

FARM AND GARDEN.

Canadian pork, an American paper says, is superior to American pork, for these reasons.—The flesh of hogs fattened in Canada contains a larger proportion of lean meat, because barley and peas are mainly fed to produce it.

An American paper says that when we give as much attention to producing good mutton as we now do to beef, we will find a profitable market in England, where astonishing prices are paid for the very best mutton.

The American Agriculturist advises farmers to keep their tools sharp. Dull scythes or mowing machine knives do bad work, and require extra strength to make them work at all.

CLEARING THE GROVE.—Draw out rotten limbs from your woods and lay them where they can dry. Some day burn them and they will make a good fertilizer for turnips and cauliflowers.

STRIKING.—Many horses have the unpleasant habit of striking the toes of the hind shoes against the fore shoes. It is a fault belonging to some of the best horses as well as the worst, and most frequently occurs with young horses, and often clicking on the turf or soft ground, and not on the road.

At a recent agriculture show in Chartres, France, many children, both boys and girls exhibited copy books containing descriptions of the best methods of budding and grafting trees, specimens of insects injurious to vegetation, of the different grasses, and the various kinds of wheat and other grains grown in the district.

MORE FERTILIZERS.—Plough up the old cow yards, running the plough deep, and says the German-town Telegraph, as many loads of earth as you can remove so many loads of rich fertilizer you will have.

CORN-FED HORSES.—If too much corn is fed to a horse he will become hot, fat, and slow. Corn fed in great abundance is likely to produce indigestion. Where horses are at work and cannot be allowed to run in pasture, and where, as in some parts of the country much corn is fed, laxative food should be supplied to counteract the binding effects of concentrated food.

not feed your horse a heavy amount of hay early in the day and then expect him to work hard or drive well. Nothing conduces to good action of the stomach more than much grooming with a brush in that direction.

TILLAGE AND MANURE.—Little manure with much tillage is better than much manure with little tillage. Manure must be thoroughly mixed with the soil in order to receive from it its full benefit.

Green food is desirable for all kinds of farm stock, but especially for young poultry; and for this purpose, the Baltimore Sun suggests, there is nothing so quickly raised as lettuce.

HOUSEHOLD.

NASTURTIUM SAUCE FOR BOILED MUTTON.—Cut up into small pieces two tablespoonfuls of pickled nasturtiums. Then melt in a stew pan an ounce of good butter, dredging in very gradually a little flour (less than an ounce will be sufficient); work this with a wooden spoon until it is very smooth, and then add about half a pint of boiling gravy, beating it well until the lumps are entirely dissolved.

"Tough as an old hen" has become a proverb. But a correspondent of the Scientific American tells how even an old hen may be made tender and eatable by proper cooking. And this is the way it is done: An old hen that would have been uneatable though cooked in the ordinary way, was gently stewed for four hours. After this she was left in the water until cooled, and on the following day was roasted in the usual manner in a roasting oven.

EGG SALAD.—Eggs are boiled very hard; when cold, sliced lengthwise, the yolk removed, salt and pepper and celery seed added, with just enough vinegar to make a batter. Beat together thoroughly and refill the whites. Garnish with parsley.

STUFFED LEG MUTTON.—Cut out the bone and rub the meat with salt and pepper, and fill with force-meat made of bread-crumbs, butter and a little chopped onion. Sew up the opening, lay the meat in a pan (dry) and dredge with flour; put in the baker and roast for two hours; take out, put it on a warm dish, garnish with mint or parsley. Stir a teaspoonful of flour in the gravy, add a little water, and boil up. Serve in a gravy boat.

LEMON MARMALADE.—Slice the lemons very thin, only taking out the seeds; add three pints of cold water to each pound of fruit after being cut into pieces; let it stand twenty-four hours; boil it until tender, pour into an earthen bowl until the following day, weigh it, and to every pound of boiled fruit add one and a half pounds of lump sugar, boil the whole together till the syrup jellies and the chips are rather transparent.

PREPARED CODFISH.—Many people who like the various dishes made of dried codfish do not have them as often as they otherwise would, because they object strongly to the odor given out by the fish when kept in the store-room. This objection may be done away with by pursuing this course. Buy the very best codfish, the English-cured is preferred by many cooks; remove all skin and

bones from it. Then put the pieces of fish into glass fruit jars, screw the covers on, and no odor will be perceptible. The fish will not absorb undue moisture, and will be in convenient form to use at any time.

TO WASH WINDOWS.—When you wish to wash off your windows without much trouble or taking them out, or the glass over pictures or mirrors, take a piece of newspaper and wet in soft water and go over them thoroughly; then polish with dry newspaper and you will be pleased with the result.

UNFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE.—There is no headache in the palatable beverage made by the following recipe:—Mash the grapes, boil them, then press them. Fill bottles with the juice, and set them on a wooden base in a boiler, and surround them with water to the necks. Then boil them ten minutes, and from one bottle fill all the evaporated parts of the rest, and cork while hot. A good drink is made of one part with two parts of water, with sugar, lemon, and ice.

HEALTH HINTS.

CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.—The following is said to be a preventive of hydrophobia, discovered by a French physician, M. Crossar: "Take two tablespoonfuls of fresh chloride of lime, in powder, mix it with half a pint of water, and with this wash, keep the wound constantly bathed, and frequently renewed. The chlorine of gas possesses the power of decomposing this tremendous poison and rendering mild and harmless that venom against whose resistless attacks the medical science has been so long directed in vain. It is necessary to add that this wash should be applied as soon as possible after the infliction of the bite.

The worst cold may be promptly cured if, within twenty-four hours after it has been taken, the patient will keep warm in bed and eat nothing for a day or two.

Crude carbolic acid will disinfect drains. It is better largely diluted, for thus it reaches further. It is a poison. There is a carbolic soap prepared for killing insects on animals. We lost a valuable dog which got some of the soap in his mouth. There is a finer carbolic soap used for toilet purposes. It is healing.—New York Herald.

A correspondent of the Tribune gives a remedy for "round shoulders" which, if efficacious, is well worth knowing. He says: "Hook the fingers of the hands together; raise the elbows as high as the shoulders and pull like a shoemaker. The muscles about the shoulder-blades, to keep them in place, are thus strengthened and in a short time enabled to fulfil their proper office. When lying on the back press the head on the pillow so as to raise the chest up from the bed on which you are reclining. This strengthens the muscles that should hold the head erect. When standing or sitting, where the head can press against something solid, repeat the operation." By a little thought at other times to use these muscles, the difficulty may be overcome.

VARIETIES.

A malicious boy created a panic in a Montreal hotel one day, last week, by thrusting his head into the dining room and calling out, "Here comes an officer from New York with a warrant." It was several hours before some of the most nervous guests could be persuaded to come out of the woods and return to their meal.

Not many years ago a doctor of divinity, noted far and wide for his learning and geniality, and now connected with the Book Concern, on Fourth Street, N.Y., was preaching one morning at the York Street church. The day was warm, the air heavy, and the sermon slightly so. The congregation was drowsy and listless, and the only real wide awake auditor was a small boy, over whose head scarce six summers had passed. The preacher, in contrasting the power of Christians during the dark ages with what it is to day, described how, during the reign of the Roman emperor, Nero, Christians were hunted with dogs, or thrown into the arena to contend for their lives with each other and with wild beasts. Striking the desk with a furious blow, the speaker said with emphasis, "You now see the weakness of Christianity during the dark ages. And what is it to day?" The one wide-awake auditor answered in a shrill but distinct voice, "Sunday." The congregation was wide-awake at once and was speedily dismissed.

Josh. Billing:—"When I hear a noisy infidel proclaiming his unbelief, I wonder if he will send for sum brother infidel to cum and see him die. I guess not. He will be more likely to send for the orthodox man who engineers the little brick church just around the corner."

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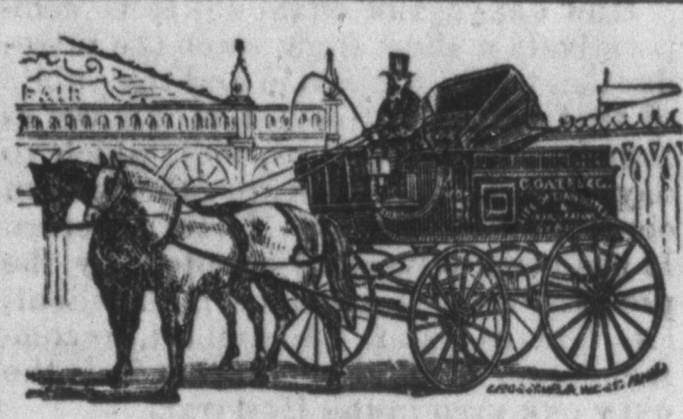
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