

FARM AND GARDEN.

Valuable Thoughts.

Weeds exhaust the land as badly as useful crops.

There is more profit in keeping one good animal than two poor ones.

Brains are the cheapest fertilizer that can be employed on the farm.

He who would have his children love their home, must make it a lovely home.

Employ the hired hand whose clothes are patched in front, rather than behind.

Use other men's brains, concentrated in improved machinery, and save your own muscles.

Crops of grain and grass that are driven to market on foot generally bring the best prices.

Horse muscle is cheaper than human muscle, and should be used in preference wherever in can be.

Make friends with the birds; protect them from their enemies, and they will rid you of your enemies.

Pruning is a necessary evil, therefore it should never be done when not needed, nor neglected when it is needed.

One hour's wear, when in need of greasing, will injure a wagon or machine, more than a week's when properly oiled.

Books and papers are essential to a complete home, and in the farmer's home, some of these should be devoted to agricultural subjects.

BUTTERMILK.—An eminent French chemist, M. Robbing, in a treatise recently presented to the French Academy, announcing his belief that the period of human existence may be greatly prolonged, and enters into an argument to show that his belief is based upon sound reasoning.

leading. There is nothing to be lost, excepting the activity of the stomach by which these portions of the food are forced up to be re-masticated. In case of indigestion or other disease the stomach does not act in this way, and the cow stops chewing the cud until restored to health.

OIL FOR WAGON WHEELS.—A practical man says: "I have a wagon of which, six years ago, the felloes shrank so that the tires became loose. I gave it a good coat of hot oil, and every year since it has had a coat of oil or paint, and sometimes both. The tires are tight yet, and they have not been set for eight or nine years. Many persons think that soon as wagon felloes begin to shrink they must go at once to a blacksmith shop and get the tire set. Instead of doing that, which is often a damage to the wheels, causing them to dish, if they will get some linseed oil and heat it boiling hot and give the felloes all the oil they can take, it will fill them up to their usual size and tighten to keep them from shrinking, and also to keep out the water. If you do not wish to go to the trouble of mixing paint you can heat the oil and tie a rag to a stick and swab them over as long as they will take oil. A brush is more convenient to use, but a swab will answer if you do not wish to buy a brush. It is quite a saving of time and money to look after the woodwork of farm machinery. Alternate wetting and drying injures and causes the best wood soon to decay and lose its strength unless kept well painted. It pays to keep a little oil on hand to oil fork handles, rakes, neck-yokes, whiffletrees, and any of the small tools on the farm that are more or less exposed."

Portland Transcript.

HOUSEHOLD.

PICKLED STRAWBERRIES.—Pickles made of the large garden strawberries are a novelty, and are highly esteemed. Put the fresh berries in a jar, a layer in the bottom first with cinnamon and cloves scattered over them, then put another layer of berries, and continue in this way until the jar is nearly full; then pour over them a syrup made of two cups of vinegar and about three cups of sugar; heat this to the boiling point, and then pour it into the jar. Let it stand from one morning until the next; then pour berries and syrup into a preserving kettle, and let them boil slowly for nearly half an hour. If you are careful to let them cook slowly, and do not break them when stirring, the berries will keep their shape perfectly. If canned they are sure to be fresh and delicious when wanted.

CANNED RHUBARB.—A correspondent says he has canned rhubarb with good results, by baking it instead of boiling it; she cut the stalks in pieces about an inch long, put in earthen pudding dishes, or on pie plates, scattered sugar over it abundantly, and baked; then she put her cans into a pan of hot water and put it on the stove, and when the rhubarb was tender put it and the syrup formed by the juice and the sugar in also, and when the can was full sealed it up. She says that the juice thus formed is much richer, and that it takes less sugar to sweeten it than is required in the boiling process.

CURES FOR HOUSEHOLD PESTS.—Rats are said to have such a dislike to potash that if it is powdered and scattered round their haunts they will leave them. A piece of rag well soaked in a strong solution of cayenne is a capital thing to put into rat or mice holes, as they will not attempt to eat it. A plug of wood covered with a piece of flannel so prepared may be used to fill up the holes. Cockroaches and ants have a similar dislike to cayenne, and a little strewn about a cellar will keep it clear of them.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.—Newly ground flour which has never been packed, is very superior to barrel flour.

Every closet and room in the house should be thoroughly inspected once a week.

In roasting meat do not salt before putting in the oven, as salt extracts the juice.

A true test for eggs is to drop them in water, and if the large ends come up they are not fresh.

In warm weather put your eggs in cold water some time before you are ready to use them.

Hams wrapped in thick brown paper and packed in a barrel of wood ashes in the cellar, will keep all summer.

HEALTH HINTS.

Milk should not be drank like beer or any other fluid which differ from it chemically. It should be slowly taken in mouthfuls at short intervals. If milk is taken after our food it is almost sure to burden the stomach and cause discomfort and prolonged indigestion, and this, for the obvious reason that there is no sufficient digestive agency to dispose of it, and the better the quality of the milk the more severe the discomfort will be under these conditions.

VARIETIES.

A good Druggist.

A man who kept a store Once wrote upon his door:

"Oh, I can make a pill That shall ease ev'ry ill! I keep here a plaster, To prevent disaster; Also some good ointment, To soothe disappointment."

When customers applied, These words are what he cried:

"Now, Patience is the pill That eases ev'ry ill; Take care is a plaster, Which prevents disaster; Good humor an ointment, Soothing disappointment."

The Flower Girl.

From an Algonquin Indian Story.

I'm going to the garden Where summer roses blow; I'll make me a little sister Of all the flowers that grow;

I'll make her body of lilies, Because they're soft and white; I'll make her eyes of violets, With dew-drops shining bright;

I'll make her lips of rose-buds, Her cheeks of rose leaves—red, Her hair of silky corn-tops All braided 'round her head;

With apple tree and pear leaves I'll make her a lovely gown, With rows of golden buttercups For buttons, up and down.

I'll dance with my little sister Away to the river strand, Away across the water,— Away into the Fairy-land.

—St. Nicholas for July.

Miss Rachel Ewing, the oldest teacher in the Pittsburg, Pa., public schools, has just resigned her position, at the age of 76. She began when but a girl, and kept at her work until compelled to desist by the infirmities of old age.

The father of five marriagable daughters was in town a few days ago trying to buy some four-leaf clover seed to plant in his back-yard. He said he had read that when a young girl finds a four leaf clover it is a sign that she will be married within a year.

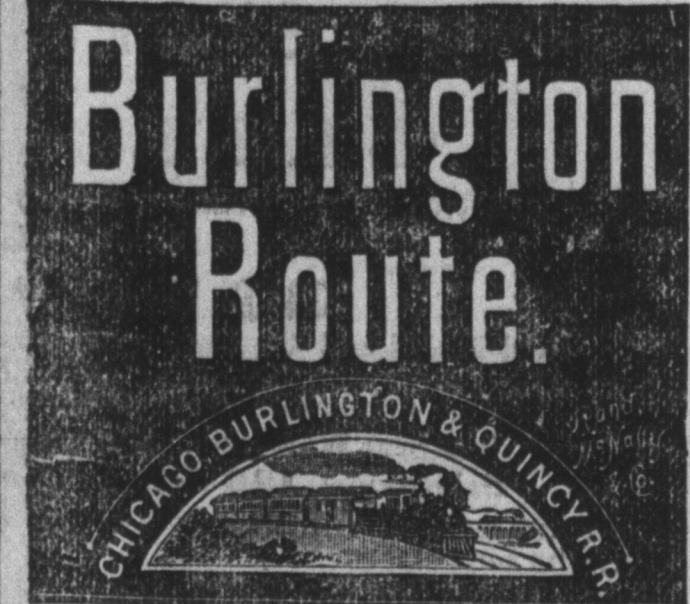
An anti-pie society in California has asked for a legislative enactment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of pie, as an unhealthy and immoral article.

Though 110 years old, Mrs Gordon, of Blifton S.C., is still in the habit of walking four miles to church at least once a month.

A new fashion has found favour in certain Parisian drawing-rooms. As the guests arrive, in response to an invitation for a soiree dansante, they are met at the door by a young lady who gives a small bouquet to each person, and insists that the flower shall be attached to the button-hole of the gentleman or the corsage of the lady. Each gentleman is then expected to seek out the lady who wears a nosegay similar in every respect to his own, and he thereupon, after the customary salutations, becomes her partner for the rest of the evening. This compulsory coupling, when skillfully organized, favours many intrigues, promotes match making, and affords a good opportunity for the display of spite by bringing unsympathetic persons together.

The words papa and mamma, accented on the last syllable, have only come into American use in the last twenty years. In England they are now considered bad style; the words father and mother are used universally in the higher class. Many people will call all this 'much ado about nothing,' but these and certain other words are the social straw that show unerringly whether the wind blows from ancestral field and forest or from the fens were mushrooms and fungi flourish.

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