

**Poultry Pickings.**

Pure bred fowls will produce more flesh and more eggs than mongrels.

The feed of young pullets should be flesh rather than of fat forming.

If necessary to feed corn meal to a sick fowl always scald it thoroughly.

One of the chief merits of the Langshans is that it is a good table fowl.

Learn how to breed before undertaking to sell fowls for breeding purposes.

Never allow ducklings free access to water until they are six weeks old at least.

A dose of raw chopped onions given night and morning will usually cure a cold.

Feed little chickens a little at a time but feed them several times during the day.

Fumigating the poultry house is one of the easiest ways of killing out the red mites.

Another advantage with fowls on the farm is that they get plenty of exercise hunting food.

Boards a foot wide set on edge so as to form a square make a good pen for ducks and goslings.

Young poultry for market must be kept growing from the time they are hatched until ready to sell.

On the farm small flocks should have plenty of range; when kept confined constant vigilance is necessary to keep down disease.

If lice get in the nests of the setting hens take out the eggs, take out and burn the old material and put in fresh, sprinkling with sulphur; put the eggs back, dust some sulphur on the hen and then put her back.

**Home Hints.**

Bruised geranium leaves, freshly cut, if applied to a cut or bruise, will help heal it.

Using a very little lime water in milk or cream will keep it from souring and also make it more digestible.

Moths again. Another positive cure. Pour a few drops of chloroform into the drawer in which the clothes are to be packed.

A hammock with ruffles of cretonne or chintz sewed to the side and piled high with cushions, makes a restful piece of furniture for a room.

A leaf of sweet geranium put under the greased paper lining in the cake pan will impart to the cake a flavor and fragrance that is very pleasant.

All kinds of cooked fish can be served with salads. Lettuce is the best green salad to serve with them; but all cooked and cold vegetables go well with fish.

Greasy cooking utensils, after being rubbed off with paper, should be allowed to stand with a little water and ammonia in them, and they will be easier to clean.

A plain but quick and delicious soup may be made by using a can of corn with a small piece of pork. This warmed up quickly, with a little milk added, is very good.

Fried eels should be slightly salted before cooking. Do not cover them with batter, but dredge them with just flour enough to absorb all moisture, then cover them with boiling lard.

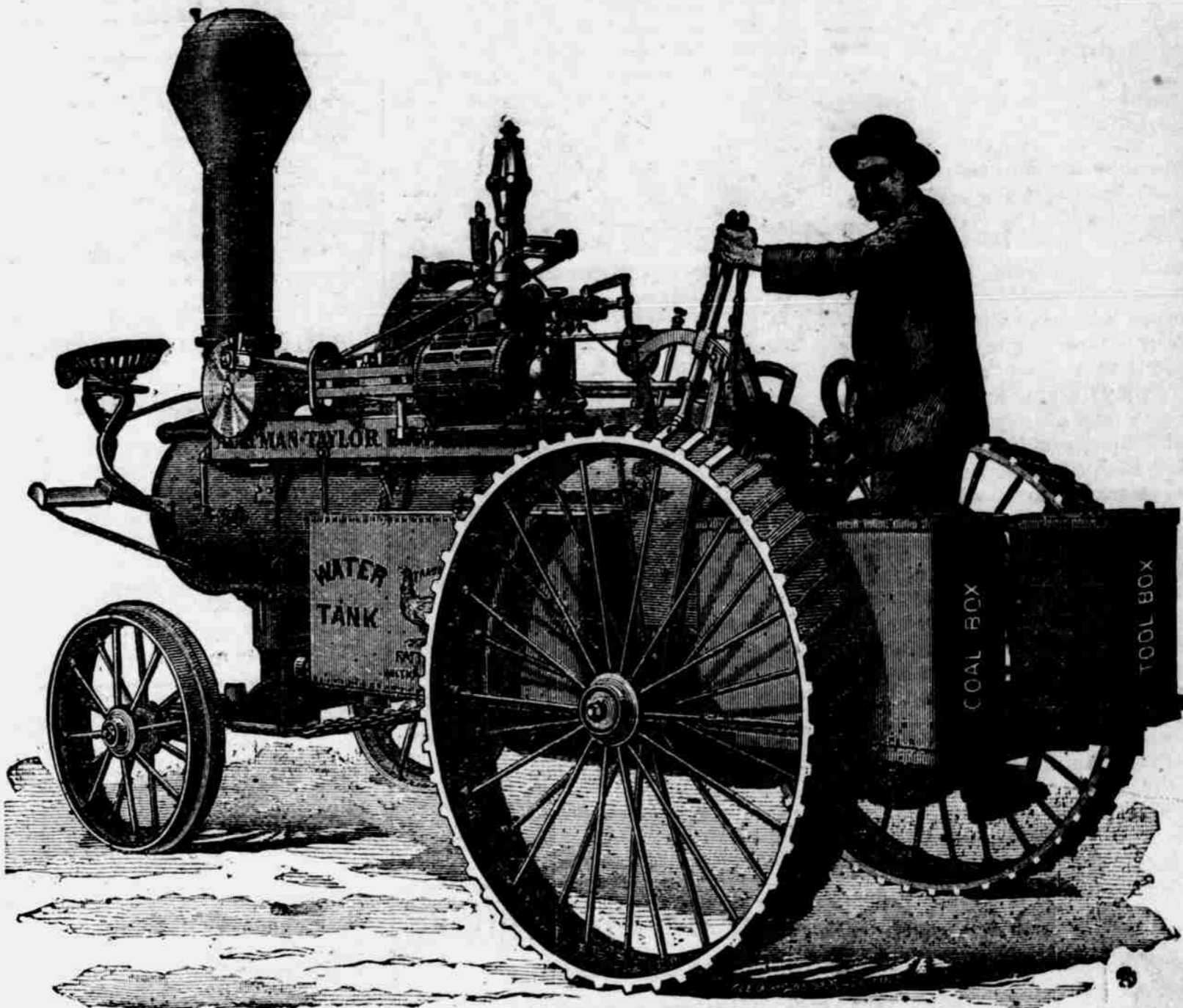
An excellent salad of cold boiled potatoes cut into slices about an inch thick may be made with thin slices of fresh beet root, and onions cut very thin, and very little of them, with dressing.

Potatoes should be boiled in their jackets in salt water. After they are cooked through, the cover of the kettle should be drawn half way off and the potatoes allowed to dry. After this they can be fixed in any of the many ways, or can be served that way.

When putting the clothes to soak over night it is well to rub the most soiled places and the wrist and collar-

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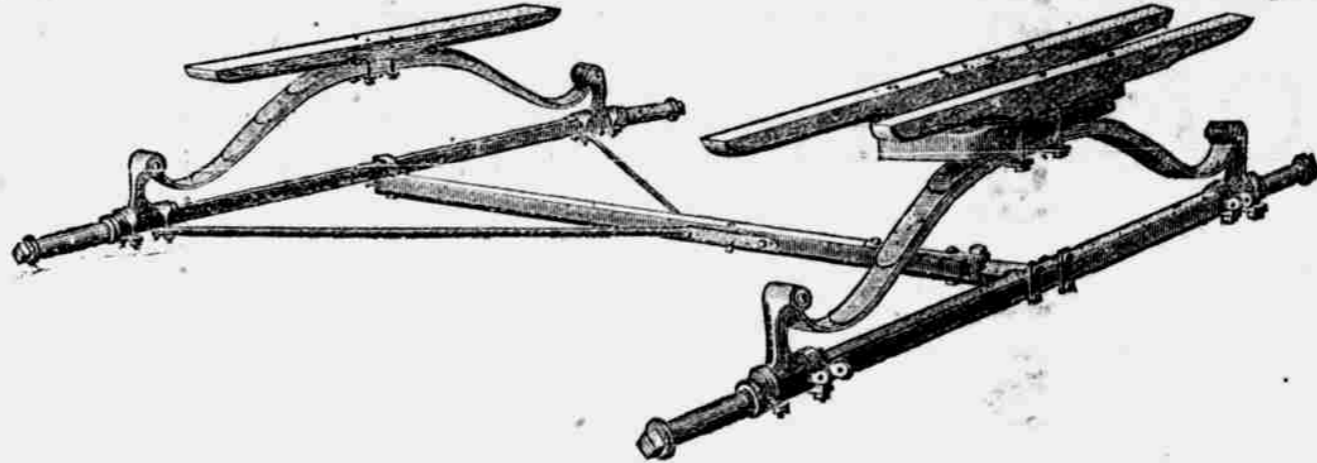
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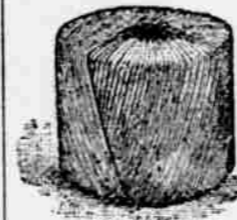
bands with soap and to rub out or take out all spots. Clothes should be shaken before hanging them out to dry; it saves trouble in folding; Fringe can be made to look very soft and fluffy if shaken vigorously while still wet.

The Herald: Some office-seekers never forget to tell that they were raised up between the plow handles and were educated in a log school house. In fact, they speak so highly of their raising, and have such a hankering after farm life that we wonder why they don't quit asking for votes, refuse an office, and ask the dear people to let them go back on the farm again.

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