

and useful lesson. Her mother calls her 'her little housekeeper,' and she often permits her to get what is necessary for the table. She hangs the keys by her side, and very musical are the jingling to her ears. I think before she is out of her teens upon which she has not yet entered, that she will have some idea how to cook.

Some mothers give their daughters the care of house keeping, each a week by turns. It seems to me a good arrangement, and a most useful part of their education.

Domestic labor is by no means incompatible with the highest degree of refinement and mental culture. Many of the most accomplished woman I have known looked well to their household duties, and have honored themselves and their husbands by so doing.—*Anon.*

**SIMPLE BUTTER COOLER.**—Melted butter is all very well in its right place, but when butter is put upon the tea or breakfast table, having the appearance of being just out of the oven, it is anything but creditable to the housekeeper, and far from satisfactory to those who eat it. Dry toast is positively spoiled if spread with soft butter; indeed, if butter cannot be brought to the table at least firm, if not hard, it is better to keep it away altogether. Fortunately, however, it is not necessary to proceed to such desperate measures, as butter can be kept nice and cool in the hottest weather, and that in a very simple manner. Procure a large, new flower pot of sufficient size to cover the butter-plate, and also a saucer large enough for the flower-pot to rest in upside down: place a trivet or meat-stand (such as is sent to the oven when a joint is baked) in the saucer, and put on this trivet the plate of butter; now fill the saucer with water, and turn the flower-pot over the butter, so that its bottom edge will be below the water. The hole in the flower-pot must be fitted with a cork; the butter will be in what we may call an air-tight chamber. Let the whole of the outside of the flower-pot be then thoroughly drenched with water, and place it in as cool a spot as you can. If this be done over night, the butter will be as "firm as a rock" at breakfast time; or, if placed there in the morning, the butter will be quite hard for us at tea-hour. The reason of this is, that when water evaporates, it produces cold; the porous pot draws up the water, which in warm weather quickly evaporates from the sides, and thus cools it; and, as no warm air can now get at the butter, it becomes firm and cool in the hottest day.—*Septimas Piesse.*

**THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHIMNEYS.**—We often receive communications requesting information as to the best mode of building chimneys. A few simple rules are sufficient to guide any person in the construction of a chimney. The higher the chimney the better its draft. It should be made of good non-conducting materials like brick, because the warmer it can be kept from the base to the top, the better will be the draft, as it is the heat of the gases which causes them to ascend. If the gases were condensed in the inside of a chimney, its draft would be destroyed. The flue of a chimney from an engine-boiler should never be run underground unless it is drained beneath; because it is liable to absorb moisture from the ground, and thus absorb the heat, and injure the draft. As it is convenient, in some instances, thus to construct the flues of furnaces at some distance from the chimney, this information will be useful to those who require such arrangements. The inside of a chimney should be made as smooth as possible, so as to offer little resistance to the ascent of heated gases, and also for the purpose of having few projecting surfaces for the adherence of soot.—*Scientific American.*

**HOME-MADE BEER.**—Take one gill of good hop-yeast, two teaspoonfuls of brown sugar, half a teaspoonful of soda, do. of acid, eight drops of the essence of sassafras, the same of wintergreen, and four of the essence of spruce; beat it well together, then pour on two quarts of cold water, and you will have a good, healthy, cheap drink, for sick or well folks. The way I make my yeast: boil a handful of hops in two quarts of water half an hour, strain off the water, and stir in the flour while hot, add one tablespoonful of brown sugar and a teaspoonful of ginger, and when milk-warm add a pint of good yeast.

**A HINT FOR THE SEASONS.**—The simplest and best way of preserving woollens through the Summer from the destruction of the moths, is to wrap them well up, after brushing them and beating them, in cotton or linen cloths; the moth can pass neither. Two covers, well wrapped around and secured from the air, will be effectual. An old sheet will answer and save all expense of camphor, &c.

A handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart. The one's a jewel, and the other a treasure.

## Agriculture.

## THE POETRY OF AGRICULTURE.

The principles of agriculture are exceedingly simple. That they might be so, God himself was the first great planter. He wrote its laws, visibly, in the brightest, loveliest, and most intelligible characters, everywhere, upon the broad bosom of the liberal earth,—in greenest leaves, in delicious fruits, in beguiling and delicate flowers! But he does not content himself with this alone: he bestows the heritage along with the example; he prepares the garden and the home, before he creates the being who is to possess them; he fills them with all those objects of sense and sentiment which are to supply his moral and physical necessities; birds sing in the boughs above him, odors blossom in the air, and fruits and flowers cover the earth with a glory to which that of Solomon, in all his magnificence, was vain and valueless; to his hand we owe these fair groves, these tall ranks of majestic trees, these deep forests, these broad plains covered with verdure, and these mighty arteries of flood and river, which wind them along, beautifying them with the loveliest inequalities, and irrigating them with seasonable fertilization. Thus did the Almighty Planter dedicate the great plantation to the uses of that various and wondrous family which was to follow. His home prepared,—supplied with all resources, adorned with every variety of fruit and flower, and chequered with abundance,—man is conducted within its pleasant limits, and ordained its cultivator under the very eye and sanction of Heaven. The angels of Heaven descend upon its hills. God himself appears within its valleys at noon-day. Its groves are instinct with life and purity, and the blessed stars rise at night above the celestial mountains to keep watch over its consecrated interests. Its gorgeous forests, its broad savannahs, its levels of flood and prairie, are surrendered into the hands of the wondrously-favored and new-created heir of heaven! The bird and the beast are made his tributaries and taught to obey him. The fowl summons him at morning to his labors, and the evening chant of the night-bird warns him to repose. The ox submits his neck to the yoke; the horse moves at his bidding in the plough; and the toils of all are rendered sacred and successful by the gentle showers and the genial sunshine which descend from heaven, to ripen the grain in its season, and to make earth pleasant with its fruits.

**GROWING PUMPKINS.**—Allow me to say a few words in reply to your correspondent respecting the growing of pumpkins. Pumpkins are seldom cultivated alone; the seeds are generally mixed with corn when planting, and when they are grown and gathered the best are reserved for culinary use, while the inferior ones are given to the cattle. If one is desirous of raising some excellent pumpkins for pies,—a luxury which none but farmers can indulge in,—I would advise them to give them plenty of room—say four feet apart; and, if the land is in good condition and the plants well cared for, they will be most likely to cover all the space allowed them. When the striped bug attacks them, throw over the vines a dry fine soot,—though the rain will wash it off, when it will be necessary to repeat the process. A good way to preserve pumpkins is to hang them up in the cellar by tying a cord round the stem, which should be left on in all cases where they are to be kept.

O. A. GOULD, Watertown, N. Y.  
—*Rural New Yorker.*

**SOAP SEEDS FOR CURRANT BUSHES.**—A correspondent of the *Indiana Farmer* says, "I have found the cultivation of currants to be very profitable. By care and attention I greatly increased the size of the bushes and the quality of the fruit. My bushes are now about six or eight feet in height, and are remarkably thrifty. The cause of this large growth I attribute, in a great measure, to the fact that I have been in the habit of pouring soap suds and chamber lye around their roots in the summer season. I am satisfied, from my own experience and that of some of my neighbors, that the treatment will produce a most astonishing effect upon the growth and product of the bushes, and would advise others to give it a trial."

**CROWS IN THE CORNFIELD.**—We like the method recommended by Mr. S. Mitchell, of Cameron, N. Y., who gives notice in the last number of the *Genesee Farmer*, that after trying all the Yankee tricks and dosing the crows with ratsbane without any effect, he has found that a pound of sulphur mixed with plaster and ashes, and a handful scattered on to the corn as it peeps out of the ground, will be sufficient to protect an acre from their ravages. We presume the reason of this is that by the heat and action of the ashes, the sulphur becomes changed so as to throw out sulphurous fumes which gives the crows a hint of the doom of all thieves and they quit.

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