HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

—Borax water whitens and softens the hands.

—To freshen velvet hold the wrong side over boiling water.

—Small fruits are greatly benefited by a dressing of wood ashes.

—The rose is a hearty feeder and thrives under annual manuring.

—Root cuttings of blackberries are much better to propagate from than suckers.

—Clean straw or sawdust is better than manure to bank the cellar wall and windows.

—In selecting seed corn from the stock save only those ears that have loosely-fitting husks and slender stalks.

—Hickory-Nut Cake.—One cup of sugar, one-half cup butter, one-half cup milk, two cups flour, one cup nuts broken up and two eggs.—*Boston Budget.*

—Cottage Pudding. — One cup of sugar, one egg, one cup of sweet milk, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one tablespoonful of baking powder, two and one-half cups of flour. Bake about forty minutes. Eat with sauce while warm.—*Farmer and Manufacturer.*

—Waffles should be made quickly and beaten thoroughly. Always add the whites of the eggs just before baking. Butter is much better than lard for shortening. Never use sugar in waffle batter, as it tends to make them heavy and tough. Waffle batter should be very thin.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—The *American Garden* says it is about time that we should stop speaking and writing about roots "seeking" their food, just as if they possessed intelligence. The multiplicity of roots in fertile spots is due solely to the extra stimulus thereat to freer growth than at more sterile points. Where there is more food of course there is more growth, other things being equal.

—Oyster Soup.—Pour one quart of boiling water into a skillet; then one quart of sweet milk, stir in one teacup of rolled cracker crumbs, seasoned with pepper and salt to taste. When all come to a boil, add one quart of fresh oysters; stir well, to prevent scorching; add a lump of good butter about the size of an egg; let it boil up once, then remove from the fire immediately.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—Almost daily complaints are heard of seeds that did not grow and seeds that produced something different from what was bargained for, and it often happens that a large part of the year's labor and consequent income is lost. Any thing that will compel fruit-growers and gardeners, whether for home or market, to raise their own seeds and buy a smaller number of famous new, but worthless, plants will be for their interest.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

THE MAN DICKENS.

How He Impressed Acquaintances and Intimate Friends.

Dickens was only thirty-three when I first saw him, being just two years my junior. I have said what he appeared to me then. As I knew him afterward and to the end of his days, he was a strikingly manly man, not only in appearance, but in bearing. The lustrous brilliancy of his eyes was very striking. And I do not think that I have ever seen it noticed that those wonderful eyes which saw so much and so keenly were appreciably, though to a very slight degree, near-sighted eyes. Very few persons, even among those who knew him well, were aware of this, for Dickens never used a glass. But he continually exercised his vision by looking at distant objects, and making them out as well as he could without any artificial assistance. It was an instance of that force of will in him which compelled a naturally somewhat delicate frame to comport itself like that of an athlete. Mr. Forster somewhere says of him: "Dickens' habits were robust, but his health was not." This is entirely true as far as my observation extends. Of the general charm of his manner, I despair of giving any idea to those who have not seen or known him. This was a charm by no means dependent on his genius. He might have been the great writer he was and yet not have warmed the social atmosphere wherever he appeared with that summer glow which seemed to attend him. His laugh was brimful of enjoyment. There was a peculiar humorous protest in it when recounting or hearing any thing specially absurd, as who should say: "'Pon my soul, this is too ridiculous! This passes all bounds!" and bursting out afresh as though the sense of the ridiculous overwhelmed him like a tide, which carried all hearers away with it, and which I well remember. His enthusiasm was boundless. It entered into every thing he said or did. It belonged doubtless to that amazing fertility and wealth of ideas and feeling that distinguished his genius.—*Adolphus Trollope.*

Wanted Ten Thousand Live Fleas.

London *Truth*: A singular advertisement attracted my attention the other day. It was a call for 10,000 live fleas, to be delivered in parcels of not less than 5,000 each to a certain address. I confess my curiosity to know what a man could want with such a vast number of these interesting little insects led me to go and make personal inquiry. I found that the man was a flea-trainer, and I gathered these facts: That it takes three months to teach a flea to do anything worthy of a public performance; that only one flea in a thousand can be taught anything; that a performing flea usually lives a year with great care; and that in response to his advertisement he had only received in three days one package estimated to contain 3,000 fleas, and they came from the dog pound. He paid $25 for them, and they were very good fleas.

"There's method in that man's madness" remarked the Superintendent of an Insane Asylum of one of his patients. "How does it show itself?" questioned the visitor. "Why, he always asks for a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup—when he has a cold." "Ah! I see."

The Bismarck brown of past seasons is revived under the name of old mahogany.

The present may truly be designated a braid season.

A Remarkable Surgery.

The science of surgery has made such wonderful progress in modern times, that the most intricate and delicate operations are now undertaken and carried to a successful issue. There are now several well authenticated cases of what is known as pneumotony, that is to say, the removal of of diseased portions of the lungs in cases of consumption. While, however, this delicate operation has sometimes been successfully performed, the risks attending it are so great, and the chances of recovery so slight, that it is seldom resorted to. The safest plan in consumptive cases is to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This will always cure the disease in its earlier stages, thoroughly arresting the ravages of the terrible malaby, by removing its cause and healing the lungs.

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Heating Trains by Steam.

During the present cold snap, with the thermometer ranging from 12° to 28° below zero, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has been experimenting with steam heating for passenger trains. The experiments, it is announced to-day, have shown that the system adopted is a perfect success, and, commencing Dec. 1, the through trains between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and on the company's other through lines will be equipped as rapidly as possible, with the new steam heating aparatus. The St. Paul road claims the credit of first bringing the matter of steam heating into general notice, and it now has the added honor of being the first Western road to carry its experiments in the matter to a successful issue.—*Exchange.*

It looks a little singular, but the man who drops dead instantly from sunstroke dies by degrees.

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