

FARM AND GARDEN.

Canada thistles, it is said, may be sometimes entirely eradicated by ploughing them under in mid-summer, just before they blossom.

It is claimed upon good authority that hay can be much improved by salting it. It is becoming the custom in the States to scatter handfuls of common salt on every layer when stacking.

Plough up the old cow yards, running the plough deep, and as many loads of earth as you can remove, so many loads of rich fertilizer you will have.

Nearly 6,000,000 acres of land in Germany have recently been diverted from the cereals to sugar beet culture. The sugar itself yields a profit, an its refuse makes excellent feed for cattle and hence to make the country independent as to meat.

SHEEP KEEPING.—1. Keep sheep dry under foot with litter. This is even more necessary than roofing them. Never let them stand or lie in mud or water.

2. Take up lamb bucks early in the summer and keep until December following, when they may be turned out.

3. Count every day. 4. Begin graining with the greatest care, and use small quantities first.

5. If a ewe loses her lamb milk her daily for a few days, mixing alum with her salt.

6. Let no hogs get with the sheep in the spring, by any means.

7. Give the lamb a little milk in time of weaning.

8. Never frighten sheep if possible to avoid it.

9. Some rye for weak ones in cold weather, if you can.

10. Separate all weak, thin or sick from the strong in the fall, and give them especial care.

11. If any sheep is hurt catch it at once and wash the wound, and if it is fly time apply spirits of turpentine daily, and wash with something healing. If a limb is broken, bind it with splinters tightly, loosening as the limb swells.

12. Keep good bells on a number of the sheep.

13. Never let the sheep spoil wool with chaff or burs.

14. Cut tag-locks in early spring.

Three years ago Elias Boutlier of Port Williams planted eleven current bushes, and this year picked 100 qts. of superior fruit and sold them at ten cents per quart. Now as 2800 bushes can be set on one acre the yield would be 25,200 qts. worth \$2520. What crop can beat this for profit? A clear profit, above all cost of bushes and labor, of \$2000 in three years.

It is said that the simplest remedy for worms in cattle, sheep, and hogs is turpentine mixed with a little food or given in linseed oil or gruel; two ounces for a cow and one-fourth or less for smaller animals.

THE SMOKER ON A FARM.—If a farmer can have choice between the man who smokes and the one who does not, he cannot afford to hire the smoker.—The smoker spends too much time looking for his pipe and tobacco, and firing up when at work, and though he pretends to work and smoke at the same time, the pipe takes most of his attention and the employer's interests suffer.

What is the greatest depth yet reached in sounding the ocean? Lieut. Berryman obtained bottom of 4,580 fathoms a short distance south of the Banks of Newfoundland. The depth of the sea is commonly exaggerated. People used to think that it ranged from 7,000 to 8,000 fathoms. The average depth is 2,500 fathoms in both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

HOUSEHOLD. That state of life is the most happy where superfluities are not required and where necessities are not wanting. A nice breakfast for one who is not equal to hearty fare is made of toast and eggs prepared in this way: Put a lump of butter in a saucepan, and then drop three eggs into it, stir briskly and constantly, so that the eggs will be smooth and not lumpy. Have two thin slices of buttered toast ready, and when the eggs are done, lay the other lightly over it; do not crowd it down and make the egg run over the edge of the toast.

JOHNNY CAKES.—One quart of corn meal, two teaspoonfuls of salt, and milk enough to make a stiff batter. Shape the cakes in the hand, making them an inch thick; bake them on a griddle; they should be quite brown when done. Split them open and lay a lump of butter inside. Serve hot.

POTATO SOUP.—Peel and slice potatoes, boil them to a mash, rub all through a coarse sieve, and stir them into boiling water to the approved thickness. Add a piece of butter, salt, and chopped parsley, chervil, or any other herb. When taken off the fire, stir in the yolks of a few eggs that have been beaten with a little cream, or milk, and serve with sippets or dice of toasted bread, either in the tureen, or dry.

How to BOTTLE FRUIT.—Take cherries, strawberries, gooseberries, plums or apricots before they are dead ripe, put into large mouth olive bottles, fill all of them up from one of the bottles and when they boil cork tightly, place in a large pan or kettle of cold water with hay between the bottles, and let the water come up to their necks. When the water boils take the kettle from the fire, and let the bottles stand in the water till cool. Then mix two-thirds beeswax with one third tallow; heat together and dip the corks into the boiling mass. Keep in a cool cellar.

VARIETIES. What is the difference between the North and South pole? All the difference in the world.

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"No, we won't," growled out the partner of her joys and sorrows. "I pay six cents a quart for chalk and water now, and I won't have any such extravagance."

"But, my love," expostulated Mrs. L. "they are going to make it by machinery and it won't cost so much. I saw it in the paper that they are going to establish a crematory in Waco," and the little lady leaned back in her chair and blinked triumphantly at her lord.—Texas Lantern.

A daring landlord in Berlin has introduced paper plates. Bread and butter, cakes, and similar articles are served on these paper-mache plates, which have a border in relief and closely resemble porcelain. The landlord likes them because they are so cheap they can be thrown away after once using, waiters like them for their lightness and because they are neither to be washed or broken, and guests are delighted to take them away as souvenirs.

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A poet's wife, speaking of her late husband, says that the last thing he wrote was his best. She probably referred to his will.

Baby said to his mother, who had false teeth: "Mamma you are very lucky." "Why my dear?" "Because, if all your teeth ache you can pull them out at once."

A celebrated wit was asked why he did not marry a young lady to whom he was much attached. "I know not," he replied, "except the great regard we have for each other."

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