidney diseases, which are largely due to a mal-assimilation of food."

"I am glad to hear that your experience," he said, "agrees so fully with mine. I have become acquainted with various cases in which this simple method of treatment has effected permanent cures after all the efforts of the physicians had failed. I am convinced, simply from what I have seen, that almost any disturbance of the human system that results from disorders of the stomach can be alleviated, and, in most instances, cured in the same way. The very simplicity of the thing may cause some to hesitate about attaching much importance to it; but, like the proper ventilation of your dwellings, it may prevent disease and effect cures where all the drugs of the pharmacopia will fail."

VARIETIES.

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Here is probably the shortest courtship on record. A miner in California fell in love with a girl at first sight. She was equally smitten with him, and the entire courtship was, "My pet," "You bet."

An Irish gentleman, who had been spending the evening with a few friends looked at his watch just after midnight and said, "It is to-morrow morning; I must bid you good-night gentlemen."

John, a Scotchman, meeting James, was asked if he knew a certain Peter. "Ken Peter?" said he. "Hoots man! fine dae I ken him. Him and me sleepit together in the same kirk for the last twenty years."

High art is indispensable: Lady—"But, Professor, how came you to offend Mrs. Smith?" Professor—"Ah, I will tell you, Madame Smit she come to me and she say I vant my daughter to sing so high as Mees Brown, and she fly in one rage and say as dere is nosing low in her family ven I say Mees Smit she haf a low voice."

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J. F. Avery, of Halifax, editor of BUDS & BLOSSOMS, sent us a copy of his magazine. We are very much pleased with it. It is a nearer approach to the English magazines of the same class than anything published here. Its ILLUSTRATIONS are good and its reading matter such as must do good. We wish it success.—"Canadian Baptist."

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The Society has been in operation 15 years. Colporteurs to the number of 102 have been employed, who have distributed Bibles and good books worth \$141,236 by sale, and books and tracts valued at \$10,051 by grant. Total grants by the Society, including those from Depot, more than \$16,000 worth. Time served by the Colporteurs equals that of one man for 142 years. Labrador, Newfoundland, Cape Breton, P. E. Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and a portion of Quebec have been explored. There have been found 1,525 families without God's Word; 2,582 families with no other religious book; and 2,545 families who habitually neglect attending any place of worship. The 26 Colporteurs employed in 1882 performed labor equal to that of one man for 124 years; found 205 Protestant families without Bibles, 279 with no other religious books, and 376 families who never enter the House of God. They sold books worth \$13,883, and made free gifts to the value of \$913, as they made 31,679 family visits, and held 625 religious meetings.

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American Baptist Publication Society.

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