

FARM AND GARDEN.

PEAS.—In planting peas let them almost touch one another. We believe in thick planting for early results.

STRAWBERRIES.—Strawberries require an open soil. Leaves from the woods are good. Do not work the soil with the hoe too close to the plant.

RAISING CALVES.—The Western Rural suggests a doubt as to the soundness of the general opinion that it is more profitable to take the calf away from its mother at a few weeks old than to let it suck for several months.

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BREAKFAST CAKES.—One and a half cups of Indian meal, one and a half cups of flour, half cup of sugar, butter, teaspoonful of soda, milk, and one egg.

ORANGE PUDDING.—Six oranges pared and cut fine, strew over them one cup of sugar, beat the yolks of six eggs with four spoonfuls of corn starch, strain into one quart of boiling milk, put the starch over the oranges.

KEEPING FOWLS TOO FAT.—Some poultrymen affirm that fowls cannot be fed too much, that liberal feeding is essential to large egg production. It depends somewhat on the way the fowls are fed and the breed.

VINEGAR PIE.—One and a half cups sugar, large spoon heaping full of flour, a little nutmeg and a piece of butter the size of a walnut; stir them well together, then add one cup of cider vinegar and one and a half cups of boiling water.

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LET THE DOUBTING COOK roast his fish.

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RAKE starts, which must be in time to take up all that is cut, with men following the windrows with forks, cocking up in good shape as fast as raked, leaving no uncocked hay at sundown in the meadow.

HOUSEHOLD.

CHICKENS.—How to prepare, truss, and roast a chicken, occupied a considerable time at one of Miss Parloa's recent cooking lectures. After the fowl had been drawn and rinsed, the lecturer by deftly cutting the skin at the joint of the leg, pulled out the tendons. She then cut the neck off near the body, being careful to leave all the skin, and also removed the tips of the wings.

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HEALTH HINTS.

SLEEPING DRAUGHTS.—Recently the dangerous and lamentable habit of promiscuously taking sleeping draughts has unfortunately become very prevalent, entailing misery and ill-health to a terrible degree.

SOME OF THE English medical journals have already begun to point out the great importance of not over-feeding infants with starchy foods, such as bread, farina, gruel, etc., as the warm season approaches.

SCIENCE.

The connection between earthquakes and luminous paint, says Iron, would hardly be apparent to any one without explanation. Yet there is growing to be a very close relation between the two.

A correspondent of the Scientific American says that salt may be applied to paths to destroy weeds, in the following way: Boil the salt in water, one pound to one gallon, and apply the mixture boiling hot with a water-pot that has a spreading rose; this will keep the weeds and worms away for two or three years.

VARIETIES.

'Why do you always come after tea?' said a young lady. 'I come after T,' was the response, 'in order to be nearer U.'

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