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RURAL TOPICS.

DRY CELLARS.

It is not healthy to live over wet cellars. Water that comes in two or three times a year only, and soon goes out leaving the bottom of the cellar dry is not of much injury to a family's health; but when the water often remains in the cellar for weeks or months and the bottom of it is constantly damp, means should be taken to remove the evil.

Obtain one barrel of cement for every 100 square feet of the cellar bottom, and the same of good building sand. Where the water comes from a great pressure, cobble stones, from a half a pound to two pounds in weight, ought to be used, if they are obtainable, as it often requires four to six inches of stones and cement to make a cellar bottom perfectly water proof.

When land is plowed in the fall, and till spring without harrowing, it may be sown to any kind of spring grain, after being well harrowed, and the crops in most cases will be as good as if the land were plowed under in the spring.

Farmers and their families are apt to think that all they read "in the papers" must be true, and as represented. They are not aware that thousands of scoundrels are racking their brains to discover some new method to "take in" the poor confiding farmers.

mailing." Well, the farmers' sons, who have seen but little of the ways of the world, bite at this tempting bait immediately, by remitting the required 50 cts.: and it is laughable to see how the dupes take the cheat on opening the packages in which they really expect to find a valuable gold watch worth from \$100 to \$200!

There is a class of farmers who are constantly on the lookout for a better place to go. Their farms are always "for sale," and they dream of luxuriant lands, in some other part of the country, which can be bought "for a song."

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The best vinegar is made of cider, the poorest apple making a good vinegar as the best. The best casks to use are iron-bound whiskey casks, which can be bought of liquor dealers, second-hand, at \$1 each, holding 40 gallons.

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Miscellaneous.

HORSES' SORE BREASTS.—An exchange remarking on the chafing of the breast of horses, says: "The common practice of using pads of sheepskin under the collar is objectionable, especially in warm weather, because they accumulate heat and make the breast tender."

GRAZING AXLES.—On the authority of the Carriage Monthly, more injury is done to carriages and wagons by greasing too much than the reverse. Tallow is the best lubricant for wood axles, and castor oil for iron. Lard and common grease are apt to penetrate the hub, and work their way out around the tenons of the spokes and spoil the wheel.

AMERICAN FRUIT IN EUROPE.—The Pall Mall Gazette remarks that the foreign demand for American fruit is now so great that Europe and Australia will take nearly all the fruit, fresh and dried, (dried peaches excepted) which the United States can land in their markets in good condition.

How to Fatten Chickens. It is hopeless to attempt to fatten chickens while they are at liberty. They must be put in a proper coop, and thus, like most poultry appetences, need not be expensive.

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as though there were twelve. Nothing is easier than to allot them the proper space; it is only necessary to have two or three pieces of wood to pass between the bars, and form a partition. This may also serve when fowls are put up at different degrees of fatness.

Preserving Butter for Winter Use. It is our wish here, to describe a method of keeping butter, which has been already widely practised in different parts of the country, and has never failed to prove successful, except where some one or more of the needful precautions were overlooked or neglected.

Killing Canada Thistles. I had on my farm a four-acre field covered with Canada thistles. I say "had" because I am convinced the present season's treatment has made it too hot for them and I shall see no more of them. The land was strong "—it takes good land to raise good thistles."

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keeping butter which has been worked only, is due rather to their superior skill than to the merits of the system they have followed.

Whatsoever method is adopted, it is essential that nothing but pure butter should be allowed to remain, and all the butyric acid caseine, buttermilk, water, etc., must be carefully eliminated.

How to Churn. There are many things about farming more simple than butter making, and yet the average man or woman, with the requisite amount of strength and muscle, has but little idea that there is anything to do or learn in the business but what they know.

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A Lesson in Domestic Economy from the Bees! Honey when it is brought to the hive and stored, is in a very liquid condition. In this state the cells can not be properly filled with it, and the bees would not seal up the cells if filled.

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the fine lime particles drawn into the pores of the shells, as they will be by a kind of inductive process, and thereby completely seal the eggs. Care should be taken not to get too much of the lime in, that is, not enough to settle and stick to the shells of the eggs and render them difficult to clean when taken out. I believe that the chief cause of thin, watery whites in limed eggs is that they are not properly sealed in the manner described.

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