

HOUSE AND FARM.

Farming Paragraphs.

"No, we can't sell on credit," to the man who has no time to read. He may be honest enough, but his inability to meet his obligations are seriously crippled by his own faults.

There is no excuse whatever for the slovenly appearance of many yards or lawns about the farmer's home. It is not the sign of good farming, since carelessness in one place denotes very clearly carelessness in the other.

"After all," remarks the Atlanta Constitution, "the money made by farming is the cleanest, best money in the world. It is made in accordance with God's first law, under honest and genial influences, away from the taint of trade or the fierce heat of speculation. It fills the pockets of the farmer at the expense of no other man. His gain is no man's loss; but the more he makes the better for the world at large. Prosperous farmers make a prosperous people. Whatever benefits our agriculture benefits the commonwealth."

The Gardners' Monthly says that "in planting fruit trees aim to have them so that the hot, dry sun will not have full effect on the ground about the roots. The great heat in this way injures the trees. Many who have trees in gardens plant raspberries under them. The partial shade seems to be good for the raspberries, and helps the trees. Blackberries would no doubt do well in the same situation; and strawberries it is well known, do not do badly grown in this way."

The custom of planting potatoes early is much more prevalent than formerly; this change has been caused probably by the desire to get them harvested before the third crop of beetles comes. On warm, dry land there is but little danger of planting too soon, after the frost is well out of the ground, but on moist or low land there is danger of planting so early that the cold, wet weather may continue so long that the seed will rot before sprouting; whole fields are sometimes lost in this way. The better way is not to attempt to grow early potatoes on moist or wet land, but to plant them on well-drained land that is high enough to be warm in the spring, and yet not high enough to dry the crop up in July.

Parsley, Sage and Thyme.

Every well kept garden should have a due proportion of garden herbs, but with the exception of some coarse fellows which know how to take care of themselves, such as catnip and chamomile there are seldom any to be found. Sage, thyme, and parsley are seldom grown except for market. Parsley must be sown very early and on cool, rich ground; and if the seeds do not appear for a month one must have patience, for it often takes a long time to decide what it intends to do about it. In regard to sage, many have it for years or so, when it appears. To have sage continuously, it is best to take it up every second year, split it apart and set in the ground much deeper than it was before. Roots then come out from the vigorous young wood, and the plants seem better adapted to stand extremes of heat and cold than when the branches are exposed on long stalks. Thyme usually manages to live, though nothing be done to it; but it is also better for being cut back close every fall, and for an occasional replanting.—Germantown Telegraph.

Making Young People Contented.

The great secret in retaining young people on the family homesteads consists in making these rural homes something beyond the abode of hard toil, cloudy visages and compound interest. Every possible means must be resorted to make the place attractive to these young people, and to have the boys see that they do not suffer at the village gathering in comparison with those of their old playmates who are studying for a profession. There is no reason why the Sunday and holiday clothing of the sons and daughters of a well-to-do farmer should not be equal in appearance to what is worn by the children of the doctor or lawyer or trader in the neighborhood. They should also receive the rudiments of English education, and should be kept well supplied during the long winter evenings with agricultural and other newspapers—excellent education.—Rural New Yorker.

Paris Green and Potatoes.

The inquiry is repeatedly made, if the use of paris green for killing the potato beetle is not dangerous to all who eat the tubers, and we recently met with three intelligent persons who invariably refused to eat a mouthful unless assured that paris green had not been used on them. They ascribed several existing epidemics to the use of such potatoes. In answer to the inquiry, we may state in the first place that paris green is insoluble, and that the potato cannot in any way absorb it. This would seem to be a sufficient reason. But others may be added, among which are the facts that the poison is not applied to the tuber, but to the leaves above ground, and the potatoes cannot get at it; and also that the quantity is so minute when spread over an acre, that the iron which is in nearly all soils in far greater quantity, neutralizes the poison at once as soon as it reaches the ground and before the potatoes could possibly come in contact with it. Millions of persons eat such potatoes daily, year in and year out, and most of them live.—Country Gentleman.

Encouraging Farmer's Children.

Farmers' children should be encouraged to attend meetings of farmers' clubs and agricultural societies, and premiums should be awarded for their labor and skill. The boy who drives the best broken yoke of steers, or the best handled colt, or who shows the best poultry

or pigeons, and the girl who brings the best loaf of bread, the sweetest butter, the most ingeniously made patch-work quilt, the neatest darned rent or the best made shirt, feel a pride as they receive their premiums, and hear their names announced, which does much to bind them to the homestead. Such awards and honorable distinctions enlist Young America into the ranks of the yeomanry and make them contented and happy. Care should be taken that the boys and girls on a farm do not have to wear their parents' cut-down clothes, and to toil with worn-out tools and household labor-saving appliances.

How to Treat the Asparagus Bed.

It is very easy to raise asparagus. Truckers grow it with the same facility that they do a patch of potatoes, or cabbages, using in preparing the ground the plow and harrow, the latter being commonly employed in the spring after the top dressing has been removed, without injury to the crowns or roots. Early in April the coarser part of the winter's covering of manure should be removed and the rest forked in. This should be followed by a coat of rough salt—that from the meat or mackerel barrel will answer—which will suffice for any additional manure for the season, and at the same time keep down the weeds. Care, however, must be taken not to apply any salt to new beds for at least a year after being old enough to be cut, or serious results may follow.

How to Cook Macaroni.

Break macaroni into pieces about five inches long. Take as many as can be held in the hand. Put them into boiling water with a teaspoonful of salt and boil 10 minutes; then drain off the water and add two cups of milk; boil till it is tender about a quarter of an hour; the milk will then be boiled down to about one cup. Work a lump of butter the size of an egg into a dessert spoonful of flour; add a heaping tablespoonful of cheese crumbs, a small half teaspoonful of mustard and a little pepper; when mixed, stir into the milk and macaroni. Let it boil till it has thickened; take it off the fire and add a beaten egg. Put one-third of the mixture into an oval dish; then some cheese crumbs and cracker or bread crumbs; then some of the mixture, and so on until the dish is full. Lay some pieces of butter on top of all; put in the oven and bake ten minutes. The top should be of a nice brown.

Miscellaneous Recipes.

LIQUID GLUE.—The following directions are said to make a durable, slightly tinted, but clear liquid glue: 100 parts of ordinary gelatine are dissolved in 400 parts of water containing six to seven parts of oxalic acid. The solution is kept for five or six hours on the water bath, in a porcelain infusion pot, which it is neutralized with carbonate of calcium, the insoluble precipitate filtered off, and the clear filtrate evaporated at a moderate temperature, until about 200 parts are obtained.

WARTS TO CURE.—Burn a piece of linen or cotton on any piece of steel and rub the moisture left on the metal by the burning on the wart three or four successive times. (2) Rub the wart with a strong solution of potash till it disappears. (3) Wet gum ammoniac and rub it on the wart at night just before going to bed. (4) Cover a few sprigs of arbutus with hot water; when the tea is quite strong, pour off and bathe the warts with this, or crush the juice of the leaf directly on the wart three or four times a week till it disappears. (5) Take 5 cents' worth muriate of ammonia, wet a crystal in water, and apply several times during the day. (6) Cover the warts with baking soda, wet with water and tie them up. A few applications will remove them.

TO DYE SHEEPSKIN MATS.—Have a shallow vessel as large as the skin, in which to prepare the dye, so that the skin can be laid wool side down smoothly into the vessel that all parts may be equally immersed in the dye. This should be not more than an inch deep, otherwise the skin might be injured by the hot dye. After coloring, stretch the skin again to dry, and then comb with a wool or cotton card.

LINING FOR STOVES OR FIREPLACES.—To common potter's clay add one-sixth of its bulk of plaster of Paris, about the same quantity of wood ashes; mix all together with water until a thick cement is made; then plaster it thickly and smoothly in the place where the lining is needed, and let it dry. Fire may be made in a few hours. In a day or two, if there are cracks, fill them up with a little cement made in the same way, and you will have a perfectly hard and durable firebrick lining to your stove or fire-place.

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Entertainment at the Czar's Coronation.

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A Modern Crucifixion.

But the most curious of all the demonstrations, religious or popular, which took place during Holy Week was that carried out on this same Saturday by the carbagors—a mock crucifixion. The carbagors, or public porters, form a considerable body in the town—man power taking the place of beast power—and among them are a few negroes from the states. Most of these darkies are coffee-colored, but one is jet black, and because of his eccentric color he is styled, though not at all in an ill-natured way, but understood, el Diabolo. After the Judases had been burned the carbagors, this being one of their rare holidays, were signing for something more in the way of a frolic, and it is not improbable that their spirits were stimulated by mescal. Under these conditions one of them made a speech to the general effect that Judas was now punished for his sins, but that the prime sinner had not been punished at all; therefore he proposed that they should proceed to crucify "the devil." This was such a good idea that it was seized upon instantly, and so was the unlucky Diabolo, who much against his will was given the chief part in their blasphemous farce. Near the top of a ladder fifteen or twenty feet long, a cross-piece was lashed fast, thus making an effective representation of the cross. The ladder was held at a slight angle from the ground—the crowd surged around it the while in great delight—and the darky was laid upon it on his back so that the cross-piece was level with his shoulders. With bands of coarse cotton cloth—used so that his flesh would not be cut as by rope—his feet were seized firmly to the rungs of the ladder, his extended arms to the cross piece, and a band was passed under his shoulders and clewed fast to the rung above his head so that the weight of his body would not come upon his arms. These preparations being completed the ladder was raised in the air, and was borne through the principal streets of the city, while the crowd of carbagors followed with shouts of laughter and coarse jests and jeers. Truly, for a city that for a whole week had been given over to attendance at religious ceremonies, this travesty, as foul as well could be devised, on the most solemn and most sorrowful event in all human history was a pleasing spectacle!—Montrey correspondence of the New York Times.

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Lydia E. Pinkham

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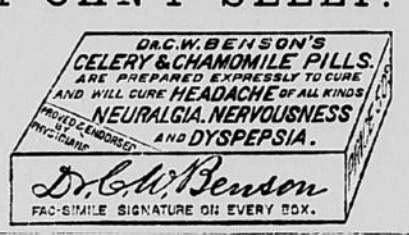
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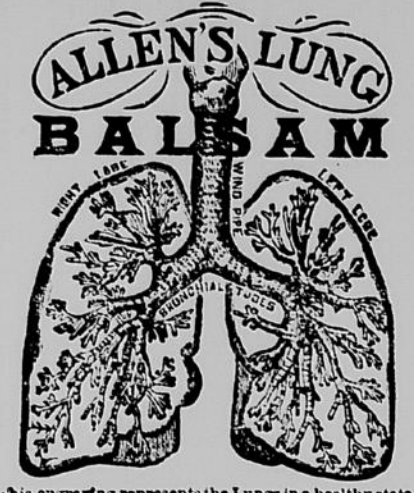
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