

FARM AND GARDEN.

Every fall there is a great deal of refuse gathered around the fields which should be piled up and burned.

CARE OF PASTURES.—The pasture is almost always the most neglected part of the farm, and partly for the reason that, however much is done to it, the land will still not be so productive as in some other crop.

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.

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The completion of the Lick Observatory has been delayed by the difficulty of casting two perfect disks of glass for the monster-telescope.

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building stones are valuable, it will pay when unloading to make two piles. Thus without re-sorting the best can be hauled to town on a sleigh during the leisure of the winter.

Where stones are abundant and of desirable form, it is far better to make them into a wall fence than to throw them in a fence corner as is usually done, for if carefully made a stone fence is the most durable of all field boundaries.

SCIENCE.

PUSCHER, in the Chemiker Zeitung, states that the following cement resists kerosene, and is useful for cementing the brass collars to glass lamps.

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strength of the essence; a few drops are usually sufficient. Stir with a silver spoon until it is quite thick, then lay a buttered paper on a platter, and drop the mixture upon it in little circular-shaped pieces.

PRESSED CHICKEN.—If you want a nice dish for lunch, roast a chicken until it is very tender. Then strip the meat off the bones and mix with the stuffing; press in a dish, let it 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.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Coolness and 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.

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.

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.

A train stopped at a station on a 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 he was digging for.

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.'

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.

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 Shimo, 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 the European princes.

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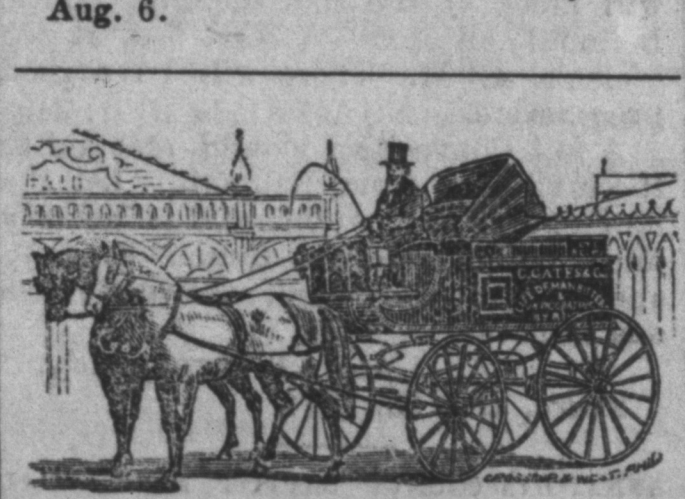
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