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CARE OF PASTURES.—The pasture is almost always the most neglected part of the farm, and partly ground has thoroughly settled in the for the reason that, however much spring.—16. is done to it, the land will still not be so productive as in some other crop. If manure is applied it makes weeds grow, with little chance of getting them out. If there is increased growth of grass one-half the grain is wasted by the trampling of the cattle and horses. Still, it will often pay to top-dress a pasture, especially a year or more before it is to be ploughed, so that the manure can be well worked through the soil.

SURPLUS APPLES.—It probably will not, owing to the abundance of apples, pay to barrel and ship any but the very best, leaving in many cases half the crop to be otherwise disposed of. If near a vinegar manufactory it will pay to work up all the small and common fruit into cider; and if you have plenty of barrels and suitable store room, the vinegar may be profitably made upon the premises and next season sold to local retail dealers. The many evaporators now offered allow any one at small expense to dry the surplus apples, of which there will be many large and fine ones thatowing to there overripeness or for some other reason will be found unsuitable for shipping. Thus an abundance of dried fruit for winter and spring use by the family may be secured, with more or less for sale. In fact, it has been demonstrated time and again that it is more profitable to evaporate than barrel apples unless they bring more than \$1.50 per barrel-including the barrel.

If circumstances are such as to prevent making into cider or evaporating the surplus fruit, then at once give the hogs the range of the orchard. The fruit will aid in fattening them, and they will destroy an immense number of insects that are lodged in much of the fallen fruit. By all means keep cattle from the orchard while the fruit is falling, for they are unable to masticate the fruit like sheep or horses, and many fine animals are lost every year by choking to death.

It may be well to add that should an animal become choked on an apple or potato, give at once a pint of melted lard or oil (not kerosene), or force down by using the butt end of a whip-stock, or even a hoe or rake-handle, as I have often seen done. L. D. SNOOK

- Examiner.

RIDDING LAND OF STONES. -The proper time to remove stones that structions.

or meadow for some time a man ways .- American Cultivator. should first pass over the field and with a pick-axe loosen all stones

Where stones are abundant and pieces, to postpone fence-building until the

SCIENCE.

PUSCHER, in the Chemiker Zeitung, states that the following cement resists kerosene, and is useful for cementing the brass collars to glass lamps. One part of caustic soda, three parts of resin, and five parts of water are boiled together; the resin soap thus produced is mixed and well kneaded with half its weight of plaster of Paris. It hardhour. If zinc white or dry white lead is used, it hardens more slowly.

Ordinary tincture of iodine may shellac added if the stain is to be be French polished after the stain is applied. The solution may be laid on with a rag or brush.

There seems to be no end to the One of the latest is the manufacture of paneled doors out of this mate-These doors are said to be durable and weighty-looking, and, while costing about the same as wood, to be much better, because there is no shrinking, swelling, warping, or cracking. The door is composed of two thick paper boards, stamped and moulded into panels and glued together with glue and potash, and then rolled between heavy rollers. When in proper shape it is first covered with a water-proof coating, then with a fire-proof coating, and finally painted and varnished and hung in the

The completion of the Lick Observatory has been delayed by the difficulty of casting two perfect disks of glass for the monster-telescope. Nineteen trials have been made in vain by a Paris firm to cast a perfect crown disk.

The demand for box-wood for engravers' use has so largely increased | he was digging for. 'For a dollar and that the supply is running short, and the price is rising. The fineness of grain and toughness of fibre of the box render it peculiarly suitable for wood engraving, and it will be difficult to find a satisfactory substitute.

HOUSEHOLD.

APPLES AS DIET .- Children usuare ploughed up, such as can be ally demand sugar in large quanreadily handled by one man, is im- tities, and in some form it should mediately after harrowing. The begiven them. There are few more stones are then not only loose and agreeable or healthful forms in readily picked up, but are usually which to secure it than in fruit, and on the surface in plain sight, es- especially in good sweet apples. pecially if a heavy rain has washed | An abundance of sweet apples, ripe off the soil that adhered to them in and luscious, should be had in every ploughing up. Their removal at househeld where there are children. that period prevents further injury | Prepared in various ways they are to the drill and harvesting imple- important to the dietary of the ments, and nearly all good farmers family. They supply sugar in a consider this operation so important | pure form. Baked with cream they that after each ploughing and har- are delicious. Few breakfast dishes rowing, no matter how desirable it are superior to sliced sweet apples may be to rush in the seed, a man fried in butter. Cut the slices and team must pass over the field across the apple, leaving on the skin, and gather up the loose stones. and cutting out the core. This dish Those who neglected that operation will take the place of meats for two at the last ploughing should as soon or three days in the week. Few as practicable, and certainly before fruits have as many elements for the the land is ploughed again, remove sustaining of life and health, as the all lose stones, roots, and other ob- apple. In some countries an almost exclusive diet for weeks is If the land has been in pasture made of apples prepared in various

PEPPERMINT DROPS.—Home-made that have become imbedded in the peppermint drops are a harmless soil by settling and the overgrowing | delight to children. With a little of sod. Boulders that cannot be direction they can make them. Take readily handled should be under- two cups of sugar and a half-cup of mined and buried deeply out of water; let this boil for five minutes; the way of probable future cultiva- take from the fire and flavor with tion. This will be found cheaper the essence of peppermint; the than blasting. If near a city where quantity must depend on the the European princes.

building stones are valuable, it will strength of the essence; a few pay when unloading to make two drops are usually sufficient. Stir Every fall there is a great deal piles. Thus without re-sorting the with a silver spoon until it is quite of refuse gathered around the fields best can be hauled to town on a thick, then lay a buttered paper on which should be piled up and sleigh during the leisure of the win- a platter, and drop the mixture upon it in little circular-shaped

PRESSED CHICKEN.—If you want a nice dish for lunch, roast a chicken will miss one of its most important usually done, for if carefully made a until it is very tender. Then strip stone fence is the most durable of the meat off the bones and mix with all field boundaries. When stones the stuffing; press in a dish, let it are gathered in the fall, it is better stand until cold, then cut in slices.

> Cookies.—Sour cream cookies are made of one cup of sour cream, one cup of sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful (not heaping) of soda, a little salt, and flour enough to make a stiff dough; flavor with cinnamon.

VARIETIES.

self-possession are the best friends that a mad doctor can have. Dr. Winslow tells this week a story of how presence of mind saved his own life on one occasion. He had gone into the room of a lady who had displayed strong ens in about three-quarters of an homicidal tendencies, and somewhat incautiously closed the door behind him. He asked the patient a few questions, when she suddenly interrupted the conversation, producing a knife, and remarking that it was well be used to stain wood an oak, cherry, sharpened, said, 'I must really kill or walnut color. The tincture must | you, doctor. I am very sorry, be diluted with spirit until the but it can't be helped, can it?' Not exact shade is obtained, and white unnaturally, the doctor was a little taken aback, for the lady was abnormmade permanent, or the wood may ally strong and had already advanced to execute her purpose. 'Just one moment,' he said quietly. 'Don't you think it would be a shame to spill the blood on this new carpet? Just let me call for a basin.' 'Perhaps it would, but be as quick as you can.' uses to which paper may be put. So the doctor slipped out unhurt but a

In old lists of deaths from various causes all kinds of quaint, and nowadays unknown, ailments, such as 'purples,' 'chiroms,' and 'rising of the lights' are specified. But three inquests held at Southwark lately would make some strange additions to the list. One was upon the body of a woman who had died because her son had not arrived by a certain train; the second a woman who died because she had quarrelled with her son; and the third was a man who expired because his son had enlisted in the

What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, and once in a man's life? the letter m.

- Husband - Mary, has the dog been at this meat? Wife -No, dear; I carved when you were away yesterday. -Harper's Bazar.

A train stopped at a station on Texas railroad, where a gang of workmen were digging a trench. A lady passenger, stepping to the station platform, asked one of the laborers what a quarter a day, mum,' said he.

'Ferdinand, my love, why do you sit so far from me this evening?" she anxiously inquired.

He was silent and remained sitting at the opposite end of the sofa. Again she spoke. Again he was silent, hesitated, and finally murmured: 'Isabella, my dear, I blush to tell it,

but I have been eating onions to-day.' 'You darling!' exclaimed the lovely girl, with a look of glad surprise illuminating her face as she sprang close his side, 'so have I.'-Lowell

A druggist who has opened a new store at the South End, advertises, 'Arnica, sticking plasters, splints, bandages, and other base-ball goods.'-

There are jokes and jokes. George Eliot says; 'A difference in taste in jokes is very trying to the affections,' which wise expression is put to the test more frequently than you would think if you didn't take the trouble to think about it at all. How often has a friend told you something that he considered a good joke when the recital has betrayed a lack of sense, taste or heart which you did not suspect before, and which lowered him very much in

A doctor, after a long life of observation, remarks that if the anatomy of some people were constructed upon the proportion of what they say to what they do, there wouldn't be anything of them but mouth.

The Jiji Shimpo, a native journal of Japan, asserts that the noblemen of that country have unfitted themselves by immorality and luxurious living, for the burdens and responsibilities of State. And it warns them that if they do not at once turn over a new leaf, they will soon descend to the level of

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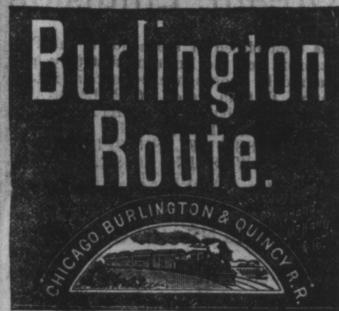
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