

FARM AND GARDEN.

WHAT 100 FOWLS WILL DO.—Can the man who has some money to invest, and a little experience with poultry, afford to spend his whole time for a year in caring for 100 fowls and learning the business?"

One hundred hens of almost any breed will certainly lay 12,000 eggs in the course of the year; allow 1,500 of these for hatching, and we have in round numbers 875 dozen for market, which at an average price of 20 cents per dozen, will bring \$175 for eggs alone. In most localities it costs just about \$1 to keep a hen for a year; and that leaves us, allowing for the keeping of the fowls of the flock, \$69 profit from the eggs. But that is not all; each hen will set and rear one brood of chickens, and if only eight out of each brood reach a marketable age we shall have 800 chickens to dispose of. Allowing that you only get 25 cents apiece above the cost of raising, you will have \$200 to put with the egg money. Will \$269 in money, in addition to the experience gained, pay you for your time for one year?

WHEN TO BEGIN.—Which is the best month for beginning?—Really it does not make much difference. Begin at any time that suits your convenience. If you have a suitable poultry-house on your premises, or live where building will not be interfered with by cold weather, begin now.—*Globe.*

THE OBJECT OF PRUNING.—Pruning of a tree or shrub is for the purpose of directing its growth from one part to another in order to obtain a symmetrical growth. We prune to renew the vigor of the plant, a point which those who are inexperienced have difficulty in comprehending. They cannot understand why the cutting away of a portion, will give vigor to the balance. Let us try to explain it. The upper buds of a this year stem will push forward and make strong shoots next year, and the lower buds will grow weaker shoots, and perhaps some of the lower ones will not start at all. The upper buds, always being the strongest, draw the nourishment and starve the lower ones. Now, if before the buds start the upper ones are cut off, leaving only a few of the lower ones, these will get the nourishment, and if it is a fruit-bearing plant, the fruit will be much larger than if the process had not been performed. Now the pruner first wants to know what he wishes to accomplish. If there is nothing to accomplish there is no pruning to be done, even though the pruner may think that there are well settled rules for pruning at a certain season. If there is a purpose, then the judgment must be used, as to how and when to do it. No rules can be laid down to direct the operation in all its details.—*Western Rural.*

HOUSEHOLD.

To make whites of eggs beat quickly, put in a pinch of salt.

Glassware should be washed in cold water, as it gives a brighter and cleaner look than when washed in warm.

Dr. Napier's investigations have taught him that macaroni, peas, beans, and lentils all work antagonistically to the desire for alcoholic drinks.

SNOW PANCAKES.—It is generally known that snow is a good substitute for egg, in both puddings and pancakes. Two tablespoonfuls may be taken as the equivalent of an egg. Take it from a clean spot, and the sooner it is used after it is taken in-doors the better. It is to be beaten in just as eggs would be.

A folded newspaper, or part of a newspaper folded, is good for a holder and saves burning the fingers spoiling the temper, or soiling a dish towel when in haste to remove a boiling pot, open an oven door, or take up a hot poker or pan.

Plant some parsley in tomato cans and stand them in a kitchen window. It will be nice for flavouring in the winter.

Pumpkin Pies.

I've tried the best
In East and West,
I've lunched 'neath tropic sun,
I've tasted all
The fruits that fall
And like them every one;
But North or South
No human mouth,
I will the world apprise,
E'er tasted food
One-half so good
As our own pumpkin pies.

Upon the vine,
In rain and shine,
Through fragrant day and night,
The yellow globe
In emerald robe
Drinks up the summer light.
Oh, golden sweet,
The suns repeat
To mold thy luscious size,
That we may come
And roll thee home,
And make our pumpkin pies.

Our lovely girls,
With shining curls
Put neatly in a cap,
Cut slice on slice,
And peel it nice,
And stew it to a pap;
Then milk is had,
And eggs they add,
And sweeten as is wise,
While others haste
To spice to taste
These home-made pumpkin pies.

Oh, pure and fair,
This food so rare,
Made up of all that's best!
No creature's pain
Goes to its gain,
But only Nature's zest:
For summer days
And autumn haze
And smiles from beauty's eyes
Are in the dish,
Mixed to our wish,
That we call pumpkin pies.

No wonder, then,
That loyal men,
From Florida to Maine,
Their quarter eat,
The same repeat,
And pass their plate again;
That exiles fret
With vain regret,
And vex the air with sighs,
When forced to stay
In climes away
From their own pumpkin pies.

So to our toast
I give a toast,
Embroidered all in rhyme;
May pumpkins round
With us abound
Through future autumn time!
And may our girls,
With shining curls,
And tender beaming eyes,
All learn by heart
The happy art
Of making pumpkin pies!
—*Harper's Bazar.*

Give your daughters a thoroughly practical education, no matter how rich you are. Teach them to cook and prepare the food of the household. Teach them to wash, to iron, to darn stockings, to sew on buttons, to make their own dresses. Teach them to make bread, and that a good kitchen lessens the doctor's account.

The oftener carpets are shaken the longer they wear; the dirt that collects under them grinds out the threads. Do not sweep carpets oftener than is necessary; a broom wears them very much. When a carpet is faded, strong salt and water will often restore the brightness of the colors.

BOILED CIDER APPLE SAUCE.—The apple crop is so abundant and cheap in many sections that large quantities are liable to go to waste. One of the best means of utilizing them is in making apple butter and boiled cider apple sauce. Take of perfectly sweet cider as much as you desire; boil it down, so that it is only half the original quantity. If to be kept through the summer boil down to one-third. It is generally recommended to take cider made from sweet apples. This is not necessary, and if the apples to be used in the sauce are also sweet, it is better to have a portion of the cider from acid apples. For making apple butter the apples should be peeled, sliced, and stewed until soft, but with very little water. Then strain through a colander and mix with the boiled cider. This is better than boiling the apples in the cider, which is a long operation, and requires constant stirring to keep it from burning. Later in the season, when fresh apples have gone, dried apples, sweet or sour, cooked with bottled cider, make an excellent

sauce. It is an economical sauce for the housewife to make, as she can do a large amount at once. It also saves sugar, the sweet and sour in the apples and cider making a better sweetening than sugar, which must be used freely when sour apples are cooked alone. It is also a very rich sauce, and suits everybody's palate.

SCIENCE.

Canvas bags, it is said, can be made as impervious to moisture as leather by steeping it in a decoction of one pound of oak bark with fourteen pounds of boiling water, this quantity being sufficient for eight yards of stuff. The cloth from which the bags are made has to soak twenty-four hours, when it is taken out, passed through running water, and hung up to dry.

Label every bottle of medicine that comes into your house, and put poisonous drugs, like paregoric, laudanum, carbolic acid, etc., out of reach of children—and be sure that they are out of their reach.

Recently, says a writer in *Nature* I rescued a frog from the claws of a cat, and to my surprise it turned and, after gazing at me for a few seconds jumped slightly toward me, halting after each leap and looking up into my face. It thus gradually approached, and in about two or three minutes had actually climbed upon one of my feet. Its mute appeal for protection was most remarkable, and could not possibly be misunderstood.

Hang a thermometer in your living room, and see to it that the temperature does not go above 70°.

HEALTH HINTS.

WHOLESOME HEAT.—Pipes are sometimes brought through rooms for the purpose of heating them, and at other times slow combustion stoves are used. Now I do not object to either plan if means are taken to secure proper ventilation on the one hand and proper hydration on the other. By hydration I mean a rendering of the air in the apartment moist or healthfully humid. This is too often forgotten. A dry heat is most obnoxious and even dangerous, therefore an utensil with water should be kept constantly on the top of a stove. Again, an iron stove, especially if it becomes too hot, gives off most deleterious vapors or fumes, and this should be borne in mind by those who make use of them.—*Medicus.*

Counterpanes and pillow shams are now made of paper.

To restore one of the doors of Westminster Abbey, has cost, \$60,000.

According to the theory of F. Siemens, flame is the result of an infinite number of exceedingly minute electrical flashes, which are caused by the swift motion of gaseous particles.

VARIETIES.

He stood on the post office stoop, says an exchange, and everybody knew him as a newly married man. He had a far-away look in his eyes, and a bit of yarn on each of the last two fingers of his hand, and kept muttering to himself, "Chopping bowl, eggs, clothes line—that's the thumb and first two fingers. Now what did she want on the other two fingers?"

Why, I'd like to know, said a lady to a judge, cannot a woman become a successful lawyer? Because she's too fond of giving her opinion without pay, answered the judge.

An English doctor says that a person who can move his ears at will is a suspicious character and cannot be trusted. When you are introduced to a man hereafter, be sure to find out whether he can move his ears.

Why is "e" the most unfortunate of letters? Because it is never in cash, always in debt, and never out of danger.

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