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Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, itchy, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25 cents, in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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March 8, 1897: Samuel Pitcher, M.D.
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Best Bacon Hog.
There is a rivalry between the Tamworth and the improved Yorkshire as to which is the better bacon hog. The fact of the Tamworth being a comparatively new breed in America gives it the advantage of novelty. Both breeds are popular with the bacon-curers. The Yorkshire makes an excellent cross on the short-bodied sows of any grade, though the writer does not advise that course. The farmer endeavoring to breed up a type of hogs suitable for bacon should, if possible, improve with Yorkshire blood on the maternal line, and instead of obtaining a pure-bred Yorkshire or Tamworth sire, should in every case obtain the dam in preference to the sire. But there is a strong aversion in the minds of farmers generally to breeding long-sided hogs, and the long snout of the Tamworth is an almost impassable barrier in the way of the introduction of this breed into America. Farmers, from their familiarity with the common scrub hog, ridicule the idea of breeding an animal with so long a snout as the Tamworth. Though when we find the long snout associated with long and deep sides of the very best bacon we can afford to look upon it with at least a subdued hostility. The improved Yorkshire must not be confounded with the small Yorkshire. The improved Yorkshire is a modification of the large Yorkshire; it has less of size than the former, and more of smoothness.

Selling Off Poor Stock.
As winter approaches every farmer should look over his farm stock and consider what it will pay best for keeping through until spring. If all that does not come up to the standard is sold to the butcher or otherwise disposed of, the money for it and the hay or grain required for its winter sustenance will leave the farmer richer in the spring than if he fed it. Don't try to get high prices for the poor stock. There is less loss in disposing of it than in keeping it. The farmer's profit, in these days depend more on the kind of stock he keeps than on any other factor.

Care for the Machinery.
Do not leave your costly machinery out in the field, or uncovered. With proper care the machinery ought to last you for years, but it will not, if left exposed to the weather and storms six or eight months in a year. The industrious and economical farmer cares for everything, because he is aware that a continual outlay for new machinery each year to take the place of that which has been allowed to rot in the field is extravagance.

Asbes for Sandy Soils.
Sandy soils are always deficient in potash. Even if they had this mineral, they have usually so little vegetable matter that the potash forms an insoluble compound, by uniting with the sand. The potash in caustic ashes dissolves itself until its caustic properties are lost. But old leached ashes are often quite as beneficial to sandy soils as are the unleached. They always contain some potash and some phosphate, which the water used for leaching would not dissolve. But they also usually contain some ammonia, taken from the air, and which makes its potash a nitrate of potash and a very powerful fertilizer.

Hiving Bees in a Tree.
The usual way of a bee tree has been found is to cut it down, stupefy the bees with smoke as well as may be, and take their honey. This of course destroys all future harvests of sweet from that tree or swarm. Possibly Daniel Johnson, an old bee hunter of Dedham, Me., has discovered a better way. He has provided against their tree being cut down and their stores destroyed by selecting a tree which overhung a deep ravine. If the tree were cut down it would fall into the ravine.

THE FARM AND HOME

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

Some Points in Favor of Shredded Fodder—The Best Hog for Bacon—Sell Off the Poor Stock—Caring for the Machinery.

Shredded Fodder Best.
During the past few years unusual interest has been taken in shredding fodder. Many have hesitated, thinking that the shredded corn would not keep well in the mow or stack. When first practiced more or less fodder was shredded in a somewhat damp condition. It invariably heated in the mow, became musty, and gave unsatisfactory results. The fodder should not be run through the machine until it is entirely dry and well cured. It would be better over-dry than not dry enough. In 1885, at the Indiana experiment station, all of the corn fodder was shredded. It kept well in the mow, and was free from mustiness. The cattle and sheep ate it freely, and it was used well into the spring. There are several points in favor of shredded fodder. It is more economical to feed than the uncut corn. It is eaten up cleaner by the stock than most cut fodder, there being less waste, due to the absence of the hard, sharp-edged and short butt pieces of stalk usually found in cut fodder. The refuse makes better material for bedding than does whole stalks or cut pieces, being finer and softer. It handles far better in the manure pile than does the entire stalk. It does not make the mouths of cattle sore, while that of coarsely cut fodder oftentimes does. It packs more economically in the mow than does uncut fodder. The feeding value of shredded and cut fodder is practically the same. Shredding is coming into practice, and many farmers are making use of the process.

How to Keep the Churn.
It is particularly trying during extremely hot weather to keep a wooden churn, which is used not more than twice a week, from shrinking somewhat about the corners, where the staves which compose the sides are joined to the bottom. Of course, the churn may be left in the cellar, but that means many a wearying tug up and down on churning days, unless the churning is done there. In the latter case, need is apt to collect upon any wooden utensil in an ordinary cellar. To keep water in the churn requires constant care lest it be forgotten, for it should be changed every day. A better way is to hook the churn to the standard, bottom side up, where a barrel churn is used, and pour water around the inside of the chine, covering the outside of the churn bottom, which will be sufficient to keep the wood from shrinking by reason of becoming too dry.—Jersey Bulletin.

Marketing Turnips.
To get the best prices for turnips the grower must calculate to sell a large part of his crop from house to house. It is a vegetable that almost every household will buy one or two bushels of and not like the potato, which must be secured in sufficient quantities to supply the table twice a day through the winter. It is best always to grow both the white for early use and either a late yellow turnip or rutabaga for use in spring. If brought to their houses the turnips can always be sold at about the price charged by the grocers per bushel. If the difference between the turnips for early and late use is explained most households will take a bushel of each. It makes extra work for the farmer to peddle his turnips, but the double price he gets over what the grower would pay makes it worth his while. It is for the consumer's interest also to buy turnips fresh from the field, rather than the grocery stock that for days, or perhaps weeks, have been exposed to the air.

Improvement in Tomatoes.
There has been great improvement in both the shape and quality of tomatoes since we first knew and liked them. The original tomato was very rough, had little pulp, and was merely a bag of seeds and water with very thick, tough skin. The first improvement was in securing sound and smooth tomatoes, but somewhat smaller than the fruit was originally. But for many years we have had tomatoes full of pulp, and having comparatively few seeds. These are much the best for cooking and canning, as when cooked there is something to them besides seeds.

Quality of Evaporated Fruit.
So much is said about the advantage of fruit evaporating to make a market for otherwise unsalable fruit that many may think it makes little difference what its quality may be. The truth is that only the really good fruit should be used for the evaporator. It may be and often is unsalable because of blemishes which affect its looks but do not impair quality. But to take green, worm-eaten fruit and put it through the evaporator is a mistake. Its first effect is to discourage the consumer, making him think that evaporated fruit is not so good as he expected. Poor fruit is not worth much for the pigs, but that or other stock is the best market for it.

Late-Sown Winter Grain.
It is not the size of fall growth made, but its character, that decides whether it can stand winter freezing and thawing. A late-sown small growth, if vigorous, will come out all right. In fact, for some reasons the small top is best, as it does not evaporate so much. Nothing can prevent the soil freezing on the surface lower than the grain roots reach in their fall growth. If there is a great amount of leaf on winter grain it is more easily killed to the root than where the growth is small.

Compliments on a tombstone might be properly termed apt-tally.

smashing the tree and destroying the honey. So he inserted a gas pipe from a hollow near the ground, running it up the tree until the honey was reached. Then he built a fire at the foot of the tree. So soon as the fire warmed the honey inside, it began to run down, where it was caught in pails. It nearly filled a barrel. Mr. Johnson thinks he has a permanent hive of bees on that tree so long as it does not succumb to the effects of fire at its roots. He thinks there is enough honey left to winter the bees, and that next year they will go to work and fill the empty combs. But it is very possible that heat sufficient to melt honey comb has killed the bees, and that the barrel of honey this year is the last he will get from that tree.

Japanese Plums.
Those who wish to grow plums in the garden I advise the trying of a set of Japan plums, as there seems to be good reason to believe that they will be the plums of the future when the black-knot has wiped the older race out of existence. This pest is hard to control when the hedgerows are full of native species of plums, and these preserve for its propagation. Fruit-growers have considered it hopeless to be able to fight the fungus, and are planting the Japanese plums in place of the native kinds. In planting it should be borne in mind that a much greater distance is needed between the trees than between other plums—at least eighteen feet when mature growth is reached by the trees. The curculio seems to be quite as troublesome in these new plums as on the older ones, though we had hoped much from the thicker-skinned fruit. But to have clear-skinned plums the curculio must be fought in early summer, when it is doing its work. We lost but few from the stings, but the fruit was disfigured.—Garden and Forest.

Popular science.
The next transit of Venus occurs in 2,904.
The tail of the great comet of 1843 was 200,000,000 miles long.
The normal temperature of man is about 98½ degrees; of the snail, 75; oyster, 82; porpoise, 100; rat, cat and ox, 102; sheep, 104; hog, 105; chicken, 111.
Dr. George F. Shady says in The Forum that though consumption is contagious the chances of infection to a healthy person are very slight.

Rest and Relief.
A piece of machinery run by steam and overworked will become cranky, creaky and out of gear, owing to some expansion of metal from heat and friction. Stop its work, rub and brighten and let it rest. In a short while it will be restored and will run smoothly. The human system is a machine. Too much work and worry are thrown upon it; too much of the heat of daily cares; too much of the steam of daily business. The nerves become cranky; they are restless, sleepless and twitchy, and a neuralgic condition sets in. Pain throws the machine out of gear and it needs rest and treatment to strengthen and restore. St. Jacobs Oil is the one remedy of all, peculiarly adapted to a prompt and sure cure. So many have so freely testified from experience and use to its efficacy in the cure of neuralgia that it passes without saying that it surely cures. It will be a gracious surprise to many after the free use of it to find how easily pain, cares and worry may be lifted, and how smoothly the human machine goes on.

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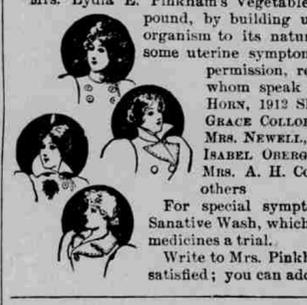
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A NECKLACE OF PEARLS
Is a beautiful possession. If a woman owns one, and if a single pearl drops off the string, she makes haste to find and restore it.
Good health is a more valuable possession than a necklace of the most beautiful pearls, yet one by one the jewels of health slip away, and women seem indifferent until it is almost too late, and they cannot be restored.
To die before you are really old is to suffer premature death, and that is a sin. It is a sin because it is the result of repeated violations of nature's laws.
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