

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

INFANCY.

O, little child! thou bringest with thee still,
As Moses, parting from the fiery hill,
Some dim reflection in thine eyes,
Some sense of Godhead, some indefinite wonder
As of one drifted here unwillingly.

Who knows no speech of ours and yet doth keep
Some dumb remembrance of a gracious home,
Which lights his waking hours and fills his sleep
With precious visions which unbidden come;
Some golden link which naught of earth can
Under,
Some glimpse of a more glorious land and sea

O precious vision fleeting past!
O, age too fair to last!
For soon new gifts and powers are thine,
And growing springs and summers bring
Boyhood or girlhood hastening.

And never the agile limb, and teach,
With the new gifts of speech,
The wonders that stand round on every side,
And Life's imperial portals opening gradually wide.

NAMES AND SYNONYMS OF GRAIN.

The natural inclination of man to name varieties of grain, fruit, grasses, and vegetables after the individual who may have introduced a variety into a neighborhood, and quite as often the inclination of the introducer to suppress the true name and give it his own, have led to inextricable confusion as to the true name in many instances. Mr. Charles S. Plumb of Geneva, N. Y., has been to considerable trouble in tracing the true names of some of the better varieties of corn, including flint, sweet, and dent and also of wheat and oats. In the west flint corn is little raised, hence this is stricken from the list as here by given.

Commencing with sweet corn, we have:

Black Mexican; syn., Black Sugar, Slate Sweet, Crosby's Early; syn. Extra Early Crosby, Crosby's Early Twelve-rowed, Dwarf Early; syn., Extra Early Dwarf, Egyptian; syn., Washington Market, Eight-rowed Early; syn., Early Sweet, Rochester, Genesee; syn., Early Genesee, Hickox, syn., Hickox Improved, Landreth; syn., Landreth's Sugar, Mammoth; syn., Marblehead Mammoth, Marblehead; syn., Early, Marblehead, Extra Early Marblehead, Minnesota; syn., Early Minnesota, Ford's Early, Moore's Early; syn., Moore's Early Concord, Moore's Concord, Early Concord, Narragansett; syn., Early Narragansett, Orange syn., Early Orange, Brighton Orange, Potter's Excelsior; syn., Excelsior, Early Excelsior, Stowell's Evergreen; syn., Evergreen, Triumph; syn., New Triumph.

Dent corn—Benton Yellow; syn., Yankee, Bessarabia, syn., Common, Maryland White, Chester County Gourd Seed; syn., Chester Co. Mammoth, Premium Chester Co. Mammoth, Chester Co. Mammoth; syn., Cloud's Early Mammoth Chester, Farmer's Favorite; syn., Farmer's Favorite Golden, Illinois White; syn., Whitney, White Dent, Leaming; syn., Golden Adams', Pride of the North; syn., Sibley's Pride of the North, Goddard's Pride of North, Prolific of Tennessee, syn., Blount's Prolific, Improved Blount's Prolific, Sibley's Mammoth; syn., Common Tennessee, Southern prolific; syn., Evans', Wisconsin Yellow; syn., Sixty Day Dent.

Wheat—Golden Drop; syn., California Blue Stem, Lancaster, Red Amber, Scott, Tasmanian, Tasmanian Red, Mediterranean Hybrid; syn., Michigan Bronze, Clawson; syn., Royal Australian, Michigan Amber; syn., Pool, Fultz; syn., Finley, Heighe's Prolific, Rice; syn., Early Rice, Silver Chaff; syn., Treadwell, Washington Glass; syn., Surprise, Zimmerman; syn., Scott.

Oats—White Australian; syn., White Belgian, Welcome, New Australian, Race Horse, Probestair; syn., White Probestair, White Russian; syn., White Novelty, White Zealand, Bohemian Hulless; syn., Chinese Hulless, Pringle's Excelsior, Pringle's Hybridized.

PUNCTUALITY AND ORDER.

One of the many forms of evil is a want of punctuality, the root of all evil. The unpunctual man is apt to think that the greatest evil he occasions by his special infirmity is temporary inconvenience or disappointment. But this is not so. If one of his delays should disturb only the arrangements for one day of a single person, he may congratulate himself. Order is Heaven's first law, and the second, regular routine, is like unto it. If the earth and the moon were to loiter in their course everything here would be out of joint. What bitter disappointment and what serious annoyance and loss may come from a letter a little too late for the post, a bill paid after the promised time, an appointment not kept, a commission deferred! Note for yourself, and think of these things. Punctuality is essential to another virtue, reliability. Do all that you promise to do, and all that you are rightfully required and expected to do, so that the hearts of all with whom you are in any way connected may safely trust in you. Do this when you say you will do it, even if it be a little thing, without being deferred by any but insuperable obstacles.

CURE FOR BOTS.

An old recipe written in 1824 was found among the papers of the late Caleb C. Goodwin of New Hartford. It reads: "Cure for the bots:—Give the horse a quart of molasses with a quart of sweet milk, in one-half hour dissolve one-half pound alum in one quart of

warm water, and give it to your horse, then in two hours or less give your horse one pound of salts, the writer of this says he never has failed of a complete cure. The molasses and sweet milk causes the bots to go and feed upon the sweetening. The alum contracts him and the salts carries them off."

THE BUFFALO BUG.

A housekeeper who has had to battle with this Philistine says: I have found that the carbolic soap used on dogs for the destruction of fleas has a like effect on the hard killed Buffalo Bug, having an equal efficacy with the expensive liquid sold at drug stores which is mostly composed of carbolic acid; although prepared of such strength as to render it harmless to color or fabrics. Floors should be washed with a strong solution of this soap and carpets, occasionally sprinkled with the suds. The odor is not quite equal to the much vaunted perfumes of Arabia but it soon evaporates and has the advantage of being an excellent disinfectant and will aid greatly in the purification of the house after the closeness of winter, destroying the lurking germs of disease and being greatly conducive to health.

COWS AND STEERS.

Steers and milch cows should never be kept in the same pasture, nor should they be fed alike. Raising beef for market requires skill. The first requisite is rapid growth of the frame, and in the younger days of the animal too much consideration cannot be given this matter. Steers, when growing, convert all their food in the direction of building up the body. There are times when they must receive special attention different from that given the cows, for success depends upon how the cattle are managed.

HARDENING BUTTER.

These of our readers who are not so fortunate as to possess what every farmer should have—an ice house—and at the same time have a few pounds of butter to make up several times a week, may be glad to learn how they can harden the butter without ice in the hottest weather. Suppose the butter comes too soft to work it into a firm lump for salting, or even printing. Get you a pan of pure, clear spring water and set it on a shelf or other object high enough to set the bowl of butter under it. Now put a number of small strings in the water, allowing their ends to hang outside, and drop the water on the butter, which should first be covered with a clean cloth. Do not let the dropping be too fast, as you want as much evaporation as possible; and if a slight draft of wind, all the better. This process will certainly harden the butter, even though the surrounding atmosphere should be far above the melting point.—American Dairyman.

STEADINESS OF PURPOSE.

In whatever you engage, pursue it with a steadiness of purpose as though you were going to succeed. A vacillating mind never accomplishes anything worth naming. There is nothing like a fixed, steady aim. It dignifies our nature and insures our success. Who have done the most for mankind? Who have secured the rarest honors? Who have raised themselves from poverty to riches? Those who were steady in their purposes. The man who is one thing to-day and another to-morrow—who drives an idea pell-mell this week, while it drives him the next week—is always in trouble, and does nothing from one year's end to the other. Look at and admire the man of steady purpose. He moves noiselessly along; and yet what wonders he accomplishes! He rises gradually we grant, but surely.

TO CURE A BAD BREATH.

A bad breath may be cured as follows, no matter what the cause: Three hours after breakfast a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Chlorate of potash, two drams; sweetened water, four ounces; wash the mouth occasionally with the mixture and the breath will be as sweet as an infant's.

THE FEATHER DUSTER.

A medical man advises the disuse of feather dusters and advised the use of a cloth to wipe away dust. He says—Do you know just what you are doing when you brush dust away? You disseminate in the air and consequently introduce into your own interior, into your tissues and respiratory organs, all sorts of eggs, spores, epidemic germs and murderous vibrations which dust contains.

NOT EXTRAVAGANT.

Ex-Auditor Caldwell disagrees with those who assert that the late legislator was extravagant in his appropriations. He says that, considering the size of the territory, they were extremely modest.

CABBAGE WORMS.

The days of the cabbage worm are numbered it would seem. They have, according to Prof. Forbes of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, been clearly less abundant in many sections during the past season than previously. This difference is due apparently to a destructive disease of the

worm, which was first reported on in 1882. Hopes are entertained by some of our wide-awake entomologists that the disease may be propagated and extended artificially, and efforts are being directed towards such a desirable end. It is, to say the least, encouraging to the gardener sometimes to find disease and blight that work in his favor.

HINTS AND HELPS.

A cheerful mind is better than all the drugs in materia medica.

To prevent mustard-plasters from blistering mix with the white of an egg. Inflammations are most safely and far more agreeably subdued by the application of warm water than cold.

Convulsions may frequently be cut short like magic by turning the patient on his left side. The nausea as an after effect of chloroform or ether narcosis may be generally controlled in the same manner.

Excellent tooth powder: Suds of castile soap and spirits of camphor, of each an equal quantity; thicken with equal quantities of pulverized chalk and charcoal to a thick paste; apply with the finger or brush.

It is claimed that the best results are obtained from superphosphates when they are used in connection with a plentiful supply of barnyard manures, but this depends upon the food from which the manure is produced.

Sour milk mixed with two quarts ground oats and one part wheat middlings is an excellent egg-producing food for hens, and will greatly promote laying as well as assisting to keep the hen in health.

Inks That Fade.

I was chatting the other day with the Vice-President of one of the trunk lines of railway, when a messenger entered with an important contract, having twenty-one years to run. It was a traffic agreement with a competing line, and was a very valuable document. It happened to be written with a typewriter in aniline ink. Upon seeing this he positively refused to sign the paper. He then took the contract to the President of the road and said: Mr. —, if you want to sign this contract, you can do it, but I never will." When asked why, he replied: "It is written in aniline ink, which fades, and long before the expiration of this contract this document will be entirely faded and practically worthless." The result was the return of the contract, with a request that hereafter all important documents the preservation of which is desirable should be written in ink that would not fade. During Gen. Grant's term as President, records of an important branch of one of the departments had been for two years written in purple ink. He at once issued an order forbidding its use in the department, purchased a new set of books into which the two years' records were copied, and thus saved what in a few years would otherwise have been lost. It is one of the problems of chemistry to find something which will make permanent the beautiful aniline colors, but thus far all efforts have failed. It is growing more and more the custom to have deeds, contracts, and valuable documents printed on a typewriter in aniline ink. This is a great mistake, because in a few years they are sure to be obliterated.—American Grocer.

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A Clock of Skeletons.

We are told of a strange clock that is said to have belonged to a Hindoo Prince. A large gong was hung on poles near the dial, and all about upon the ground lay a pile of artificial human heads, ribs, legs, and arms. The whole number of bones in the pile was equal to the number of bones in twelve perfect bodies, but the pile seemed to have been thrown together in the greatest confusion. When the hands of the clock indicated the hour of 1 out from the pile crawled first the number of parts needed to form the frame of one man, part coming to part with quick click, and when a completed the figure sprang up, seized a mallet, and, walking up to the gong, struck one blow. This done he returned to the pile and fell to pieces again. When 2 o'clock came two arose and did likewise; and at the hour of noon and midnight the entire heap sprang up, and, marching to the gong, struck one after another his blow, making twelve in all, then returning fell to pieces as before.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Healing Hand of Time.

"People used to think it wicked to fiddle," remarked the clergyman, laying down the violin.

"So I have heard," replied the auditor.

"Years ago if my congregation had heard me play they would have considered me beyond redemption. But they don't mind it now."

"I suppose," responded the other speaker, "they have become used to it."

And then the minister looked interrogatory points, but said nothing.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

At Church.

"What do you do with yourself every day now, old man?"

"Go to church."

"Go to church! What the deuce do you do at church?"

"Sleep there."—Town Topics.

Mrs. M. Pollock, 95 Aisquith St., Baltimore, Md., says: "Red Star Cough Cure for colds, coughs and sorethroat has no equal." Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

The Truth of History.

Prof. W. W. Folwell, in his lecture last night, referring to Ethan Allen's famous challenge to the English Governor of Ticonderoga, to surrender "in the name of the ever living God and the Continental Congress," said the revised version of the speech was that Allen shouted "come out you old rat." This is probably a companion piece to the famous speech attributed to Hancock at Gettysburg. He is said to have waved his shining sword and cried: "Charge in the name of God and your country," or something equally grand. What he did say, according to many veterans of the old First Minnesota was, "Give 'em h—ll, boys."—Minneapolis Tribune.

In Town and Hamlet.

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