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The donkey in Algeria rarely has a saddle. He has a pad very similar to the pad on which the bespangled queen of the sawdust ring dances their short hour of delighted boys and rustles. The pad has no stirrups and is so wide as to make a seat on it extremely tiring to the uninitiated. The Arab sits astride, or sideways, and as the pad is rarely girthed; or at best by a slender rope it is like wading a tight rope or managing a birch bark canoe to sit on it.

There is an old clock in the office of the secretary of war which is the only piece of furniture that was there when Jefferson Davis was secretary of war forty years ago under President Franklin Pierce. The clock, which is a specimen of what was in style in the way of mantle-time-pieces during the empire, is covered by a glass case and keeps perfect time. Over the mantle on which it stands is another case containing the flag that was wrapped round Lincoln's casket on the solemn march from Washington to Springfield in 1865.

## A CHILD ENJOYS

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The pure white snow, as we were all taught at school, is due to the fact that all the elementary colors of light are blended together in the radiance thrown off from the innumerable crystals of which it is composed. But all snow is not white, and exactly why it is not is a puzzle to the meteorologists. At the end of Holy Cross Creek, Colorado, and at several places on Mount Shasta, Cal., blood red snow is found. At Carthage, Germany, in 1808, five feet of red snow fell and was followed by about an inch of fine blue hail. Piny mentions snow black, yellow, red and green.

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Head and shoulders illustration.

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## AGRICULTURAL NEWS

### A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

#### How the "Off Year" May Be Prevented—Roosting Shed for Poultry—Remedy for Aloft in Cattle—Device for Holding Rails—General Notes.

There are some who believe that their fowls should approach as near an outdoor life as possible, and that even the roosting on tree limbs is sometimes better than a close poultry-house. Farm and Fireside gives as an illustration, a roosting-shed (not a poultry-house,) which is well adapted for a large flock of turkeys in winter as the roosts may be placed high under the peak, and it is also an excellent arrangement for hens in summer, for roosting.



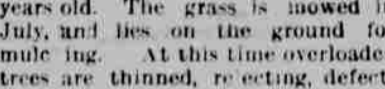
ROOSTING-SHED.

If one portion near the end be closed, and a window attached, the house becomes a covered yard, open to the south. The shed may be of any size, and as no boards are required on the front and no windows are necessary, the cost of the shed is but very little. As a location for hens with chicks early in spring, it will serve admirably. It is not only a wind-break, but a protection against snows and rains, and where the climate is not too cold it will answer for hens in winter as well as for turkeys.

D. J. Bissell, of Missouri, gives some interesting facts in the Rural World in illustration of the views we have often given in preventing barren and loaded fruit trees in alternate years by generous treatment. An apple tree in Newington, Conn., over fifty years old, was visited in late August, when one-half of the top was loaded with fruit. Other varieties were borne on the rest of the tree, ripening at other times, and thus furnishing a succession for the family. He kept them bearing alternately by feeding them well, and not allowing the idle side to produce any. This course was quite uniform, and he found no difficulty in controlling the product. Mr. Bissell's father had an orchard in Connecticut, which he mulched regularly in winter after freezing, removing the mulch in spring after the trees blossomed. This preserved the moisture. There were no years of overbearing, nor of failure. The treatment given them furnished them with a handsome, smooth bark when they were forty years old. The grass is mowed in July, and lies on the ground for mulch. At this time over-loaded trees are thinned, rejecting defective specimens. Manure is spread every year. He has fruit every year, and thus realizes double price fruit. His farm is only sixty acres; his orchard gave 350 barrels of apples, selling for \$2.50 a barrel; he keeps twenty cows; raises roots, and has realized \$2,200 from his farm—showing the advantage of small farms.

#### A Cheap Husking Tin.

To make a home-made tin for corn-husking, take a piece of common tin leather and cut into a strip 4 inches long and one-half inch wide and in each end cut a hole. Take a piece of hard wood the size of a pencil, and cut a groove near the end. Cut another half way between the middle and the point end of the tin. Put the leather over the second fin-



HOME-MADE HUSKING TIN.

ger between the knuckle and first joint and hold the ends between the first and second and second and third fingers. Slip the tin through the holes cut in the leather, so the point will pass beyond the first finger. The tension of the leather if it is tough and does not split will hold the tin in place. A strong husking tin may be bought for 50 cents with curved end and point, and held in place by a leather cushion adjusted round the finger and riveted on an iron pin. These are easy to handle and a great improvement on any tin I have ever seen. A number of different styles are on the market, but any one of them is good if substantially made.—E. H. P., in Farm and Home.

#### Breaking Colts Young.

A correspondent of Stockman and Farmer relates his experience in breaking colts as follows: "In the fall of 1891 I took up two colts, full brothers, one just 3 and the other 2 years old, and put them to work. After a few lessons beside old horses they were put together and have worked so almost wholly since, doing the principal part of the work on a 125-acre farm. They are three-quarter blood Norman, large and active. The younger horse has stood the work equally well with the other, kept in as good condition and spirits and grown as well. He is, in fact, a little larger now. This, with other experiences and observations, help me to the belief that any of our large breeds of horses may be made to earn

their living during their third year, and that with reasonable care in working and handling they will make just as large and powerful horses. Moreover, putting to work at 2 instead of three or our years of age greatly reduces the loss from accidents. Horses on our farms are not blighted so much after they begin work as before.

#### Wintering Apples.

In good fruit years when there is an abundance of apples, the market price runs low because of a supply that exceeds the demand. Apples are a perishable product and many of the earlier varieties soon go to decay, and after a time the supply will be reduced to a point even below the demand and then the value will advance. This fact shows the importance of fruit growers studying the nature of varieties and of making a selection of some of the most excellent, late-harvesting varieties. Those who are so fortunate as to have such varieties or who can keep other fruit late, say till May and June, know that the price is very satisfactory. Apples will keep longer than is generally supposed, and with the price that can be secured for such there is somewhat of a disposition to change from the practice of selling from the tree that has prevailed to some extent. For this reason there is a tendency to drift into the practice of cold storage—a means of keeping fruit that will, when fully understood, prove successful and profitable, as apples under favorable conditions will keep a much longer time than is usually supposed. Light and heat are two essential conditions that operate in hastening the maturity and decay of apples. Apples picked just before arriving at perfect maturity and placed in a dark cellar with the temperature held at or very near the freezing point will continue sound for a great length of time and lose none of their good qualities. This is the principle that governs in the construction of cold storage houses for the safe keeping of apples.

#### A Rail Holder.

A devise for holding rails or slats while being shaped to fit post, is to take a piece of round or square timber ten feet long. With a 14-inch auger bore two holes near one end for inserting legs, like old-fashioned



DEVICE FOR HOLDING RAILS.

bench. Within eighteen inches of the end insert two pins, or a forked stick, of the proper shape to hold the rails in place. The rail is placed on two blocks. Drive a stake in the ground for the end of the machine to rest on while taking out and putting in rails.

#### Bone Meal for Hogs.

Prof. Henry of the Wisconsin Experiment Station reports that bone meal fed to fattening hogs made the corn fed to them produce much more pork. It balanced the ration, enabling the hogs to make larger frames and thus put on a greater amount of flesh than would be possible with corn alone. Part of the increased weight is therefore bone. Wood ashes are nearly as good for hog as bone meal. There was 50 per cent more ash in the bones of hogs fed on bone meal or ashes than there was in bones of hogs fed on corn alone. But oats and wheat, bran or middlings also contain the proper material for making bone, and in most cases they can be more cheaply and safely fed than can bone meal. Unless bones are burned before being ground they may be the means of making the hogs diseased in some way. At least it is not so pleasant eating pork made by eating animal food in any form, as it is eating pork made wholly from well-balanced vegetable food.

#### Olds and Eats.

An oiled floor is excellent for the kitchen, because the grease never shows.

MIGNONETTE may be kept as a pot-plant for years, provided no seeds are allowed to develop.

NEVER put patent fasteners on shoes until they have been worn and stretched for a couple of weeks.

The toughest fowl can be made eatable if put in cold water, plenty of it, and cooked very slowly from five to six hours.

ALWAYS put through the eye of the needle first the end of thread which comes off the spool, and the thread will be less apt to knot and snarl.

IF ONE wishes to cool a hot dish in a hurry, it will be found that if the dish be placed in a vessel full of cold, salty water, it will cool far more rapidly than if stood in water free from salt.

HAVE the table at which one sews at night spread with a light color, or, if it must have a dark one, a sheet of white paper may be used over it. A needle can be threaded with much greater ease if held over a white surface.

INSTEAD of putting food into the oven to keep hot for late comers, try covering it closely with a tin and setting it over a basin of hot water. This plan will keep the food hot, and at the same time prevent it from drying.

IT is always better to have a special closet for keeping the kitchen tins and other utensils needed in cookery. Cooked food should always be kept on shelves by itself. It is a great mistake to mix up matters by devoting a shelf in the grocery closet to cooked food.

## Cream of Tartar and Soda

Have uses in cooking well known to every housekeeper; but the method of refining them to make them chemically pure, and of mixing them together so as to produce their greatest leavening power and best results when combined, is a matter of great exactness, requiring the most expert knowledge and skill.

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Beware of the cheap compounds called baking powders to catch the unwary. They are made with alum and are poisonous.

Hannibal did not send three bushels of gold rings, plucked from the hands of Roman knights dead on the field of Cannae, back to Carthage as evidence of his victory. The messenger who carried the news back to the Carthaginian senate, on concluding his report, "opened his robe and threw out a number of gold rings gathered on the field."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Train robbing in Spain is guarded against by stationing two soldiers in every railway car.

#### They Can Handle Whirl.

The skill of the Esquimaux dog drivers with the whip, by which they control their unruly teams, is said to be something marvelous. The whip consists of a rawhide lash about forty feet long, fastened to a handle not over six inches in length. A contest was arranged among them in the presence of an explorer.

A nickel was the prize. It was buried in the ground, with just enough of the edge showing to allow it to be seen. The contestants stood in a line the length of their whips away from it and about eight feet apart. The most expert whip was a little man not more than four feet high, with slanting eyes and a spiky little beard that made him look very Japanese. A movement of his wrist sent the forty feet of lash curving back in a straight line like a long snake.

Another movement and it came forward noiselessly, shooting through the air just above the surface of the ground until, with a loud report, the tip end of the lash struck the exact spot where the coin lay buried, dug it from the ground, and brought it spinning back to the Esquimaux artist.

Such precision and such force are certainly unknown to any other whips in the world. One of these fellows could cut a man to pieces with his whip if he had occasion to.

#### CASH VS. SPARE TIME.

In every community there are a number of men whose whole time is not occupied, such as teachers, ministers, farmers, etc., and others. To these classes, especially the second, if you wish to make several hundred dollars during the next few months write at once to E. P. Johnson & Co., of Richmond, Va., and they will show you how to do it.

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